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Chlamydia Screening Among Sexually Active Young Female Enrollees of Health Plans — United States, 1999–2001

Chlamydia trachomatis infection is the most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease (STD) in the United States, with the highest rates among adolescent females and young women. Approximately 5%-14% of routinely screened females aged 16-20 years and 3%-12% of women aged 20-24 years are infected with chlamydia (1). Because up to 70% of chlamydial infections in women are asymptomatic, routine screening and treatment of infected persons is essential to prevent pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and perinatal infections. Since the 1990s, CDC, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, and several clinical organizations have recommended routine screening for chlamydial infection for all sexually active women aged <26 years and for pregnant women of all ages (1,2). To evaluate rates of chlamydia screening among sexually active young females, CDC analyzed 1999-2001 data from the Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) reported by commercial and Medicaid health insurance plans. This report summarizes the results of that analysis, which determined that screening rates were low despite slight increases in screening covered both by commercial and Medicaid plans during 1999-2001. Increased screening by health-care providers and coverage of screening by health plans will be necessary to reduce substantially the burden of chlamydial infection in the United States.

HEDIS includes voluntarily reported performance measures of health plans and is maintained by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a private, not-for-profit organization that monitors the quality of health plans. HEDIS allows health insurance purchasers and consumers to compare health plan performance and enables health plans to benchmark their performance.

During 1999–2001, a total of 335 commercial health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and point-of-service (POS) plans and 92 Medicaid HMO and POS plans reported

chlamydia screenings. These data accounted for 83% of enrollees in commercial HMO and POS plans and up to 30% of enrollees in Medicaid HMO and POS plans in the United States during this period. Since 1999, NCQA has measured chlamydia screening rates of sexually active female enrollees in these health plans by using medical claims and pharmacy data. The denominator represents the number of sexually active female enrollees aged 16-26 years who were continuously enrolled during the preceding calendar year. Being sexually active was defined as receipt of a contraceptive prescription or submission of a medical claim associated with pregnancy, contraceptives, STDs, or Papanicolaou (Pap) test during the preceding year. The numerator represents the number of eligible female enrollees who had a claim for chlamydia tests. Mean chlamydia screening rates were weighted to account for the differences in the number of sexually active female enrollees aged 16-26 years across health plans.

Among sexually active female enrollees aged 16–26 years in commercial plans, 20% were screened for chlamydia in 1999, 25% in 2000, and 26% in 2001. Among enrollees aged 16–26 years in Medicaid plans, screening rates were 28% in 1999, 36% in 2000, and 38% in 2001. Among enrollees aged 16–20 years in commercial plans, 22% were screened in 1999,

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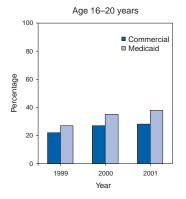
Robert F. Fagan Deborah A. Adams Felicia J. Connor Lateka Dammond Rosaline Dhara Donna Edwards Patsy A. Hall Pearl C. Sharp 27% in 2000, and 28% in 2001 (Figure). Among enrollees aged 16–20 years in Medicaid plans, 27% were screened in 1999, 35% in 2000, and 38% in 2001. Of commercial plan enrollees aged 21–26 years, 19% were screened in 1999, 24% in 2000, and 25% in 2001. Of Medicaid plan enrollees aged 21–26 years, 28% were screened in 1999, 36% in 2000, and 38% in 2001.

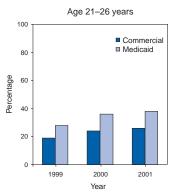
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Editorial Note: Despite national guidelines recommending routine chlamydia screening (1,2), the data in this report suggest that screening rates remain low among enrollees in both commercial and Medicaid plans. These rates are lower than rates for all other women's health services measured by HEDIS, including Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer (61% in Medicaid and 80% in commercial plans in 2001) (3). Chlamydia screening rates might be higher in Medicaid than in commercial plans because of health-care providers' beliefs that Medicaid patients are at higher risk for STDs.

Low screening rates in both commercial and Medicaid plans might result from certain system, provider, and patient factors. System factors include 1) lack of availability or coverage of urine-based screening tests in certain health plans, which would eliminate the need for a pelvic examination; 2) insufficient feedback and reminder systems about screening; and 3) inadequate organizational commitment to increase the availability of this preventive service. Provider factors include 1) lack of awareness of high chlamydia prevalence in adolescent females and young women and among commercial plan enrollees (4); 2) misperceptions that adolescent patients are not sexually active (4) or that commercially insured patients are not at risk for chlamydial infection; 3) discomfort with discussing or lack of time for assessing sexual activity and

FIGURE. Percentage of sexually active young female enrollees who were screened for chlamydia, by age, health plan type, and year — Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS), United States, 1999–2001





offering chlamydia screening; and 4) lack of knowledge of the availability of urine-based chlamydia screening tests. Patient factors include 1) the stigma associated with STDs; 2) lack of awareness of the high prevalence, asymptomatic nature, and serious complications of chlamydial infection; 3) the presence of parents during the examinations of adolescents, which precludes confidential sexual risk assessment; and 4) fears about breaches of confidentiality regarding sexual health services or diagnoses noted in medical records or bills (5).

The findings in this report are subject to at least two limitations. First, HEDIS data reflect screenings reported by HMO and POS plans that covered only approximately 30% of U.S. residents in 2001. Second, HEDIS estimates might underestimate or overestimate actual screening rates for these health plan enrollees. HEDIS depends on routinely collected administrative data to facilitate data collection within plans and allow comparison across plans. However, if a substantial proportion of sexually inactive enrollees had claims for pregnancy tests or oral contraceptives for reasons not related to sexual activity, or if medical claims did not identify all chlamydia tests ordered, HEDIS data would underestimate actual screening rates. Overestimation might occur if a substantial proportion of sexually active enrollees lacked claims for pregnancy, contraceptives, STDs, or Pap tests that would classify them as sexually active in administrative data (5), or if the measure's numerator included claims for chlamydia tests used to diagnose illness in symptomatic patients (5). Overestimation also might result if health plans that perform well on the chlamydia screening measure are more likely to report their results to NCQA than those that do not perform as well. Continued evaluation is needed of how well administrative data used for HEDIS measures reflect actual practice.

The findings in this report highlight the need for interventions to increase chlamydia screening, improve quality of care, and reduce the estimated \$249 million direct medical costs of chlamydia and its sequelae for adolescents and young adults (6). Interventions are especially important in commercial plans, given that two thirds of women of reproductive age (15-44 years) in the United States are commercially insured (7) and only 13% of chlamydial infections in the CDC surveillance system are reported by public STD clinics (8). System-level interventions in large commercial plans have substantially increased chlamydia screening rates of sexually active young women within 2 years (9,10). One intervention increased screening from 5% to 65% by 1) informing providers about high chlamydia prevalence, 2) implementing procedures allowing adolescents some encounter time without parents, and 3) providing urine tests and monthly provider feedback on screening rates (9). Another intervention, which included "championing" of screening by health-plan leaders and routine placement of chlamydia specimen collection materials next to Pap test collection kits, increased screening from 61% to 83% (10). Such system-level interventions should complement provider and patient education. In addition, including chlamydia screening as one of the HEDIS measures used to accredit health plans by NCQA might provide motivation to increase screening.

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Lymphogranuloma Venereum Among Men Who Have Sex with Men — Netherlands, 2003–2004

Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) is a systemic, sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by a variety of the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis* that rarely occurs in the United States and other industrialized countries; the prevalence of LGV is greatest in Africa, Southeast Asia, Central and South America, and Caribbean countries (*I*). However, in the Netherlands, which typically has fewer than five cases a year, as of September 2004, a total of 92 cases of LGV had been

confirmed during the preceding 17 months among men who have sex with men (MSM). The first 13 cases, diagnosed during April–November 2003, were reported by local health authorities in Rotterdam in December 2003 (2,3). An alert was sent to the Early Warning and Reporting System of the European Union and to the European Surveillance of Sexually Transmitted Infections Network (ESSTI) (4). In April 2004, a report was made to CDC, and state and local health departments were alerted. Of the 92 cases confirmed in the Netherlands, 30 occurred during 2003 and 62 during 2004. This report describes the ongoing investigation of the LGV outbreak. Health-care providers should be vigilant for LGV, especially among MSM exposed to persons from Europe, and prepared to diagnose the disease and provide appropriate treatment to patients and their exposed sex partners (Box).

The cases in the Netherlands were investigated by staff members of public health services, academic medical centers, and the National Institute of Public Health and Environment. After the initial 13 cases were reported, efforts were implemented to increase awareness of the outbreak among health-care providers, staff at human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)—treatment centers and STD clinics, and members of the MSM community. As a result, an additional 17 confirmed cases and 40 probable cases that occurred in 2003 were identified retrospectively.

LGV was diagnosed by conducting polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests on rectal swab specimens and performing subsequent restriction endonuclease pattern analysis of the amplified outer membrane protein A gene to determine the genotype. Confirmed cases were those in patients with 1) proctitis or contact with a patient confirmed with LGV; 2) a positive PCR test for *C. trachomatis* on a urine or rectal specimen; and 3) L1, L2, or L3 genotype determined by PCR. Probable cases were those in patients whose illness was consistent with the first two criteria and who also had a positive serologic test for *C. trachomatis*, but did not meet the third criterion because specimens were not available for genotyping. Possible cases were in patients who met only the first criterion and had a positive serologic test.

Increased awareness of the LGV outbreak resulted in retrospective reporting of 2003 cases and reporting of 62 confirmed cases in 2004, as of September 1. Additional epidemiologic information was obtained on these 62 patients. Preliminary evaluation determined that all the patients were white and that, among the 30 MSM whose HIV status was known, 23 (77%) were HIV positive. Other preliminary findings suggested that concurrent sexually transmitted infections were prevalent and that the majority had participated in casual sex gatherings (e.g., "leather scene" parties) and unprotected anal intercourse or other unprotected anal penetration (e.g., fisting) during the 12 months before onset of symptoms.

BOX. Etiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, and treatment of lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)

Etiology

• LGV is caused by *Chlamydia trachomatis* serovars L1 to L3. (*C. trachomatis* serovars B and D–K are responsible for the syndromes of non-gonococcal urethritis and cervicitis.)

Clinical manifestations

- The primary lesion produced by LGV is a small, non-painful genital papule, which can ulcerate at the site of inoculation after an incubation period of 3–30 days. This lesion can remain undetected within the urethra, vaginal vault, or rectum.
- Common clinical manifestations include 1) tender, unilateral, or bilateral inguinal and/or femoral adenopathy, which can become fluctuant; and 2) hemorrhagic proctitis or proctocolitis, which is associated with receptive anal intercourse (1). The clinical and histologic presentation of LGV protocolitis can be similar to the initial manifestations of inflammatory bowel disease (2).

Diagnosis

- Diagnosis is based primarily on clinical findings; routine laboratory confirmation might not be possible.
- Serologic tests for *C. trachomatis* (i.e., microimmuno-fluorescence or complement fixation) can support diagnosis.
- Direct identification of *C. trachomatis* from a lesion (i.e., bubo) or site of the infection (e.g., rectum) can be made by using culture or by using nonculture nucleic acid testing; however, neither method is specific for LGV, and use of rectal swabs for nucleic acid testing is not cleared by the Food and Drug Administration.

