



## COCA Update

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

October 11, 2016

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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **September 26 - October 11**.

The next COCA Update is scheduled for **October 24**.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

### Additional Resources

[CDC Emergency on Twitter](#)

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## COCA News and Announcements

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp). Free continuing education (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) is available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp)

## CDC Emergency Response

### 2016 Zika Virus



**NEW:** MMWR: Interim Guidance for Preconception Counseling and Prevention of Sexual Transmission of Zika Virus for Persons with Possible Zika Virus Exposure — United States, September 2016



[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6539e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6539e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6539e1.htm?s_cid=mm6539e1_w)

#### Zika Virus Information for Healthcare Providers

CDC's Zika webpage for healthcare provider resources.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/index.html>

#### **UPDATED:** Key Messages—Zika Virus

A collection of the most up-to-date, cleared information on the ongoing Zika virus outbreak.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/zika-key-messages.pdf>

#### Zika Training for Healthcare Providers

View recorded webinars and on-demand trainings.

<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/training/training.html>

## Print Resources in Different Languages

CDC fact sheets and posters for distribution to patients are available in languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Creole, Korean, and other languages. These resources cover a variety of topics, including travel information, insect repellent, sexual transmission, and mosquito control.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/fs-posters/index.html>

## Clinicians Caring for Pregnant Women and Women of Reproductive Age

### Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers Caring for Pregnant Women

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/pregnant-woman.html>

### Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers Caring for Women of Reproductive Age

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/women-reproductive-age.html>

## Clinicians Caring for Infants and Children

**NEW:** Characteristics of Children Aged <18 Years with Zika Virus Disease Acquired Postnatally — U.S. States, January 2015–July 2016

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6539e2.htm?s\\_cid=mm6539e2\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6539e2.htm?s_cid=mm6539e2_w)

### Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers Caring for Infants & Children

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/infants-children.html>



## Sexual Transmission

### Zika and Sexual Transmission

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/transmission/sexual-transmission.html>

## Travel Information

### Zika Travel Information

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-information>

### Advice for People Living in or Traveling to South Florida

As of September 19, CDC has updated guidance for the Wynwood-designated area after three mosquito incubation periods passed without any new locally transmitted cases of Zika.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/intheus/florida-update.html>

## Clinical Evaluation and Testing

### Clinical Evaluation & Disease

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/preparing-for-zika/clinicalevaluationdisease.html>

### Testing for Zika

<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/testing-for-zikavirus.html>

## State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Health Department Resources

### UPDATED: CDC Zika Interim Response Plan

The purpose of this document is to describe the CDC response plan for locally acquired cases of Zika virus infection in the continental United States and Hawaii.

<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/public-health-partners/cdc-zika-interim-response-plan.html>

### State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Health Department Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/public-health-partners/index.html>

### **Zika Community Action Response Toolkit (Z-CART)**

The Z-CART outlines an approach to risk communication and community engagement planning and is intended as a template for state, local, and tribal agencies to adapt to their needs and to use for reviewing plans for communicating about Zika during the event of a locally transmitted Zika virus.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/public-health-partners/z-cart.html>

## **CDC News and Announcements**

### **NEW: Joint Statement on Importance of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship from 12 National Health Organizations**

CDC and The Pew Charitable Trusts, in collaboration with 12 national health organizations, released a joint letter on the importance of antibiotic stewardship in outpatient settings. The letter represents the commitment of these organizations to work together to expand current antibiotic stewardship efforts, fill research gaps around effective interventions for improving prescribing habits, and help health care professionals and patients use antibiotics appropriately in outpatient settings

<http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/community/partners/joint-statement.html>

### **NEW: CDC Feature - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)**

October is SIDS Awareness Month. Learn about infant deaths from SIDS and other causes, and take action to reduce the risk. Start by always placing babies on their backs when putting them to sleep.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/sidsawarenessmonth/>

### **Public Health Grand Rounds: Changes in Clinical Diagnostics and Tracking Infectious Diseases**

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 1 pm EDT

This session of Public Health Grand Rounds discusses how culture-independent diagnostic tests (CIDTs) are changing the landscape of diagnosing infectious disease. Speakers will also discuss how the tests are evolving, and how some states are adapting to using CIDTs in their public health systems.

<https://www.cdc.gov/cdcgrandrounds/archives/2016/october2016.htm>

### **CDC Science Clips: Volume 8, Issue: 40**

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/](http://www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/)

## **Public Health Preparedness**

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response for Health Professionals – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for health professionals at

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/health-professionals.asp>

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

Find online and in-person training resources at

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp)

## **Natural Disasters and Severe Weather**



### **Hurricanes and Other Tropical Storms – (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.html>

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

<http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/>

### **Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/index.html>

# Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

## Seasonal Influenza

### **NEW: CDC Director Kicks Off 2016-2017 Flu Vaccination Campaign** – (CDC)

CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) along with other public health and medical groups kicked off the 2016-2017 flu vaccine campaign at a telebriefing held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/nfid.htm>



### **NEW: 2015–2016 Flu Season** – (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/1516season.htm>

### **NEW: Influenza Vaccination Information for Health Care Workers** – (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/healthcareworkers.htm>

### **Information for Health Professionals** – (CDC)

The pages listed offer public health and health care professionals key information about vaccination, infection control, prevention, treatment, and diagnosis of seasonal influenza

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

### **Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report: Flu View** – October 1 (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.

<http://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](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## Travel Safety

### **Current Travel Warnings** – October 7 (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](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)

## Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [State-Specific Prevalence of Current Cigarette Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco Use Among Adults — United States, 2014](#)
- [Prevalence of Severe Joint Pain Among Adults with Doctor-Diagnosed Arthritis — United States, 2002–2014](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage Among Children in Kindergarten — United States, 2015–16 School Year](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 19–35 Months — United States, 2015](#)

- [Real-Time Monitoring of Vaccination Campaign Performance Using Mobile Phones — Nepal, 2016](#)

## Food, Drug, and Device Safety

### **NEW: Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Oranienburg Infections Linked to Shell Eggs** – (CDC)

CDC, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Department of Agriculture, several states, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Oranienburg infections.

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/Oranienburg-10-16/index.html>

### **NEW: Homeopathic Teething Tablets and Gels: FDA Warning - Risk to Infants and Children** – (CDC)

The FDA is analyzing adverse events reported to the agency regarding homeopathic teething tablets and gels, including seizures in infants and children who were given these products, since a 2010 safety alert about homeopathic teething tablets

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm523435.htm>

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

MedWatch is your FDA gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

<http://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](http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html)

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for healthcare 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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