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## COCA On-Demand Training

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### ***Cholera in Haiti – Why U.S. Clinicians Need to Care (12/15/10)***

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2010/callinfo\\_121510.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2010/callinfo_121510.asp)

### ***Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Program: Promoting the Adoption of Electronic Health Information Technology (01/25/11)***

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo\\_012511.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_012511.asp)

## H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Resources

### **Flu View – 2010-2011 Influenza Season Week 01 ending January 08, 2011 – CDC (Jan 14)**

During week 1 (January 2-8, 2011), influenza activity in the United States decreased. Of the 4,331 specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories and reported to CDC/Influenza Division, 706 (16.3%) were positive for influenza.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

### **Seasonal Flu: International Situation Update – CDC (Jan 14)**

This report is a summary of key influenza-related updates created from regional World Health Organization (WHO) reports, country reports, CDC field staff updates, and other sources. Updates are listed by region.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

### **Locate all H1N1 Flu and Public Health Guidance Documents**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

## Haiti Cholera Outbreak

### **Cholera Information for Healthcare Professionals**

Cholera resources for healthcare professionals addressing diagnosis, testing, treatment, patient care, and prevention.

[http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/hc\\_professionals.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/hc_professionals.htm)

**For more information and additional Cholera resources visit:** <http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/>

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## Emergency Preparedness & Response

### **Be Prepared: Staying Safe and Healthy in Winter Weather – CDC (Jan 10)**

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be hazardous, but if you plan ahead, you can stay safe and healthy. Prepare your home and cars. Keep emergency kits stocked. Be ready for power outages. Wear appropriate clothing. Check on children, the elderly and pets.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/WinterWeather/>

### **Stay safe in cold weather – NIH (Jan 11)**

Tips on avoiding hypothermia.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation/Publications/staysafe/>

### **Concussion in Winter Sports – CDC (Jan 11)**

Get prepared for concussions on and off the ice and slopes. Learn the symptoms and danger signs and keep an action plan on hand.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HockeyConcussions/>

### **Strengthening Haiti's Health Systems – CDC (Jan 04)**

Following Haiti's devastating earthquake in Jan 2010, CDC was invited to help reestablish and strengthen the country's public health system. The CDC Health Systems Reconstruction Office (HSRO) partners with the Haiti Ministry of Health and Population (MSPP), the U.S. Health and Human Services, USAID, the U.S. military, other international organizations to assess and respond to the immediate and long-term public health needs in Haiti. CDC is engaged in public health areas spanning the arenas of rabies, malnutrition, and dengue to immunizations and HIV/TB.

<http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/hsr/reconstruction.htm>

## Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

**MMWR Weekly - CDC (Jan14)**

The *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* series is prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data in the weekly MMWR are provisional, based on weekly reports to CDC by state health departments. The following emergency preparedness and response related articles of interest were recently published:

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- [Progress in Immunization Information Systems --- United States, 2009](#)
- [Updated Recommendations for Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis \(Tdap\) Vaccine from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2010](#)
- [Notices to Readers: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of MMWR at CDC](#)
- [Notices to Readers: Changes to the National Notifiable Infectious Disease List and Data Presentation --- January 2011](#)
- [Errata: Vol. 59, No. RR-12](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

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## Food & Drug Safety

### **Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alert – FDA (Jan 15)**

For information on recent FDA recalls, market recalls, and safety alerts please click on the following link:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>

### **New FDA consumer education materials on the Safe Use of Acetaminophen – FDA (Jan 14)**

Acetaminophen, also called APAP, is one of the most commonly used drugs in the United States for treating pain and fever. It is in many over-the-counter and prescription medicines. For most, acetaminophen is safe and effective when used as directed. However, if you take more than directed, acetaminophen can cause serious liver injury.

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/UnderstandingOver-the-CounterMedicines/SafeUseofOver-the-CounterPainRelieversandFeverReducers/ucm164977.htm>

### **FDA limits acetaminophen in prescription combination products; requires liver toxicity warnings – FDA (Jan 13)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is asking manufacturers of prescription combination products that contain acetaminophen to limit the amount of acetaminophen to no more than 325 milligrams (mg) in each tablet or capsule. The FDA also is requiring manufacturers to update labels of all prescription combination acetaminophen products to warn of the potential risk for severe liver injury.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm239894.htm>

## VFC Program: Vaccines for Uninsured Children – CDC (Jan 10)

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program offers vaccines at no cost for eligible children through VFC-enrolled doctors. Find out if your child qualifies. Vaccinating on time means healthier children, families and communities. <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram/>

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