Treatment

- The recommended treatment is administration of 100 mg of doxycycline, twice a day for 21 days. Alternative treatment is 500 mg of erythromcyin base orally, four times a day for 21 days. Some specialists in sexually transmitted diseases believe 1 g of azithromycin, administered orally once weekly for 3 weeks, is effective; however, clinical data are lacking.
- Sex partners who had contact with the patient within 30 days of the patient's onset of symptoms should be evaluated; in the absence of symptoms, they should be treated with either 1 g of azithromycin in a single dose, or 100 mg of doxycycline, twice a day for 7 days.

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Only one patient, with onset of illness in April 2003, had symptoms usually associated with LGV (i.e., inguinal adenopathy [buboes] and a painful genital ulcer) (3); all other patients had gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., bloody proctitis with a purulent or mucous anal discharge and constipation) (2). In all of the cases in Rotterdam, LGV was associated with high-titer antibodies to *C. trachomatis* in sera, as determined by peptide enzyme immunoassay. When urethral swab samples were obtained, they did not contain *C. trachomatis* DNA. LGV was temporally associated with HIV seroconversion in two patients and with recent acquisition of hepatitis C infection in five others.

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Editorial Note: Although some of the patients in this LGV outbreak reported having multiple sex partners in cities in Europe and the United States (2), limited information has been reported regarding LGV occurrence outside the Netherlands. However, recent reports from Belgium, France, and Sweden confirm that LGV is occurring elsewhere in Europe (5,6). Additional reports might follow increased awareness of the outbreak (7). In July 2004, CDC identified an L2 LGV strain on a rectal swab specimen from a patient in the United States who had signs and symptoms similar to those of the patients in the Netherlands. In this case, no known exposure to European MSM was reported; U.S. contacts of the patient were evaluated and treated.

Health-care providers and MSM in the United States and Europe should be aware of this LGV outbreak, which is similar to STD increases (e.g., in syphilis, rectal gonorrhea, and quinolone-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and including coinfections with HIV) that have been reported in recent years among MSM (8,9). The ulcerative character of LGV can facilitate transmission and acquisition of HIV and other STDs or bloodborne diseases.

The number of cases reported in the Netherlands is likely a minimum estimate of disease occurrence; clinicians in industrialized countries diagnose LGV rarely and would usually not consider LGV as a likely cause of gastrointestinal illness. Estimates of the incidence and prevalence of LGV in the United States are difficult to obtain; the disease is not nationally reportable, and the diagnosis is not straightforward. The clinical presentation of LGV might easily be missed, as evidenced

by the large number of retrospective cases identified in the Netherlands.

The laboratory criteria consistent with a diagnosis of LGV include a positive result (i.e., titer ≥1:64) on a complement fixation test for chlamydiae or a high titer (i.e., typically >1:128, but can vary by laboratory) on a microimmuno-fluorescence serologic test for *C. trachomatis*. However, most available serologic tests in the United States are based on enzyme immunoassays and might not provide a quantitative "titer-based" result. A list of laboratories that perform serologic tests for *C. trachomatis* and might provide a titered result is available at http://www.cdc.gov/std/lgv-labs.htm.

CDC and other laboratories are evaluating molecular approaches compliant with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment regulations that will permit specific diagnoses of LGV. CDC advises clinicians who care for MSM to consider LGV in the diagnosis of compatible syndromes (e.g., proctitis and proctocolitis) and perform tests to diagnose *C. trachomatis* infections, without regard to the specific LGV serovars. Recommended treatment regimens for those suspected of having LGV and their sex partners are offered (Box).

Evaluation of gastrointestinal syndromes that might have been sexually transmitted should include appropriate diagnostic procedures (e.g., anoscopy or sigmoidoscopy) and microbiologic testing for *C. trachomatis*, syphilis, herpes, *N. gonorrhoeae*, and common enteric pathogens that can be sexually transmitted. Clinicians who identify cases compatible with LGV (e.g., proctitis associated with serologic or microbiologic evidence of chlamydial infection) should contact CDC at 404-639-2059 and local health departments.

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Laboratory Exposure to Burkholderia pseudomallei — Los Angeles, California, 2003

On July 26, 2003, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (LACDHS) received a report that a local clinical laboratory had isolated from specimens *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, a category B biologic terrorism agent and the causative organism for melioidosis, which is endemic to certain tropical areas. Because laboratory workers had manipulated cultures of the organism, CDC was asked to assist in the subsequent investigation. This report summarizes the results of that investigation, which included assessment of laboratory exposures, postexposure chemoprophylaxis, and serologic testing of exposed laboratory workers. The findings underscore the need to reinforce proper laboratory practices and the potential benefits of chemoprophylaxis after laboratory exposures.

The specimens were taken from a man aged 47 years with diabetes mellitus who had been evaluated at a local emergency department (ED) for fever, chills, and chest and leg pain. He had traveled to El Salvador 3 weeks earlier and returned 3 days before visiting the ED. During the preceding 2 weeks, the man had intermittent fever and night sweats. In the ED, a chest radiograph revealed bilateral and multifocal infiltrates, and he was admitted to the hospital; a computed tomography imaging scan indicated the presence of pulmonary abscesses. During the next 2 days, his condition deteriorated, requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation for respiratory failure; he died from fulminant sepsis and multiorgan system failure. An autopsy revealed acute necrotizing pneumonia, multiple renal abscesses, and cirrhosis.

During the patient's hospitalization, seven specimens of blood, urine, sputum, and bodily fluid were obtained; 2 days after the patient's death, bacterial isolates from all specimens were presumptively identified as *B. pseudomallei* by the laboratory's automated identification system and subsequently confirmed by polymerase chain reaction at the LACDHS Public Health Laboratory. A total of 17 laboratory workers had manipulated cultures from these specimens. These

workers were considered exposed and were offered antibiotic chemoprophylaxis within 48 hours of their exposures.

An onsite investigation was conducted on August 7. Laboratory procedures were reviewed and work activities classified into high and low risk. High-risk activities were defined as those that might result in organism-containing aerosol or droplet formation. High-risk activities included sniffing open culture plates to detect characteristic odors emitted by certain bacteria and preparing suspensions from culture plates using a vortex machine. High-risk activities also included routine laboratory procedures when not performed in a biological safety cabinet (BSC), such as picking colonies, subculturing, inoculating biochemical tests, centrifuging, and preparing slides. Manipulations of cultures inside a BSC were classified as low-risk exposures. On August 11, exposed workers completed a questionnaire regarding demographics, medical and travel histories, and work activities performed on the B. pseudomallei cultures. Active surveillance was conducted for symptoms consistent with melioidosis among exposed workers. Finally, serum specimens were obtained for anti-B. pseudomallei antibody testing from all exposed workers at 1, 2, 4, and 6 weeks after exposure. Serologic testing was performed by using an indirect hemagglutination test at PathCentre (Nedlands, Australia), with a positive result defined as a titer ≥ 40 (1).

All 17 exposed workers completed the questionnaire. The median age was 48 years (range: 36–59 years). All reported ≥10 years of laboratory work experience (Table). Five persons (29%) reported an underlying condition, such as diabetes, that might put them at risk for severe disease. Eight (47%) reported having traveled to Southeast Asia during their lifetimes. Thirteen (77%) reported high-risk activities, including four (24%) who reported sniffing an open *B. pseudomallei* culture plate because of the distinctive "earthy" odor.

Sixteen workers completed a 3-week regimen of trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and one completed a 3-week regimen of doxycycline. Antibiotics were begun at a median of 2 days' postexposure (range: 0-4 days). None of the exposed laboratory workers had symptoms consistent with melioidosis during 5 months after exposure. Two laboratory workers had titers of ≤20 for B. pseudomallei on the first serum drawn. Both workers were born in the United States. and neither demonstrated an increase in titer 6 weeks after exposure. The first (no. 17) reported sniffing a B. pseudomallei culture plate. The worker recalled previous travel to Hawaii, Europe, Mexico, and Jamaica but reported no previous illnesses consistent with melioidosis. The second worker (no. 1) reported low-risk activities. The worker reported previous travel to the Philippines and Singapore and was hospitalized in 2001 for pneumonia with pleural effusions requiring thoracenteses; no pathogen was identified.

TABLE. Characteristics of laboratory workers exposed to *Burkholderia pseudomallei* (*B. ps*) culture isolates — Los Angeles, California, 2003

Worker	Years of laboratory experience	Underlying medical condition	Any lifetime travel to areas where melioidosis is endemic	Performed high-risk laboratory activities*	Sniffed open <i>B. ps</i> plate	Detected anti- <i>B. ps</i> titer (date of blood draw)
1	20	_	Υ	_	_	20 (9/24/03)
2	22	_	Υ	Υ	_	_
3	11	Diabetes mellitus	Υ	_	_	_
4	25	_	_	Υ	_	_
5	20	_	_	Υ	Υ	_
6	17	Thalassemia	_	Υ	Υ	_
7	12	Rheumatoid arthritis	_	Υ	_	_
8	22	_	Υ	_	_	_
9	10	_	Υ	Υ	_	_
10	20	_	_	Υ	_	_
11	24	Ulcerative colitis	_	Υ	_	_
12	15	_	Υ	Υ	Υ	_
13	19	_	Υ	Υ	_	_
14	17	_	Υ	_	_	_
15	25	_	_	Υ	_	_
16	21	_	_	Υ	_	_
17	28	Diabetes mellitus	_	Υ	Υ	20 (9/26/03)

^{*} Activities that might result in aerosol/droplet formation, procedures not performed in a biosafety cabinet, or the sniffing of open culture plates.

Although the occurrence of potentially high-risk work activities performed outside a BSC were documented, no laboratory workers in this investigation were infected with *B. pseudomallei*. In response to this incident, laboratory safety recommendations for *B. pseudomallei* were reviewed; the laboratory had existing policies against sniffing all culture plates and continued to prohibit this and other unsafe laboratory practices.

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Editorial Note: This report describes the investigation into the exposure of 17 laboratory workers to the gram-negative bacillus *B. pseudomallei*, which causes melioidosis infection. The majority of infections with *B. pseudomallei* are asymptomatic (1). Symptomatic disease can be in localized or septicemic forms. Foci of infection include lung, skin, and genitourinary tract. Although infection can occur in healthy persons, *B. pseudomallei* is an opportunistic pathogen. Underlying immunosuppressing conditions, including diabetes mellitus, chronic renal failure, and alcohol abuse, are risk factors for septicemic melioidosis. Hypotension, absence of fever, leucopenia, and abnormal renal and hepatic function are poor prognostic features (2).

B. pseudomallei is endemic to Southeast Asia and northern Australia, but sporadic cases have been reported from other tropical and subtropical areas between 20° north and south latitudes, including El Salvador (3). The primary route of infection is thought to be inoculation; however, infection might occur through inhalation, aspiration, and ingestion. The environmental reservoirs for B. pseudomallei are surface water and soil (4). The median incubation period of melioidosis is 9 days (range: 1–21 days), although reactivation of previously asymptomatic disease can occur after months or years (5).

Two laboratory-acquired infections have been reported previously (6,7). A case of pneumonia, epididymo-orchitis, and a leg abscess occurred in a previously healthy laboratory worker. These conditions were associated with open-flask sonication of a suspension of organisms outside of a BSC, presumably resulting in inhalational exposure. In addition, a previously healthy bacteriologist had tender right axillary lymphadenopathy and pneumonia after cleaning a leaking centrifuge tube without wearing gloves. The worker reported having an ulcerative lesion on one finger at the time of the incident, suggesting that infection occurred via inoculation. After appropriate treatment, both patients recovered without adverse sequelae.

