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

January 14, 2013

COCA Updates are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions occur when there is emergency information or CDC event-specific updates to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **January 28**.
This issue contains information from **December 31 – January 14, 2013** and guidance documents relevant to current public health events.
For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at **coca@cdc.gov**.

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Upcoming COCA Call/Webinar:

Stopping Norovirus in its Tracks: What Every Clinician Should Know

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2013

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

Call Number: 888-790-6180

Passcode: 1281914

Webinar Link: https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW7035569&p=1281914&t=c

During this COCA call, a CDC subject matter expert will discuss the burden of norovirus outbreaks, review diagnostics and surveillance tools, and share resources to promote the prevention and control of norovirus infections.

For more information on this call: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2013/callinfo_011713.asp

Evaluating and Responding to Chemical Emergencies: The Role of Poison Control Centers and Public Health Labs

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013

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

Call Number: 888-790-6180

Passcode: 1281914

Webinar Link: https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW3729852&p=1281914&t=c

During this COCA call, subject matter experts will discuss biomedical testing for chemical agents, state level poison control center practices, and clinical resources for chemical emergencies.

For more information on this call: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2013/callinfo_013113.asp

Archived COCA Conference Calls are available at: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp
Free continuing education (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) is available for most calls.

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 5, Issue: 1 – (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.
http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Public Health Matters Blog: Grand Rounds: People with Disabilities and Public Health – (CDC)
On December 18, 2012, CDC hosted a Public Health Grand Rounds promoting opportunities for the best quality of life for individuals with disabilities.
http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2013/01/4994/

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)
Find resources for All Hazards and Specific Hazards preparedness.
http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)
Find online and in-person training centers and resources at
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Extreme Cold: A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety – (CDC)
The Extreme Cold Prevention Guide combines all of the key content of the CDC Winter Weather website into one downloadable, printable file. Printing this PDF file will ensure that you will have important winter weather health and safety information available even when you're without power or Internet service.
http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/guide.asp

Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning After an Emergency – (CDC)

When power outages occur during emergencies such as hurricanes or winter storms, the use of alternative sources of fuel or electricity for heating, cooling, or cooking can cause Carbon Monoxide to build up in a home, garage, or camper and to poison the people and animals inside.
http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/cofacts.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)
http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Journal

EID is prepared by the CDC. EID Home Page
Volume 19, Number 1 – January 2013
Highlights in this issue include:
- Listeriosis Outbreaks and Associated Food Vehicles, United States, 1998–2008

- [Staphylococcal Infections in Children, California, USA, 1985–2009](#)
- [Invasive Pneumococcal Disease after Routine Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccination in Children, England and Wales](#)

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by the CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP)–Like Illness Associated with Intravenous Opana ER Abuse — Tennessee, 2012](#)
- [Published Reports of Delayed Hemolytic Anemia After Treatment with Artesunate for Severe Malaria — Worldwide, 2010–2012](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

NEW: CDC Media Advisory: CDC Update: Flu Season and Vaccine Effectiveness – **January 11 (CDC)**
CDC hosted a telephone-only media availability to provide an update on influenza in the United States and to provide update on effectiveness of the influenza vaccine for 2012-2013 season.
http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/a0111_flu_season.html
A transcript of this media will be available following the briefing at the CDC web site at http://www.cdc.gov/media.

Weekly Flu View – **January 11 (CDC)**
This is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC 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)**
Health care providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist health care providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.
http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – **January 10 (US Department of State)**
Travel Warnings are issued when long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable lead the State Department to recommend that Americans avoid or consider the risk of travel to that country. A Travel Warning is also issued 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 its staff.
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

Food, Drug and Device Safety

NEW: FDA proposes new food safety standards for foodborne illness prevention and produce safety – **January 4 (FDA)**
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today proposed two new food safety rules that will help prevent foodborne illness. The proposed rules implement the landmark, bipartisan FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm334156.htm

Multistate Fungal Meningitis Outbreak Investigation: Clinician Guidance – (CDC)
http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/clinicians/index.html

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (HHS/FDA)
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 FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting & Resources –
(HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)
For recalls and alerts by both FDA and USDA, or to report a problem or make inquiries.
http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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The Emergency Risk Communication Branch (ERCB**)** Clinician Communication Team works to enhance partners' knowledge of emerging threats and their effects on human populations, and to provide relevant, timely information to help manage these threats by developing and maintaining mechanisms for communication. The Clinician Communication Team is responsible for the management of all COCA products.

For information on this and other clinical issues or to send your feedback please contact us at *coca@cdc.gov*

ERCB offers a variety of free tools and resources to help you enhance your knowledge of emergency preparedness and response:

CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page - real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook.
Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity – resources for health care providers.
Subscribe the COCA RSS Feed - get notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers.
Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Training - course on the fundamentals of CDC's Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication.
Selective National Assessment Profiles (SNAPS) - snapshots of state population data and local-level community profile information.
Risk Communicator –quarterly online newsletter providing guidance for emergency risk communication strategy.

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