



COCA Update

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)
CDC Emergency Communication System

May 26, 2015

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **May 11 – May 26**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Calls:

Emerging and Exotic Diseases of Food Animals Threaten Global Food Security

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

Dial In Number: 800-369-2062 (U.S. Callers); 517-308-9046 (International Callers)

Passcode: 1302224

Webinar: www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW3643037&p=1302224&t=c

New diseases of food animals are emerging at an increasing rate and are spreading regionally and globally. Many of the same factors leading to emergence of human diseases are responsible for the emergence of animal diseases, and many of the animal diseases are zoonotic. The challenges of controlling emerging food animal diseases are very different in intensive animal agriculture and small holder animal production and depend upon the veterinary and public health infrastructure available. During the COCA call, participants will learn about reasons for the increasing rate of emergence of food animal diseases, some specific examples, challenges for their control, and implications for public health and food security.

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_052815.asp

Recent COCA Calls:

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

UPDATE: Case Counts (From WHO SitReps)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html>

Chlorine and Ambulances

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/chlorine-and-ambulances.pdf>

Chlorine and Ambulances (Krio)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/chlorine-and-ambulances-krio.pdf>

Updated Travel Notice: Liberia

wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-liberia

Flipbook: You've Survived Ebola! What's Next?

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/flipbook-survived-ebola.pdf

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 20 – (CDC)

Each week CDC shares select science clips with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

The MMWR series is CDC's primary vehicle for scientific publication of timely, reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective, and useful public health information and recommendations. To subscribe electronically, go to

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Healthy and Safe Swimming Week — May 18–24, 2015](#)
- [Norovirus Outbreak Associated with a Natural Lake Used for Recreation — Oregon, 2014](#)
- [Decrease in Rate of Opioid Analgesic Overdose Deaths — Staten Island, New York City, 2011–2013](#)
- [Preliminary Incidence and Trends of Infection with Pathogens Transmitted Commonly Through Food — Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network, 10 U.S. Sites, 2006–2014](#)
- [Controlling the Last Known Cluster of Ebola Virus Disease — Liberia, January–February 2015](#)

- [Initiation of a Ring Approach to Infection Prevention and Control at Non-Ebola Health Care Facilities — Liberia, January–February 2015](#)
- [Announcement: Click It or Ticket Campaign — May 18–31, 2015](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

NEW: Lassa Fever Confirmed in Death of U.S. Traveler Returning from Liberia

The CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health have confirmed a death from Lassa fever which was diagnosed earlier today in a person returning to the United States from Liberia. Lassa fever is a viral disease common in West Africa but rarely seen in the United States. There has never been person-to-person transmission of Lassa fever documented in the United States. The New Jersey case is the sixth known occurrence of Lassa fever in travelers returning to the United States since 1969, not including convalescent patients. CDC is working with public health officials to generate a list of people who had contact with the patient. Those identified as close contacts of the patient will be monitored for 21 days to see if symptoms occur.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0525-lassa.html>

NEW: Avian Influenza: Information for Health Professionals and Laboratorians

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/healthprofessionals.htm>

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – May 11 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – May 20 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

NEW: Multistate Outbreak of Human Salmonella Muenchen Infections Linked to Contact with Pet Crested Geckos

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/muenchen-05-15/index.html>

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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