Biosafety level (BSL) 2 practices, equipment, and containment are recommended for working with known or potentially infectious body fluids, tissue specimens, or cultures. However, a review of work in a clinical laboratory in an area in which melioidosis is endemic indicated low risk to laboratory workers (8). The laboratory described in that report followed BSL-2 precautions, with aerosol-generating procedures performed in a Class II or higher BSC, whereas new or

ongoing cultures were examined on the open bench; sniff testing of opened culture plates was prohibited. Serologic follow-up of 60 laboratory workers over 15 years identified three workers with titers suggestive of subclinical infection, consistent with the background seroprevalence in the local community. These data suggest that infection is not easily acquired from routine, open-bench laboratory work with *B. pseudomallei*. In the current investigation, the low titers of workers no. 1 and 17 are not considered evidence of infection with *B. pseudomallei* among persons residing in areas where disease is not endemic (B. Currie, M.D., Royal Darwin Hospital and Menzies School of Health Research, personal communication, 2004).

Recommendations for postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole or doxycycline for 3 weeks were based on in vitro and animal data; no published data for humans are available. Current treatment recommendations for melioidosis comprise an initial, intensive phase followed by eradication therapy (Box) (4).

As the findings in this report indicate, potentially unsafe laboratory practices such as sniffing opened culture plates can occur before isolates are identified. Such practices should be prohibited, especially given that *B. pseudomallei* can be misidentified by biochemical substrate utilization tests (*9*). Because infection with *B. pseudomallei* can be severe, PEP with doxycycline (2 mg/kg up to 100 mg orally, twice daily) or trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (8 + 40 mg/kg up to 320 + 1,600 mg orally, twice daily) can be considered if cultures of the organism are inadvertently manipulated outside of BSL-2 conditions. Animal data suggest that 5 days of PEP might be insufficient to prevent infection (*10*). Because the incubation period of melioidosis can last up to 21 days, 3 weeks of PEP might be necessary. PEP should be recommended for

BOX. Melioidosis treatment recommendations

Initial intensive th	Initial intensive therapy (lasting ≥14 days)										
Ceftazidime	50 mg/kg up to 2 g	Every 6 hours									
	or	·									
Meropenem	25 mg/kg up to 1 g	Every 8 hours									
	or										
Imipenem	25 mg/kg up to 1 g	Every 6 hours									
	and (optional)										
Trimethoprim-	8 + 40 mg/kg up to	Every 12 hours									
sulfamethoxazole	320 + 1600 mg	·									
Eradication therap	y (lasting ≥3 months)										
Trimethoprim-	8 + 40 mg/kg up to	Every 12 hours									
sulfamethoxazole	320 + 1600 mg	·									
	and (optional)										
Doxycycline	2 mg/kg up to	Every 12 hours									
	100 mg										

laboratory manipulations or incidents that result in exposure to aerosols or droplets or contact with nonintact skin and for persons with risk factors for septicemic disease. CDC requests that incidents involving unsafe laboratory exposure to *B. pseudomallei* be reported to the Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases, telephone 404-639-3158.

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Laboratory Surveillance for Wild and Vaccine-Derived Polioviruses, January 2003-June 2004

In 1988, the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate poliomyelitis globally by 2000. Progress toward achieving this goal has been reported from countries where polio is endemic, and three World Health Organization (WHO) regions (Americas, Europe, and Western Pacific) appear to be free of indigenous wild poliovirus (WPV) transmission. One key strategy for eradicating polio is establishing sensitive polio surveillance systems by investigating acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases. To ensure that specimens from persons with AFP undergo appropriate processing for viral isolation, WHO established a global polio laboratory network in 1988. This report updates

previous publications (1–4), summarizes the laboratory network's performance, and describes the location and characterization of WPV and vaccine-derived poliovirus (VDPV) during January 2003–June 2004.

Laboratory Network Performance

The global polio laboratory network, which operates in all six WHO regions, comprises 123 national facilities, 15 regional reference laboratories, and seven global specialized laboratories. High-quality performance is ensured through a WHO-administered laboratory accreditation program with a comprehensive annual review of criteria related to timely and accurate laboratory results. Of the 145 network laboratories, 139 (96%) were fully accredited by WHO in 2003. Three laboratories that passed annual proficiency tests but were deficient in some other aspect of performance were provisionally accredited. Three laboratories were not accredited because they failed the annual proficiency test. Nonaccredited laboratories split samples for parallel testing in accredited laboratories while implementing measures to improve performance.

During January 2003–June 2004, the laboratory network tested 104,946 stool samples from persons with AFP. For more than 90% of the samples, virus isolation results were available within 28 days of receipt by laboratories (program target: >80% within 28 days). For 79% of persons with AFP with poliovirus isolates, the results of intratypic differentiation (ITD) tests confirmed the wild or vaccine-like nature of isolates within 60 days of paralysis onset (program target: >80% within 60 days) (Table 1). During the first 6 months of 2004, a total of 38,432 AFP samples were processed by network laboratories, compared with 29,232 samples during the same period in 2003, a 31% increase. Workload increased 23% and 40% in the Africa and Southeast Asia regions, respectively.

WPV Serotypes and Genotypes

During January 2003-June 2004, WPVs were confirmed in 19 countries (Table 2). The polio laboratory network routinely performs genetic characterization of all WPVs and all isolates with inconclusive results on ITD tests. Analysis of genetic sequence data from WPVs identifies circulating virus genotypes as well as the genetic links among viruses from diverse locations. Six WPV genotypes were detected during January 2003–June 2004, including three type 1 genotypes (NEAF, WEAF-B, and SOAS)* and three type 3 genotypes (WEAF-B, SOAS, and EAAF)*. The NEAF genotype was identified in Egypt. The SOAS genotypes (types 1 and 3) were detected in Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan. The type 1 WEAF-B genotype was identified in Botswana, Sudan, and 11 countries in western and central Africa. The type 3 WEAF-B genotype was detected only in Niger and Nigeria. The type 3 EAAF genotype reemerged in Sudan in 2004. Wild type 2 poliovirus has not been detected anywhere in the world since October 1999 (5).

Indigenous WPVs were detected in Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, and Pakistan in 2003 and 2004. Indigenous type 3 virus from central Africa/Horn of Africa, which was thought to have been eliminated 3 years earlier, was detected in Sudan in 2004. Type 1 virus detected in Lebanon in 2003 had been imported from northern India.

VDPVs

Vaccine-derived polioviruses, defined as viruses with ≥1% sequence differences compared with Sabin vaccine virus of the same serotype, are also detected by the laboratory network (Table 3). Although VDPVs previously have been shown to circulate in Egypt, Hispaniola, Madagascar, and Philippines

TABLE 1. Number of specimens and poliovirus (PV) isolates, percentage of specimens with nonpolio enterovirus (NPEV) isolates, and timing of results, by World Health Organization (WHO) region and year, January 2003–June 2004

		Ja	nuary-Dec	ember 2003				,	January-J	une 2004		
WHO region	No. of specimens	No. of P	<u>V isolates</u> Sabin	% specimens with NPEV isolated	% results within 28 days	% ITD results within 60 days*	No. of specimens	No. of PV	<u>′ isolates</u> Sabin	% specimens with NPEV isolated	% results within 28 days	% ITD results within 60 days
Africa	17,008	840	549	12	98	61	9,850	999	346	13	94	59
Americas	1,878	0	31	15	76	100	959	0	23	11	94	100
Eastern												
Mediterranean	10,325	204	539	16	96	93	5,394	48	246	16	99	98
Europe	3,078	0	153	4	91	86	3,252	0	34	3	99	94
Southeast Asia	21,816	418	1,207	19	99	89	13,032	58	794	21	99	91
Western Pacific	12,409	0	452	9	94	64	5,945	0	181	8	94	73
Total	66,514	1,462	2,931	14	91	78	38,432	1,105	1,624	14	97	81

^{*} Intratypic differentiation results within 60 days of paralysis onset.

^{*} Genotype abbreviations: NEAF = Northeast Africa; WEAF-B = West Africa-B; SOAS = South Asia; EAAF = East Africa.

TABLE 2. Number of wild poliovirus (WPV) isolates from persons with acute flaccid paralysis, by World Health Organization (WHO) region/country and serotype*, January 2003–June 2004

		January-Dec	ember 2003		J	January-June 2004					
WHO region/	No. of WPV		Serotype		No. of WPV		Serotype				
country	isolates	P1	P2	P3	isolates	P1	P2	P3			
Africa											
Benin [†]	4	4	0	0	11	11	0	0			
Botswana [†]	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0			
Burkina Faso [†]	19	19	0	0	11	11	0	0			
Cameroon [†]	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Central African Republic [†]	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	0			
Chad [†]	46	46	0	0	22	22	0	0			
Côte d'Ivoire [†]	2	2	0	0	18	18	0	0			
Ghana [†]	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Guinea [†]	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0			
Mali [†]	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0			
Nigeria	674	351	0	323	888	742	0	146			
Niger	73	57	0	16	38	27	0	11			
Togo [†]	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Americas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Eastern Mediterranean											
Afghanistan	15	9	0	6	6	4	0	2			
Egypt	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0			
Lebanon [§]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Pakistan	187	130	0	57	36	27	0	9			
Sudan [†]	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2			
Europe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Southeast Asia											
India	418	377	0	41	58	56	0	2			
Western Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	1,462	1,019	0	443	1,105	933	0	172			

^{*}P1 = poliovirus type 1; P2 = poliovirus type 2; and P3 = poliovirus type 3.

TABLE 3. Number of vaccine-related poliovirus isolates* from persons with acute flaccid paralysis, by World Health Organization (WHO) region, January 2003–June 2004

		Vaccine-o	derived po	iovirus (V	'DPV)†
WHO region	Sabin- like [§]	cVDPV [¶] isolates	iVDPV** isolates	Other VDPV††	Total VDPV
Africa	895	0	0	0	0
Americas	54	0	1§§	0	1
Eastern Mediterranean	785	0	0	0	0
Europe	187	0	0	1¶¶	1
Southeast Asia	2,001	0	2***	0	2
Western Pacific	633	1 ^{†††}	0	0	1
Total	4,555	1	3	1	5

Poliovirus isolates with one or two intratypic differentiation (ITD) results indicating vaccine virus (excludes VDPV isolates from environmental samples).

(6–9), no VDPV outbreaks were detected in 2003. Type 1 VDPVs detected in two persons with AFP (June and July 2004) and in two contacts of persons with AFP (August 2004) in Guizhou Province, China, are the subject of an ongoing investigation. Type 2 VDPVs were isolated from single AFP cases in Kazakhstan, Peru, and Thailand in 2003.

VDPVs from non-AFP sources also have been reported. In 2003, a type 1 VDPV was isolated from a healthy child in Mongolia, and a type 2 VDPV was isolated from a healthy child in Latvia. A type 3 VDPV was isolated from a single sewage sample collected in Estonia in 2003 (10). Type 2 VDPVs were isolated intermittently from sewage in Slovakia during October 2003–June 2004 and from a single sewage sample collected in Israel in April 2004.

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Editorial Note: Data from the global polio laboratory network confirm the continuing polio-free status of the American, European, and Western Pacific regions. Timely confirmation of WPV transmission in the remaining countries where polio

P1 viruses genetically linked to wild viruses that originated in Nigeria.

[§]P1 virus genetically linked to wild viruses that originated in northern India.

[†] A poliovirus with ≥1% sequence difference compared with Sabin vaccine virus.

[§] Either concordant Sabin-like results in ITD tests or <1% sequence difference compared with Sabin vaccine virus.

[¶] Circulating VDPV.

^{**} VDPV associated with an immunodeficient person.

^{††} VDPV not associated with an outbreak or immunodeficiency.

