



COCA Update

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

November 9, 2015

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **October 26 – November 9**.

COCA Updates are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions may occur when there is emergency information or an event-specific update to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **November 23**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Webinars/Calls:

How to Prevent and Control Pediatric Influenza

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_100115.asp

The Role of Clinicians in Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_092415.asp

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

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

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 44 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared 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)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Coverage Among Female Adolescents in Managed Care Plans — United States, 2013](#)
- [Active Bacterial Core Surveillance for Legionellosis — United States, 2011–2013](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Update on Multistate Outbreak of Fungal Infections Associated with Contaminated Methylprednisolone Injections, 2012–2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2015-2016 Influenza Season

www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/upcoming.htm

Weekly Flu View – October 30 (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/

Information for Health Professionals – (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – November 3 (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 foodborne disease outbreaks sicken thousands, highlight need for action – (CDC)

Multistate outbreaks cause more than half of all deaths in foodborne disease outbreaks despite accounting for only a tiny fraction (3 percent) of reported outbreaks in the United States, according to a new Vital Signs report released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p1103-foodborne-disease.html

NEW: FDA Investigating Outbreak of *E. coli* Infections – (FDA)

The FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with state and local officials in Oregon and Washington are investigating an outbreak of *E coli* infections that have been linked to food served at Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurants in those states.

www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm470410.htm

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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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[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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