

EPI Update for Friday, June 7, 2013
Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE)
Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **Report immediately!**
- **Hepatitis A related to frozen fruit product**
- **West Nile virus surveillance begins**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

Report immediately!

Fifteen diseases, *if suspected or confirmed*, should be reported immediately to public health officials, as the ability to prevent and stop the transmission of these diseases is very time-dependent. Immediate public health action may include post-exposure prophylaxis, emergency diagnostic testing, and epidemiology investigation to identify the source to contain and control spread, and to find additional cases. To report to IDPH call 800-362-2736 (you will be referred to the state emergency paging system if after hours).

These emergency public health diseases include;

measles,
cholera,
botulism,
diphtheria,
Hib invasive disease,
meningococcal invasive disease
smallpox,
infectious TB,
hemorrhagic fevers,
plague,
polio,
human rabies,
SARS,
vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA),
yellow fever,
and any diseases, syndromes, conditions etc. that may be linked to terrorism.

For additional information on requirements for reporting see
www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/ReportableDiseases.aspx.

Hepatitis A related to frozen fruit product

Public health and FDA are investigating a multistate outbreak of hepatitis A associated with a fruit mixture product. As a result, Townsend Farms, Inc. of Fairview, Oregon has announced that it is voluntarily recalling certain lots of its frozen Organic Antioxidant Blend.

As of June 5, 2013, 61 people with acute hepatitis A infections have been reported in Arizona, California Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. For more information on hepatitis A or this recall, visit www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Outbreaks/2013/A1b-03-31/index.html.

West Nile virus surveillance begins

Iowa is beginning to monitor for West Nile virus (WNV) activity in sentinel chickens, mosquitoes, horses, and humans. West Nile virus is endemic in Iowa and usually peaks in late summer and early fall.

For additional information and resources about West Nile virus, visit www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/DiseaseIndex.aspx?disease=West%20Nile%20Virus.

Meeting announcements and training opportunities

None

Have a healthy and happy (and dryer) week!

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