^{§§} Peru.

[¶] Kazakhstan.

^{***} Thailand.

^{†††} China.

is endemic has been essential for planning and targeting of supplemental immunization activities. Characterization of WPV isolates through analysis of VP1 genetic sequences allows for tracing of transmission pathways and investigation of linkages among isolates. Sequence data indicate that WPVs detected in the majority of countries in the African region during 2003 and 2004 do not represent a resurgence of indigenous viruses in these locations but resulted from importations from a major WPV reservoir in northern Nigeria.

The laboratory network has achieved a high quality of performance and accuracy, achieving the program standard of providing virology results for more than 80% of persons with AFP within 60 days of paralysis onset. To minimize reporting delays, the network routinely monitors and analyzes the timeliness of all stages of AFP case investigation, including sample collection, shipment, and testing. These analyses reveal that the logistics of sample and isolate shipment remain the biggest challenge to providing timely results. Shipping isolates between laboratories usually takes 5-7 days but can take substantially longer in certain locations. To improve the timeliness of isolate shipment, the network plans to make ITD testing available in laboratories in Côte d'Ivoire, Ibadan-Nigeria, and Senegal, which serve 14 African countries. As a result of enhanced surveillance efforts to identify the last remaining WPV transmission chains, several laboratories in regions where WPV is endemic have experienced substantial workload increases, necessitating additional resources to meet demands for culture supplies, equipment, and trained personnel.

Policies for eventual cessation of oral poliovirus-vaccine (OPV) use depend on an assessment of VDPV risk. The laboratory network has a critical role in generating data to estimate the frequency of VDPVs and monitoring their ability to cause paralysis or to circulate. Cumulative data since 1999 suggest that approximately 0.5% of all Sabin-related isolates are classified as VDPVs. All VDPV isolates from any source should be investigated to identify either unrecognized circulation or the presence of a chronically infected immunodeficient person in the community. Investigation of reported VDPV isolates revealed immunodeficient persons with AFP from Thailand and Peru in 2003. These persons did not excrete VDPVs for prolonged periods; no VDPVs were isolated from their follow-up stool samples. Investigation of VDPVs in Slovakia has not revealed gaps in vaccination coverage nor identified paralyzed persons in the communities in which VDPVs were detected. Health officials are continuing efforts to identify the source of these viruses.

Poliovirus surveillance should continue for ≥3 years after OPV cessation, implying that laboratory support might be needed through 2011. WHO has initiated discussions with national governments and partner agencies regarding the future of network laboratories. WHO is also pursuing greater

government support of laboratories to facilitate the transition to other high-priority public health activities and to maximize the investments made in developing high-quality laboratory services. Continued involvement of national governments and partner agencies[†] is essential to sustain high-quality laboratory performance.

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Update: Influenza Activity — United States and Worldwide, May-October 2004

During May–October 2004, influenza A (H3N2) viruses circulated worldwide and were associated with mild-to-moderate levels of disease activity. Influenza A (H1N1)* and

[†] Rotary International, CDC, U.S. Agency for International Development, United Nations Foundation, Wyeth Lederle American Association for World Health, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Australian Agency for International Development, and various national governments, including Finland, Italy, and the Netherlands.

^{*} Includes both the A (H1N1) and A (H1N2) influenza virus types. Although H1N2 viruses have not been identified since February 2004, not all isolated H1 viruses have been tested for the subtype of their neuraminidase. Thus, this subtype might continue to circulate in some parts of the world. Influenza A (H1N2) viruses appear to have resulted from reassortment of the genes of the circulating influenza A (H1N1) and A (H3N2) subtypes. Because the hemagglutinin proteins of the A (H1N2) viruses are similar to those of the circulating A (H1N1) viruses, and the neuraminidase proteins are similar to the circulating A (H3N2) viruses, the 2004–05 influenza vaccine should provide protection against A (H1N2) viruses.

B viruses were reported less frequently. In North America, isolates of influenza A (H3N2), A (H1N1), and B were identified sporadically. This report summarizes influenza activity in the United States and worldwide during May–October 2004[†]. Influenza activity in North America typically peaks during December–March (1).

United States

Until recently, in the United States, national influenza surveillance was conducted by four systems that operated during October–May. One of these systems consists of approximately 1,000 sentinel health-care providers, who regularly report data to CDC on patient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI). In addition, during 2004, approximately 350 sentinel providers continued to submit weekly reports during May–September. A second system consists of approximately 120 U.S.-based World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories; these laboratories report the number of respiratory specimens tested and the number and types of influenza viruses identified throughout the year.

For the 2004–05 influenza season, CDC has added two new surveillance systems: one that tracks naturally reported pediatric deaths associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza infections and another that tracks hospitalizations associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza infections in children aged <18 years. The latter system, which will continue at a minimum of nine sites through CDC's Emerging Infections Program, augments CDC's ongoing surveillance at the three National Vaccine Surveillance Network sites of children aged <5 years hospitalized with fever or respiratory illness.

During May 23–October 2, the weekly percentage of patient visits to sentinel providers for ILI ranged from 0.4% to 0.8%. WHO and NREVSS collaborating laboratories tested 11,916 respiratory specimens; 54 (0.5%) were positive for influenza. Of the positive results, 29 (54%) were influenza B viruses, 14 (26%) were influenza A (H3N2) viruses, and 11 (20%) were influenza A viruses that were not subtyped. Both influenza A and B viruses were reported during late May–September 2004.

During October 3–16, influenza activity occurred at low levels in the United States. Since October 3, WHO and NREVSS collaborating laboratories in the United States have tested 1,414 respiratory specimens; eight (0.6%) were positive. Of these, six were influenza A viruses, and two were influenza B viruses. The proportion of patient visits to senti-

nel providers for ILI and the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza were below baseline levels. During the week ending October 16, nine states and New York City reported sporadic influenza activity, and 40 states and the District of Columbia reported no influenza activity.

Worldwide

During May–July, influenza A (H3N2) viruses predominated in Africa (Madagascar, Senegal, and South Africa). In Asia, influenza A (H3N2) viruses predominated in China, Hong Kong, and Thailand and also were reported in Japan. Influenza A (H3N2) viruses were responsible for regional outbreaks in Taiwan in August and September (2).

In Oceania (Australia, New Caledonia, and New Zealand), influenza A (H3N2) viruses predominated and were associated with multiple nursing home outbreaks in Australia and New Zealand in August and September. In South America, influenza A (H3N2 and non-subtyped) viruses predominated in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay. Influenza A (H3N2) viruses were associated with widespread outbreaks in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay during May–June.

During May–July, influenza A (H1N1) viruses predominated in the Philippines and also were reported in China, Japan, New Caledonia, Peru, and Thailand. Influenza B viruses were reported in South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Peru), Asia (China, Japan, and Korea), Africa (South Africa), and North America (United States). Influenza B viruses were associated with widespread outbreaks in Brazil during May–June.

Characterization of Influenza Virus Isolates

WHO's Collaborating Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Control of Influenza, located at CDC, analyzes influenza virus isolates received from laboratories worldwide. During May-October, 236 influenza A (H3N2) viruses (110 from Latin America, 100 from Asia, 24 from North America [including 10 from the United States], one from Africa, and one from Oceania) were collected and characterized antigenically. A total of 208 (88.1%) were A/Fujian/411/02-like and similar to A/Wyoming/03/2003, the A (H3N2) component of the 2004-05 influenza vaccine; 28 (11.9 %) had reduced titers to A/Wyoming/03/2003. The eight influenza A (H1N1) viruses (one from Canada, three from Hong Kong, two from Singapore, and two from the United Kingdom) collected during May-September and characterized antigenically at CDC were similar to A/New Caledonia/20/99, the A (H1N1) component of the 2003-04 influenza vaccine.

[†] As of October 16, 2004.

Influenza B viruses circulating worldwide can be divided into two antigenically distinct lineages: B/Yamagata/16/88 and B/Victoria/2/87. Before 1991, B/Victoria lineage viruses circulated worldwide; from late 1991 to early 2001, no viruses of the B/Victoria lineage were identified outside Asia. However, since March 2001, B/Victoria-lineage viruses have been identified in many countries outside Asia, including the United States. Viruses of the B/Yamagata lineage began circulating worldwide in 1990 and continue to be identified (3). The type-B component of the 2004–05 influenza vaccine (B/Shanghai/361/2002-like) belongs to the B/Yamagata lineage. Of the 73 influenza B isolates collected during May–September and characterized antigenically at CDC, 54 belonged to the B/Yamagata lineage, and 19 belonged to the B/Victoria lineage.

Of the B/Yamagata lineage viruses, 50 (92.6%) were B/Shanghai/361/2002-like, and four (7.4%) had reduced titers to B/Shanghai/361/2002. Twenty-one of the B/Yamagata lineage viruses were from North America (including 16 from the United States), 25 were from South America, five were from Asia, two were from Oceania, and one was from Europe.

Human Infections with Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Viruses

Since December 2003, nine countries (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam) have reported outbreaks of avian influenza A (H5N1) infection affecting poultry and, in some countries, other animals. As of October 25, a total of 44 laboratory-confirmed cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) virus infection in humans had been reported in Vietnam and Thailand in 2004 (4). Of these 44 patients, 32 died. The cases occurred in association with recurring H5N1 outbreaks among poultry in those countries.

Four human H5N1 cases occurred in Vietnam (three in children and one in a young adult) during July–September. In Thailand, four cases occurred in September and one case in October. The cases were associated with severe respiratory illness, with persons requiring hospitalization; all but one patient died. The cumulative case-fatality proportion for confirmed H5N1 cases since January 2004 is 73% (Vietnam: 27 cases, 20 deaths; Thailand: 17 cases, 12 deaths).

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Editorial Note: During May–October 2004, influenza A (H3N2) viruses were the most frequently reported virus subtype worldwide; however, influenza A (H1N1) and influenza B viruses also circulated. At this time, neither the influenza virus subtype that will predominate in the United States nor the severity and timing of the 2004–05 season can be predicted.

The ongoing widespread epizootic of highly pathogenic H5N1 viruses in Asia remains a major concern. Since December 2003, nine Asian countries have reported H5N1 poultry outbreaks, with human cases reported from two of these countries. No evidence of sustained person-to-person transmission has been identified to date, although a probable instance of limited person-to-person transmission in a family cluster was identified recently in Thailand. CDC continues to recommend enhanced surveillance for suspected H5N1 cases among travelers with severe unexplained respiratory illness returning from H5N1-affected countries. Additional information about avian influenza is available at http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/han/archivesys/viewmsgv.asp?alertnum=00209.

Influenza surveillance reports for the United States are published weekly during October—May and are available through CDC's voice (telephone, 888-232-3228) and fax (telephone, 888-232-3299, document number 361100) information systems and at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm. Additional information about influenza viruses, influenza surveillance, and the influenza vaccine is available at http://www.cdc.gov/flu.

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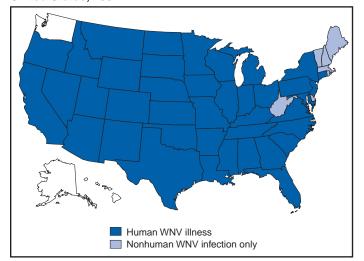
During October 20–26, a total of 80 cases of human West Nile virus (WNV) illness were reported from 16 states (Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and Utah).

During 2004, a total of 40 states and the District of Columbia (DC) have reported 2,231 cases of human WNV illness to CDC through ArboNET (Figure and Table). Of these, 710 (32%) cases were reported in California, 379 (17%) in Arizona, and 276 (12%) in Colorado. A total of 1,289 (59%) of the 2,201 cases for which such data were available occurred in males; the median age of patients was 52 years (range: 1 month–99 years). Date of illness onset ranged from April 23 to October 15; a total of 73 cases were fatal.

A total of 196 presumptive West Nile viremic blood donors (PVDs) have been reported to ArboNET in 2004. Of these, 73 (37%) were reported in California; 38 (19%) in Arizona; 16 in Texas; 15 in New Mexico; seven in Colorado; six each in Louisiana and Oklahoma; five in Nevada; four in Georgia; three each in Florida, Michigan, and South Dakota; two each in Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, and Wisconsin; and one each in Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. Of the 196 PVDs, three persons aged 35, 69, and 77 years subsequently had neuroinvasive illness, and 46 persons (median age: 52 years; range: 17–73 years) subsequently had West Nile fever.

In addition, during 2004, a total of 5,416 dead corvids and 1,316 other dead birds with WNV infection have been reported from 45 states and New York City. WNV infections

FIGURE. Areas reporting West Nile virus (WNV) activity — United States, 2004*



^{*} As of 3 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, October 26, 2004.

TABLE. Number of human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) illness, by area — United States, 2004*

Area	Neuro- invasive disease [†]	West Nile fever§	Other clinical/ unspecified [¶]	Total reported to CDC**	Deaths
Alabama	13	0	0	13	0
Arizona	128	70	181	379	9
Arkansas	12	9	1	22	0
California	143	248	319	710	20
Colorado	39	237	0	276	3
Connecticut	0	1	0	1	0
District of Colum	-	0	0	1	0
Florida	32	6	0	38	2
Georgia	11	5	0	16	0
Idaho	0	0	2	2	0
Illinois	28	27	1	- 56	2
Indiana	5	0	2	7	1
lowa	11	7	3	21	1
Kansas	18	25	0	43	2
Kentucky	1	6	0	7	0
Louisiana	68	17	0	85	7
Maryland	6	5	1	12	0
Michigan	9	1	0	10	0
Minnesota	13	20	0	33	2
Mississippi	23	5	2	30	3
Missouri	25	9	2	36	1
Montana	2	3	1	6	0
Nebraska	4	26	0	30	0
Nevada	25	19	0	44	0
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	0
New Mexico	29	46	4	79	4
New York	3	3	0	6	0
North Carolina	3	0	0	3	0
North Dakota	2	18	0	20	1
Ohio	10	1	0	11	2
Oklahoma	9	6	0	15	1
Oregon	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	7	3	1	11	1
South Carolina	0	1	0	1	0
South Dakota	6	45	0	51	1
Tennessee	9	1	0	10	0
Texas	83	26	0	109	8
Utah	6	5	0	11	0
Virginia	4	0	1	5	1
Wisconsin	4	6	0	10	1
Wyoming	2	5	2	9	0
Total	795	913	523	2,231	73

^{*} As of October 26, 2004.

have been reported in horses in 36 states; one bat in Wisconsin; nine dogs in Nevada, New Mexico, and Wisconsin; six squirrels in Arizona and Wyoming; and 14 unidentified animal species in nine states (Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, New York, and South Carolina).

Additional information about national WNV activity is available from CDC at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm and at http://westnilemaps.usgs.gov.

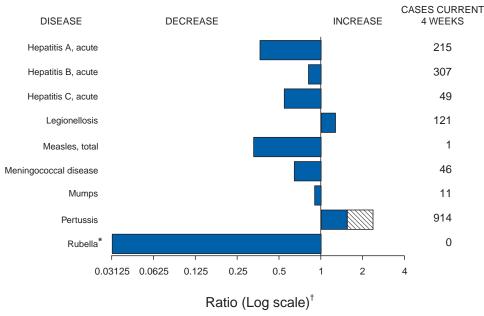
[†] Cases with neurologic manifestations (i.e., West Nile meningitis, West Nile encephalitis, and West Nile myelitis).

[§] Cases with no evidence of neuroinvasion.

[¶] Illnesses for which sufficient clinical information was not provided.

^{**} Total number of human cases of WNV illness reported to ArboNet by state and local health departments.

FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, United States, comparison of provisional 4-week totals October 23, 2004, with historical data



Beyond historical limits

TABLE I. Summary of provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending October 23, 2004 (42nd Week)*

	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003		Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003
Anthrax	-	-	HIV infection, pediatric ^{†¶}	126	166
Botulism:	-	-	Influenza-associated pediatric mortality**	-	NA
foodborne	11	10	Measles, total	23 ^{††}	51 ^{§§}
infant	60	56	Mumps	159	173
other (wound & unspecified)	9	25	Plague	1	1
Brucellosis†	84	79	Poliomyelitis, paralytic	-	-
Chancroid	28	47	Psittacosis†	9	9
Cholera	4	1	Q fever [†]	60	56
Cyclosporiasis [†]	200	60	Rabies, human	5	2
Diphtheria	-	-	Rubella	10	7
Ehrlichiosis:	-	-	Rubella, congenital syndrome	-	1
human granulocytic (HGE)†	248	256	SARS-associated coronavirus disease† **	-	8
human monocytic (HME)†	233	218	Smallpox [†] ¶	-	NA
human, other and unspecified	29	38	Staphylococcus aureus:	-	-
Encephalitis/Meningitis:	-	-	Vancomycin-intermediate (VISA) [†] ¶	-	NA
California serogroup viral†§	72	104	Vancomycin-resistant (VRSA)† ¶	1	NA
eastern equine ^{† §}	3	13	Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome [†]	86	135
Powassan ^{† §}	-	-	Tetanus	12	15
St. Louis†§	7	39	Toxic-shock syndrome	103	103
western equine†§	-	-	Trichinosis	4	1
Hansen disease (leprosy)†	64	68	Tularemia [†]	73	72
Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome†	17	18	Yellow fever	-	-
Hemolytic uremic syndrome, postdiarrheal†	117	135			

^{-:} No reported cases.

^{*} No rubella cases were reported for the current 4-week period yielding a ratio for week 42 of zero (0).
† Ratio of current 4-week total to mean of 15 4-week totals (from previous, comparable, and subsequent 4-week periods for the past 5 years). The point where the hatched area begins is based on the mean and two standard deviations of these 4-week totals.

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Not notifiable in all states.

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Of 23 cases reported, 10 were indigenous, and 13 were imported from another country.

^{§§} Of 51 cases reported, 31 were indigenous, and 20 were imported from another country.

Not previously notifiable.

TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 23, 2004, and October 18, 2003 (42nd Week)*

	AID	s	Chlam	nydia†	Coccidioo	lomycosis	Cryptosp	oridiosis		s/Meningitis t Nile [§]
Reporting area	Cum. 2004 [¶]	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003
UNITED STATES	31,120	33,700	704,535	693,110	4,773	2,976	2,691	2,770	795	2,820
NEW ENGLAND	981	1,150	24,435	22,336	-	-	152	163	-	28
Maine N.H.	15 37	49 25	1,671 1,414	1,603 1,278	N	N	18 27	18 18	-	2
√t.	14	14	832	864	-	-	22	29	-	-
Mass. R.I.	343 109	476 82	10,824 2,732	8,836 2,367	-	-	54 4	71 12	-	12 5
Conn.	463	504	6,962	7,388	N	N	27	15	-	9
MID. ATLANTIC	6,925	8,025	85,430	86,210	-	-	384	345	11	218
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	724 3,949	740 4,369	17,556 26,412	15,894 28,070	N	N -	99 85	99 99	1 2	- 56
N.J.	1,140	1,259	12,475	12,777	-	-	25	14	1	21
Pa.	1,112	1,657	28,987	29,469	N	N	175	133	7	141
E.N. CENTRAL Dhio	2,742 525	3,195 640	119,668 27,810	126,675 35,071	14 N	7 N	789 197	841 120	56 10	150 84
nd.	300	428	14,935	13,849	N	N	80	77	5	15
II.	1,290	1,472	32,970	38,610	-	-	69	84	28	30
Mich. Vis.	493 134	509 146	29,997 13,956	25,117 14,028	14	7	134 309	111 449	9 4	14 7
V.N. CENTRAL	641	631	42,668	40,176	5	2	329	490	79	694
Minn.	152	123	7,487	8,674	N N	N	115	128	13	48 80
owa Mo.	50 277	67 304	5,293 16,601	4,093 14,633	N 3	N 1	69 56	104 40	11 25	38
N. Dak.	14	3	1,229	1,249	N	N	10	11	2	94
S. Dak. Nebr.**	8 41	8 42	2,073 4,143	2,078 3,739	2	- 1	33 23	36 20	6 4	151 194
Kans.	99	84	5,842	5,710	Ñ	Ň	23	151	18	89
S. ATLANTIC	9,492	9,302	139,850	130,009		5	446	300	57	181
Del. Md.	121 1,252	183 1,147	2,365 15,334	2,390 13,116	N	N 5	15	4 20	6	12 48
D.C.	621	807	2,732	2,527	-	-	12	9	1	3
/a. V. Va.	513 67	699 71	18,107 2,292	15,242 2,100	N	- N	53 5	36 4	4	19 1
N.C.	482	886	22,926	20,437	N	N	70	41	3	16
S.C.** Ga.	535 1,327	615 1,499	16,437 26,102	11,810 28,576	-	-	15 162	7 98	- 11	2 24
∃a. =la.	4,574	3,395	33,555	33,811	N	N	114	81	32	56
E.S. CENTRAL	1,528	1,491	45,530	44,804	4	1	107	112	46	87
Ky. Tenn.**	187 617	141 644	4,591 17,899	6,592 16,403	N N	N N	38 28	21 35	1 9	11 21
Ala.	360	344	9,331	11,711	- IN	-	20	46	13	25
Miss.	364	362	13,709	10,098	4	1	21	10	23	30
<i>N</i> .S. CENTRAL Ark.	3,581 174	3,354 146	86,481 5,763	85,160 6,394	2 1	-	80 14	95 17	172 12	589 23
-a.	719	444	18,202	16,018	1	-	3	4	68	86
Okla.	154	162	8,966	9,329	N	N	19	13	9	56
ēx.** MOUNTAIN	2,534 1,178	2,602 1,248	53,550	53,419 39,044	3,048	- 1,920	44 142	61 113	83 231	424 871
Mont.	1,176	1,240	39,343 1,788	1,551	3,046 N	1,920 N	34	17	2	75
daho	15	21	2,252	1,982	N	N	23	26	-	-
Vyo. Colo.	16 257	5 313	852 9,779	791 10,454	2 N	1 N	3 48	4 29	2 39	92 621
N. Mex.	152	96	4,333	5,961	18	9	11	9	29	74
Ariz. Jtah	437 53	534 52	13,047 2,941	10,790 2,995	2,943 33	1,872 7	17 4	5 16	128 6	7
lev.	242	216	4,351	4,520	52	31	2	7	25	2
PACIFIC	4,052	5,304	121,130	118,696	1,700	1,041	262	311	143	2
Vash. Dreg.	313 239	365 202	14,094 6,737	13,307 5,897	N -	N -	36 30	43 35	-	-
Calif.	3,357	4,640	93,177	92,089	1,700	1,041	194	232	143	2
Alaska Hawaii	39 104	15 82	2,984 4,138	3,047 4,356	-	-	2	1 -	-	-
Guam	2	5	-, 100	505	-	_	-	_	-	_
P.R.	595	851	2,701	2,060	N	N	N	N	-	-
/.I. Amer. Samoa	10 U	29 U	143 U	337 U	U	- U	- U	- U	U	- U
C.N.M.I.	2	Ü	32	ŭ	-	Ü	-	Ü	-	Ü

N: Not notifiable. U: Unavailable. -: No reported cases. C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

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† Chlamydia refers to genital infections caused by *C. trachomatis*.

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TABLE II. (*Continued*) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 23, 2004, and October 18, 2003 (42nd Week)*

(42nd Week)*		Factor.	ishis sali Esta		(FUEO)			ı		
		Escneri	ichia coli, Ente	n positive,	Shiga toxii	n nositive				
	015	7:H7	1	non-O157	not sero		Giard	liasis	Gond	orrhea
Departing area	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.
Reporting area UNITED STATES	1,972	2003 2,063	2004 187	2003 198	2004 138	2003 130	2004 14,148	2003 15,243	2004 249,411	2003 265,166
NEW ENGLAND	1,972	124	43	36	17	12	1,307	1,256	5,701	5,827
Maine	10	10	-	1	-	-	103	154	180	157
N.H. Vt.	16 10	15 15	5	3	-	-	33 142	30 100	101 70	99 71
Mass.	53	53	13	8	17	12	605	627	2,553	2,296
R.I. Conn.	8 30	1 30	1 24	- 24	-	-	101 323	90 255	681 2,116	784 2,420
MID. ATLANTIC	226	209	26	21	28	32	2,980	3,040	27,450	33,133
Upstate N.Y.	101	75	13	10	12	16	1,047	831	5,646	6,238
N.Y. City N.J.	32 35	7 29	4	2	- 5	-	799 312	980 416	8,421 4,881	11,001 6,535
Pa.	58	98	9	9	11	16	822	813	8,502	9,359
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	358 85	477 95	35 10	29 15	24	17 17	1,976	2,644	50,064	56,731
Ind.	51	70	-	-	18	-	669	733	14,300 5,487	18,451 5,362
III.	49	111	1	2	1	-	338	779	14,383	17,411
Mich. Wis.	73 100	74 127	7 17	12	5 -	-	588 381	621 511	12,312 3,582	10,961 4,546
W.N. CENTRAL	425	363	26	42	16	19	1,625	1,641	13,522	13,999
Minn. Iowa	105 115	116 85	14	20	1	1	596 245	599 225	2,348 938	2,429 1,019
Mo.	67	70	11	12	7	1	420	421	7,090	6,979
N. Dak. S. Dak.	13 31	10 25	-	4 4	6	8	20 50	32 65	87 232	69
Nebr.	60	25 31	1	2	-	-	114	113	832	176 1,241
Kans.	34	26	-	-	2	9	180	186	1,995	2,086
S. ATLANTIC	148	122	34	38	42	34	2,265	2,175	63,370	64,805
Del. Md.	2 20	7 12	N 4	N 3	N 3	N 1	39 100	39 93	726 6,602	924 6,245
D.C.	1	1	-	-	-	-	54	37	2,061	1,999
Va. W. Va.	36 2	32 4	13	11	-	-	427 32	266 35	7,128 769	7,169 704
N.C.	-	-	-	-	28	26	N	N	12,189	11,743
S.C. Ga.	7 21	1 25	11	5	-	-	51 651	123 713	8,033 11,442	6,958 14,153
Fla.	59	40	6	19	11	7	911	869	14,420	14,910
E.S. CENTRAL	75 22	72	3	2	9	6	317	313	19,811	22,369
Ky. Tenn.	23 31	24 32	2 1	2	6 3	6	N 158	N 142	2,078 6,734	2,944 6,796
Ala.	14	12	-	-	-	-	159	171	5,720	7,502
Miss.	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	- 047	5,279	5,127
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	63 11	74 9	2 1	4	2	4	260 97	247 127	33,374 2,884	35,281 3,431
La.	3	3	-	-	-	-	36	10	8,521	9,209
Okla. Tex.	16 33	22 40	1	4	2	4	123 4	110	3,813 18,156	3,836 18,805
MOUNTAIN	208	259	17	23	-	6	1,224	1,282	8,560	8,396
Mont. Idaho	16 43	13 66	9	- 15	-	-	64 143	90 166	53 79	87 59
Wyo.	8	2	1	-	-	-	21	20	52	34
Colo.	44 9	60	2	3 4	-	6	420	371	2,168	2,328
N. Mex. Ariz.	9 21	10 29	2 N	N N	N	N	58 142	42 201	603 3,177	965 2,987
Utah	46	57	2	-	-	-	274	277	459	303
Nev.	21	22	1	1	-	-	102	115	1,969	1,633
PACIFIC Wash.	342 126	363 93	1 -	3 1	-	-	2,194 310	2,645 292	27,559 2,113	24,625 2,241
Oreg.	60	93	1	2	-	-	372	349	997	799
Calif. Alaska	145 1	166 4	-	-	-	-	1,378 69	1,862 73	23,029 439	20,183 440
Hawaii	10	7	-	-	-	-	65	69	981	962
Guam	N	N	-	-	-	-	400	2	-	55
P.R. V.I.	-	1 -	-	-	-	-	103	227	202 49	218 72
Amer. Samoa	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
C.N.M.I.	-	U	-	U	-	U	-	U	3	U

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TABLE II. (Continued) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 23, 2004, and October 18, 2003 (42nd Week)*

(42nd Week)*				Haemophilus	influenzae, inv	/asive			Hen	atitis
	All	ages				5 years			→ `	te), by type
		rotypes	Serot	ype b	Non-sei	rotype b	Unknown	serotype		A
Reporting area	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003
UNITED STATES	1,467	1,517	11	22	78	94	145	165	4,465	5,575
NEW ENGLAND	125	114	1	2	5	5	3	3	861	260
Maine N.H.	12 16	4 12	-	- 1	2	-	-	1	11 17	11 15
Vt.	6	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	6
Mass. R.I.	51 3	53 6	1	1	-	5	2	1 1	744 20	144 12
Conn.	37	31	-	-	3	-	-	-	61	72
MID. ATLANTIC	303	320	-	1	4	3	33	40	523	1,061
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	98 62	115 55	-	1 -	4	3	5 12	8 11	80 207	101 378
N.J.	63	58	-	-	-	-	3	8	104	175
Pa.	80	92	-	-	-	-	13	13	132	407
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	223 84	254 60	-	3 -	6 2	4	35 15	46 11	455 40	528 99
Ind.	40 50	41 90	-	-	4	-	1 11	5 20	88	54 157
III. Mich.	18	21	-	3	-	4	6	1	158 128	176
Wis.	31	42	-	-	-	-	2	9	41	42
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	87 40	93 38	2 1	1	3 3	7 7	10 1	12 2	146 32	144 37
Iowa	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	42	24
Mo. N. Dak.	28 3	35 2	-	-	-	-	6	9	37 1	45 1
S. Dak.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Nebr. Kans.	8 7	2 15	-	-	-	-	1 2	1	10 21	12 25
S. ATLANTIC	370	332	-	2	21	13	29	18	869	1,418
Del.	- 51	- 76	-	- 1	- 4	- 5	-	- 1	5	8
Md. D.C.	-	1	-	-	-	- -	-	-	95 7	142 31
Va. W. Va.	32 15	42 14	-	-	- 1	-	1 3	5	106 6	78 13
N.C.	47	36	-	-	6	3	1	2	77	81
S.C. Ga.	4 123	5 62	-	-	-	-	22	1 6	24 310	35 678
Fla.	98	96	-	1	10	5	2	3	239	352
E.S. CENTRAL	59	71	1	1	-	3	8	8	139	233
Ky. Tenn.	5 38	6 42	-	-	-	2 1	6	5	29 79	28 168
Ala. Miss.	13 3	21 2	1	1	-	-	2	3	8 23	23 14
W.S. CENTRAL	61	69	1	2	7	10	1	4	319	532
Ark.	2	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	54	26
La. Okla.	11 47	20 40	-	-	7	2 7	1	4	40 19	39 17
Tex.	1	3	1	2	<u>'</u> -	-	-	-	206	450
MOUNTAIN	164	137	4	6	24	22	19	15	383	399
Mont. Idaho	- 5	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	6 19	8 13
Wyo.	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1
Colo. N. Mex.	41 34	32 15	1	-	7	4	5 5	6 1	46 18	58 19
Ariz. Utah	59 12	64 11	2	6	12 2	9 5	2 3	4 3	232 45	221 34
Nev.	12	10	1	-	3	4	1	-	12	45
PACIFIC	75	127	2	4	8	27	7	19	770	1,000
Wash. Oreg.	3 39	11 32	2	-	-	7	1 3	3 2	53 59	53 49
Calif.	21	55	-	4	8	20	1	9	632	879
Alaska Hawaii	4 8	18 11	-	-	-	-	1 1	5	5 21	8 11
Guam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
P.R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	63
V.I. Amer. Samoa	Ū	Ū	U	U	U	U	Ū	Ū	Ū	Ū
C.N.M.I. N: Not notifiable.	U: Unavailable.	U	orted cases.	U	-	U	-	U	-	U

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TABLE II. (*Continued*) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 23, 2004, and October 18, 2003 (42nd Week)*

(42nd Week)*					_					
	He		, acute), by typ		Legio	nellosis	Lister	iosis	Lyme di	sease
D	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.
Reporting area UNITED STATES	2004 5,076	2003 5,675	2004 699	2003 850	2004 1,475	2003 1,742	2004 511	2003 553	2004 14,184	2003 17,139
NEW ENGLAND Maine	283 2	299 1	10	7	48	95 2	31 6	41 6	2,098 53	3,286 134
N.H. Vt. Mass. R.I.	30 5 163 5	14 4 188 12	5 4 -	7 - -	9 4 7 13	8 5 47 13	3 1 5 1	3 - 16 -	175 45 687 175	145 39 1,424 466
Conn.	78	80	1	-	15	20	15	16	963	1,078
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City N.J. Pa.	987 73 91 582 241	616 74 162 149 231	122 14 - - 108	99 13 - - 86	416 85 42 76 213	518 127 61 75 255	122 39 17 20 46	114 29 20 22 43	9,479 3,117 - 2,635 3,727	11,411 3,776 187 2,627 4,821
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio Ind. III. Mich.	461 104 38 71 225	416 110 28 52 189	95 5 7 12 71	125 7 7 18 88	396 189 65 20 115	357 184 25 39 92	83 37 16 5 22	71 20 6 18 18	794 59 16 1 32	850 57 20 66 6
Wis.	23	37	-	5	7	17	3	9	686	701
W.N. CENTRAL Minn. Iowa Mo. N. Dak.	256 43 13 154 4	258 29 10 177 2	41 16 - 25 -	183 7 1 173	43 7 5 21 2	59 3 9 30 1	13 4 1 5	13 3 - 6	445 347 40 47	324 217 48 52
S. Dak. Nebr. Kans.	29 13	2 23 15	- - -	2	4 1 3	2 5 9	1 2 -	3	7 4	1 2 4
S. ATLANTIC Del. Md. D.C.	1,573 28 130 15	1,636 8 104 9	138 - 14 1	130 - 7 -	318 12 67 8	446 24 113 14	93 N 14	111 N 22 1	1,158 137 669 8	1,028 179 606 5
Va. W. Va. N.C. S.C. Ga. Fla.	220 34 138 65 545 398	145 25 132 141 557 515	16 21 10 6 16 54	7 2 11 24 13 66	41 8 29 3 37 113	82 16 35 7 31 124	15 3 19 3 16 23	9 6 16 4 28 25	141 22 104 12 12 53	77 20 91 8 10 32
E.S. CENTRAL Ky. Tenn. Ala. Miss.	374 59 168 61 86	373 55 161 79 78	87 23 35 4 25	66 12 15 5 34	78 35 29 11 3	92 37 31 19 5	21 4 10 5 2	27 7 8 10 2	44 15 17 3 9	54 11 15 8 20
W.S. CENTRAL Ark. La. Okla. Tex.	218 58 52 47 61	905 70 104 48 683	103 2 58 3 40	141 3 93 2 43	57 4 5 48	62 2 1 7 52	30 2 3 - 25	45 1 2 3 39	56 8 4 - 44	88 - 6 - 82
MOUNTAIN Mont.	391 2	480 14	41 2	41 1	69 2	54 4	24	31 2	29	14
ldaho Wyo. Colo. N. Mex. Ariz. Utah Nev.	10 7 47 11 208 41 65	7 28 66 32 219 41 73	2 8 7 5 4	9 - 7 - 23	7 5 17 4 11 19 4	3 2 9 2 10 18 6	1 12 - - 3 8	2 9 2 10 2 4	6 3 3 1 6 10	3 2 - 1 3 2 3
PACIFIC Wash. Oreg. Calif.	533 42 98 369	692 63 92 512	62 19 14 24	58 17 12 27	50 10 N 40	59 8 N 51	94 9 5 76	100 7 4 84	81 13 30 36	84 3 14 64
Alaska Hawaii	14 10	4 21	5	2	- -	- -	4	5	2 N	3 N
Guam P.R. V.I.	46	9 99 -	- -	5 -	- 1 -	- -	-	- - -	- N	N
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U	U	U -	U	U -	U	U -	U	U -	U

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(42nd Week)*										
	Mal	aria		ococcal ease	Pertu	ıssis	Rabies,	animal		lountain d fever
Reporting area	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003	Cum. 2004	Cum. 2003
UNITED STATES	1,031	1,066	1,047	1,350	11,546	7,008	4,659	5,783	1,203	738
NEW ENGLAND	62	56	55	64	1,296	1,051	548	498	18	7
Maine N.H.	6 5	2 6	9 4	6 3	2 68	12 79	39 23	59 21	-	-
Vt.	4	2	2	2	61	60	31	30	- 45	-
Mass. R.I.	30 4	27 2	32 2	40 2	1,122 31	830 16	236 30	177 59	15 1	7 -
Conn.	13	17	6	11	12	54	189	152	2	-
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	244 39	287 45	129 29	163 40	2,301 1,585	820 371	479 439	765 353	75 3	39
N.Y. City N.J.	112 52	156 53	23 31	37 21	128 190	114 125	11	6 62	19 27	13 16
Pa.	41	33	46	65	398	210	29	344	26	10
E.N. CENTRAL	91	91	148	214	2,501	722	141	151	26	19
Ohio Ind.	27 14	17 2	60 23	52 38	474 152	209 55	67 10	50 25	15 5	8 1
III. Mich.	22 18	39 23	12 42	62 37	319 228	67 95	46 16	23 40	2 4	5 5
Wis.	10	10	11	25	1,328	296	2	13	-	-
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	60 25	41 20	74 22	106 25	1,500 298	364 132	430 78	575 30	106	58 1
Iowa	4	5	14	23	113	113	95	95	1	2
Mo. N. Dak.	17 3	5 1	18 2	39 1	251 687	69 6	51 53	39 50	88	47 -
S. Dak. Nebr.	1 3	2	2 4	1 6	20 33	3 8	10 53	117 92	4 12	4 3
Kans.	7	8	12	11	98	33	90	152	1	1
S. ATLANTIC Del.	279 6	265 2	193 4	233 8	551 8	524 7	1,652 9	2,246 43	616 4	438 1
Md.	64	61	10	24	102	73	253	297	60	94
D.C. Va.	11 39	13 31	4 16	5 23	3 170	2 87	406	440	25	1 27
W. Va. N.C.	1 18	4 20	5 26	5 30	18 67	16 109	56 510	74 676	4 427	5 207
S.C.	9	4	11	20	42	102	125	205	17	32
Ga. Fla.	54 77	60 70	21 96	27 91	32 109	29 99	290 3	323 188	61 18	63 8
E.S. CENTRAL	27	27	53	73	234	131	121	183	165	112
Ky. Tenn.	4 7	8 5	9 15	16 19	57 135	41 61	20 36	33 96	2 89	1 60
Ala. Miss.	11 5	7 7	14 15	20 18	28 14	18 11	54 11	53 1	40 34	20 31
W.S. CENTRAL	96	111	97	149	603	607	939	1,001	167	56
Ark. La.	7 4	4 4	14 32	13 36	55 10	42 10	43	25 2	86 5	-
Okla.	7	4	9	14	33	70	93	169	71	42
Tex. MOUNTAIN	78 39	99 36	42 56	86 69	505 1,205	485 790	803 194	805 163	5 25	14 8
Mont.	-	-	3	4	46	5	24	20	3	1
Idaho Wyo.	1 -	1 1	6 3	6 2	34 28	69 124	7 5	15 6	4 4	2 2
Colo. N. Mex.	13 2	21 1	13 7	20 8	590 125	273 61	42 4	38 5	2 2	2
Ariz.	11	7	12	21	190	118	101	61	2	-
Utah Nev.	7 5	4 1	5 7	8	154 38	107 33	8 3	14 4	8 -	1 -
PACIFIC	133	152	242	279	1,355	1,999	155	201	5	1
Wash. Oreg.	16 16	21 9	29 52	28 48	605 340	611 396	6	6	3	-
Calif. Alaska	97 1	115 1	152 3	185 7	381 9	974 8	141 8	187 8	2	1
Hawaii	3	6	6	11	20	10	-	-	-	-
Guam P.R.	-	1 1	- 5	- 9	- 6	1 2	- 52	- 65	- N	- N
V.I.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U -	U U	U -	U U	U -	U U	U -	U U	U -	U U

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(42nd Week)*					1		Strei	otococcus pne	umoniae. inv	asive
					Streptococc		Drug res	sistant,		
	Salmon Cum.	ellosis Cum.	Shigel Cum.	llosis Cum.	invasive,	group A Cum.	all a	ges Cum.	Age <	5 years Cum.
Reporting area	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
UNITED STATES	32,300	34,825	9,391	18,940	3,776	4,715	1,778	1,633	562	555
NEW ENGLAND Maine	1,713 77	1,765 109	242 4	272 6	157 8	405 24	26 2	81	59 3	7
N.H.	120	124	7	7	16	28	-	-	N	N
Vt. Mass.	50 985	63 1,030	2 152	7 182	8 108	18 180	7 N	6 N	3 46	4 N
R.I.	99	103	18	13	17	11	17	10	7	3
Conn.	382	336	59	57	-	144	400	65	U	U
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	4,490 989	4,063 941	949 370	1,941 371	603 199	819 309	108 44	106 56	89 60	80 59
N.Y. City	1,016	1,131	308	329	83	121	U	Ü	U	U
N.J. Pa.	734 1,751	681 1,310	185 86	313 928	141 180	154 235	64	50	6 23	2 19
E.N. CENTRAL	4,064	4,649	835	1,557	744	1,111	399	365	136	245
Ohio	1,085	1,129	144	259	199	263	279	236	67	79
Ind. III.	504 1,073	458 1,607	186 251	128 842	85 159	107 280	120	129	33	24 99
Mich.	736	660	118	218	258	317	N	N	N	N
Wis.	666	795	136	110	43	144	N	N	36	43
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	1,998 505	2,060 458	346 58	643 88	259 127	291 141	16 -	15	84 55	61 42
Iowa	384	316	61	61	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mo. N. Dak.	519 37	766 30	131 3	313 6	54 11	65 15	11	11 3	12 2	3 5
S. Dak.	111	101	10	16	15	20	5	1	-	-
Nebr. Kans.	127 315	138 251	22 61	79 80	13 39	24 26	N	- N	6 9	5 6
S. ATLANTIC	9,088	8,625	2,265	5,713	835	777	942	876	46	17
Del.	81	90	6	159	3	6	4	1	N	N
Md. D.C.	682 52	694 34	121 32	519 64	138 9	190 8	- 5	18	33 3	7
Va.	1,016	845	137	375	65	91	N	N	N	N
W. Va. N.C.	189 1,315	109 1,104	6 293	837	22 105	31 93	94 N	60 N	10 U	10 U
S.C.	765	619	275	402	37	38	69	123	N	N
Ga. Fla.	1,637 3,351	1,653 3,477	571 824	1,031 2,326	262 194	153 167	276 494	198 476	N N	N N
E.S. CENTRAL	2,121	2,401	648	791	185	165	114	118	4	-
Ky. Tenn.	289 512	333 627	59 317	113 262	54 131	41 124	24 89	15 103	N N	N N
Ala.	605	591	226	260	-	124	-	103	N	N
Miss.	715	850	46	156	-	-	1	-	4	-
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	2,754 428	5,173 677	2,062 57	4,879 97	230 16	236 6	49 7	62 19	106 8	87 7
La.	584	753	227	403	2	1	42	43	24	17
Okla. Tex.	345 1,397	398 3,345	385 1,393	707 3,672	56 156	74 155	N N	N N	36 38	43 20
MOUNTAIN	2,013	1,815	686	998	432	391	31	6	38	58
Mont.	176	90	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Idaho Wyo.	131 47	148 71	12 5	26 6	8 8	18 2	N 9	N 5	N -	N -
Colo.	476	412	135	254	125	112	-	-	35	44
N. Mex. Ariz.	224 609	225 535	106 336	205 406	70 180	96 132	5 N	N	N	10 N
Utah	207	180	41	41	38	28	15	1	3	4
Nev.	143	154	47	58	3	2	2	-	-	-
PACIFIC Wash.	4,059 476	4,274 472	1,358 95	2,146 143	331 53	520 56	93	4	N	- N
Oreg.	361	361	59	200	N	N	N	N	N	N
Calif. Alaska	2,871 50	3,209 57	1,156 5	1,757 8	178 -	358	N -	N -	N N	N N
Hawaii	301	175	43	38	100	106	93	4	-	-
Guam	-	40	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-
P.R. V.I.	225	537 -	8 -	25	N -	N -	N -	N -	N -	N -
Amer. Samoa	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
C.N.M.I.	3	U	-	U	-	U	-	U	-	U

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(42nd Week)*											
	Drimon: 9	Syphil		ionital	Tuba	rculosis	Tunka	id fovor	Varicella (Chickenpox)		
	Cum.	cum.	Cum.	jenital Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	id fever Cum.	Cum.	Cum.	
Reporting area	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	
UNITED STATES NEW ENGLAND	5,950 156	5,626 166	271 5	355 1	8,197 289	10,100 342	238 19	304 26	14,461 607	12,952 2,515	
Maine	2	7	-	-	-	19	-	-	180	644	
N.H. Vt.	4 -	16 -	3 -	-	13	11 8	-	2	427	577	
Mass. R.I.	98 21	105 18	- 1	-	185 29	176 42	13 1	15 2	-	142 5	
Conn.	31	20	1	1	62	86	5	7	-	1,147	
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	774 79	693 32	38 3	56 9	1,629 202	1,778 228	54 9	72 12	73	31	
N.Y. City	464	395	12	30	815	915	18	34	-	-	
N.J. Pa.	126 105	138 128	22 1	17 -	343 269	351 284	13 14	21 5	73	31	
E.N. CENTRAL	665	740	48	61	942	921	17	32	4,525	4,396	
Ohio Ind.	175 46	169 36	1 8	3 11	159 101	162 105	5	2 4	1,090	1,009	
III. Mich.	266 151	309 211	12 27	18 28	418 193	439 165	- 10	16 10	3,043	2,683	
Wis.	27	15	-	1	71	50	2	-	3,043	704	
W.N. CENTRAL	125	124	5	4	349	375	8	6	129	47	
Minn. Iowa	15 5	37 8	1 -	-	140 29	154 26	4 -	2 2	N	N	
Mo. N. Dak.	78 -	48 2	2	4	85 3	97 -	2	1 -	5 81	- 47	
S. Dak.	-	2 5	-	-	8	16	-	-	43	-	
Nebr. Kans.	5 22	22	2	-	27 57	16 66	2 -	1 -	-	-	
S. ATLANTIC	1,544	1,480	40	71	1,551	1,959	41	44	1,902	1,766	
Del. Md.	8 287	6 254	1 7	11	191	23 194	11	9	4 -	24	
D.C. Va.	67 85	41 68	1 2	- 1	66 213	209	7	- 14	21 486	25 475	
W. Va. N.C.	2	2	9	16	15	19	-	7	1,137 N	1,027	
S.C.	150 97	128 84	6	11	233 151	247 136	6 -	-	254	N 215	
Ga. Fla.	268 580	393 504	1 13	13 19	11 671	418 713	7 10	5 9	-	-	
E.S. CENTRAL	325	259	18	11	434	546	7	5	-	-	
Ky. Tenn.	34 105	30 111	1 8	1 2	92 156	95 183	3 4	2	-	-	
Ala. Miss.	141 45	96 22	7 2	6 2	153 33	175 93	-	3	-	-	
W.S. CENTRAL	974	747	43	63	774	1,489	19	29	5,199	3,734	
Ark. La.	34 223	41 126	-	2	87	73	-	-	46	14	
Okla.	24	55	2	1	131	117	1	1	-	-	
Tex. MOUNTAIN	693 294	525 259	41 45	59 29	556 382	1,299 358	18 6	28 6	5,153 2,026	3,720 463	
Mont.	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	-	2,020	403	
Idaho Wyo.	18 3	10	2	2	4 3	8 3	-	1 -	34	43	
Colo. N. Mex.	36 46	27 52	- 1	3 6	85 18	79 39	1	3	1,556 83	2	
Ariz.	155	155	42	18	175	172	2	2	-	-	
Utah Nev.	7 29	5 10	-	-	33 60	30 22	1 2	-	353 -	418	
PACIFIC	1,093	1,158	29	59	1,847	2,332	67	84	-	-	
Wash. Oreg.	107 24	64 37	-	-	186 65	197 87	6 2	3 3	-	-	
Calif. Alaska	955 1	1,050 1	28	58	1,472 32	1,910 46	53	77	-	-	
Hawaii	6	6	1	1	92	92	6	1	-	-	
Guam	- 440	1	-	- 12	- 62	41	-	-	-	121	
P.R. V.I.	112 4	165 1	5 -	13 . .	62	86	-	-	230	496 -	
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U 2	U U	U -	U U	U 10	U U	U -	U U	U -	U U	
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TABLE III. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities.* week ending October 23, 2004 (42nd Week)

TABLE III. Deaths	s in 122 U.S. cities,* week ending October 23, 2004 (42nd Week) All causes, by age (years) All causes, by age								v age (v	ge (vears)					
	All			,			P&I†	All			Г	P&I [†]			
Reporting Area	Ages	<u>></u> 65	45–64	25–44	1–24	<1	Total	Reporting Area	Ages	<u>≥</u> 65	45–64	25–44	1–24	<1	Total
NEW ENGLAND	558	399	101	35	9	14 4	43	S. ATLANTIC	1,249	758 75	306	109	44	32	82
Boston, Mass. Bridgeport, Conn.	146 27	94 17	36 7	8 2	4	1	11 1	Atlanta, Ga. Baltimore, Md.	145 241	75 138	45 69	16 25	7 7	2	6 29
Cambridge, Mass.	12	12	-	-	_		1	Charlotte, N.C.	97	58	23	9	5	2	6
Fall River, Mass.	27	20	3	3	1	-	5	Jacksonville, Fla.	159	99	36	13	4	7	8
Hartford, Conn.	52	31	13	5	1	2	5	Miami, Fla.	107	68	21	12	5	1	7
Lowell, Mass.	29	25	3	1	-	-	5	Norfolk, Va.	40	26	8	3	1	2	1
Lynn, Mass.	9	6	3	-	-	-	-	Richmond, Va.	53	31	14	5	2	1	5
New Bedford, Mass. New Haven, Conn.	25 U	18 U	3 U	3 U	1 U	- U	3 U	Savannah, Ga. St. Petersburg, Fla.	48 55	29 44	16 9	2 1	1 -	1	3 1
Providence, R.I.	95	70	17	3	-	5	5	Tampa, Fla.	181	128	33	9	6	5	14
Somerville, Mass.	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	Washington, D.C.	103	48	31	10	5	9	2
Springfield, Mass.	48	31	9	5	2	1	4	Wilmington, Del.	20	14	1	4	1	-	-
Waterbury, Conn.	28	24	2	2	-	-	1	E.S. CENTRAL	804	534	188	46	18	18	55
Worcester, Mass.	58	50	5	2	-	1	2	Birmingham, Ala.	178	121	41	11	2	3	18
MID. ATLANTIC	2,257	1,578	452	140	38	46	127	Chattanooga, Tenn.	104	75	22	3	3	1	5
Albany, N.Y.	45	34	4	4	2	1	3	Knoxville, Tenn.	74	45	17	9	2	1	-
Allentown, Pa.	19	15	4		-	-	-	Lexington, Ky.	53	34	14	2	1	2	9
Buffalo, N.Y.	79	57 45	16	4	1	1	8	Memphis, Tenn.	131	81	37	6	3	4	7
Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J.	29 19	15 13	6 4	4 1	1 1	3	2	Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala.	73 42	49 26	18 11	4 3	2 1	- 1	3 3
Erie, Pa.	54	42	7	3	2	_	7	Nashville, Tenn.	149	103	28	8	4	6	10
Jersey City, N.J.	34	19	10	3	1	1	-								
New York City, N.Y.	1,119	781	238	72	10	17	43	W.S. CENTRAL Austin, Tex.	1,456 87	922 57	332 16	117 10	45 2	40 2	78 3
Newark, N.J.	59	29	18	6	2	2	3	Baton Rouge, La.	67	56	10	10	-	_	-
Paterson, N.J.	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Corpus Christi, Tex.	38	28	4	1	2	3	2
Philadelphia, Pa. Pittsburgh, Pa.§	327 14	213 9	71 4	22 1	12	9	21 2	Dallas, Tex.	235	115	73	26	13	8	20
Reading, Pa.	30	24	6	-	-	-	4	El Paso, Tex.	90	58	18	10	1	3	4
Rochester, N.Y.	163	130	22	8	_	3	12	Ft. Worth, Tex.	143	85	36	7	8	7	4
Schenectady, N.Y.	33	27	5	-	1	-	3	Houston, Tex.	330	215	74	29	8	4	26
Scranton, Pa.	35	28	4	2	-	1	1	Little Rock, Ark. New Orleans, La.	88 35	56 25	20 8	5 2	3	4	3
Syracuse, N.Y.	129	95	21	5	3	5	13	San Antonio, Tex.	192	127	41	17	4	3	10
Trenton, N.J.	33	19	7	2	2	3	1	Shreveport, La.	33	21	7	3	-	2	2
Utica, N.Y. Yonkers, N.Y.	17 19	12 16	4 1	1 2	-	-	2 2	Tulsa, Okla.	118	79	25	6	4	4	4
E.N. CENTRAL	2,102	1,442	445	138	36	41	187	MOUNTAIN	1,003	671	196	89	33	13	66
Akron, Ohio	69	46	13	7	-	3	11	Albuquerque, N.M.	121	85	27	4	2	3	6
Canton, Ohio	38	26	9	2	1	-	3	Boise, Idaho	38	28	7	2	1	-	4
Chicago, III.	334	195	96	27	9	7	31	Colo. Springs, Colo. Denver, Colo.	59 106	37 69	12 22	7 14	1 -	2 1	4 5
Cincinnati, Ohio	78	59	15	1	-	3	10	Las Vegas, Nev.	247	167	54	19	5	2	15
Cleveland, Ohio	220	166	37	11	2	4	8	Ogden, Utah	45	32	11	-	2	-	3
Columbus, Ohio Dayton, Ohio	203 141	131 112	45 19	17 5	5 3	5 2	21 14	Phoenix, Ariz.	88	59	11	11	5	1	6
Dayton, Onlo Detroit, Mich.	187	93	67	16	7	4	15	Pueblo, Colo.	33	25	6	1	1	-	3
Evansville, Ind.	41	37	2	1	-	1	4	Salt Lake City, Utah	133	85	23	12	10	3	10
Fort Wayne, Ind.	64	50	9	3	1	1	4	Tucson, Ariz.	133	84	23	19	6	1	10
Gary, Ind.	13	11	-	-	2	-	1	PACIFIC	1,607	1,128	314	103	36	26	142
Grand Rapids, Mich.	56	45	8	2	1	- 7	5	Berkeley, Calif.	19	10	6	2	1	1	4
Indianapolis, Ind. Lansing, Mich.	215 32	143 24	43 6	20 1	2 1	/	21 8	Fresno, Calif. Glendale, Calif.	115 17	89 15	18	7 2	-	1	9 2
Milwaukee, Wis.	88	59	21	8	-		8	Honolulu, Hawaii	67	44	16	4	1	2	2
Peoria, III.	61	42	14	2	1	2	2	Long Beach, Calif.	65	43	16	5	1	-	7
Rockford, III.	47	37	6	3	1	-	4	Los Angeles, Calif.	462	337	84	25	8	8	45
South Bend, Ind.	41	30	7	4	-	-	1	Pasadena, Calif.	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Toledo, Ohio	110	89	14	5	-	2	11	Portland, Oreg.	128	90	20	13	3	2	5
Youngstown, Ohio	64	47	14	3	-	-	5	Sacramento, Calif. San Diego, Calif.	U 125	U 86	U 23	U 9	U 6	U 1	U 13
W.N. CENTRAL	730	471	155	53	33	18	40	San Francisco, Calif.	125	78	28	12	4	3	16
Des Moines, Iowa	96	74	12	4	3	3	5	San Jose, Calif.	196	133	45	9	4	5	23
Duluth, Minn.	37	28	9	- ,	-	-	1	Santa Cruz, Calif.	24	19	4	1	-	-	-
Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo.	45 83	30 59	12 14	1 6	2 4	-	4 4	Seattle, Wash.	118	74	27	10	5	2	6
Lincoln, Nebr.	34	27	- 14	4	2	1	6	Spokane, Wash.	55	44	8	1	-	2	5
Minneapolis, Minn.	62	35	15	5	5	2	3	Tacoma, Wash.	91	66	19	3	3	-	5
Omaha, Nebr.	79	53	17	2	4	3	4	TOTAL	11,766 [¶]	7,903	2,489	830	292	248	820
St. Louis, Mo.	156	78	48	17	6	7	6								
St. Paul, Minn.	42	30	6	3	1	2	3								
Wichita, Kans.	96	57	22	11	6		4								

U: Unavailable. -:No reported cases.

* Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 122 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of ≥100,000. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.

† Pneumonia and influenza.

§ Because of changes in reporting methods in this Pennsylvania city, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.

† Total includes unknown ages.

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