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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **March 2 - 9, 2009**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## Emergency Preparedness

### **Key Findings — Public Health Preparedness: Strengthening CDC's Emergency Response - CDC - March 4**

This brochure presents key findings from the CDC report, Public Health Preparedness: Strengthening CDC's Emergency Response. The key findings summarize FY 2007 TPER-funded public health preparedness accomplishments and priorities as CDC continues to strive toward its preparedness goal.  
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/publications/jan09phprep/keyfindings/>

### **Recommendations for a National Mass Patient and Evacuee Movement, Regulating, and Tracking System - AHRQ - March 6**

These recommendations are offered to assist in development of a system that could be used during a mass casualty or evacuation event to locate, track, and regulate patients and evacuees. The recommendations can provide decision support to persons and organizations responsible for patient and evacuee movement, health care and transportation resource allocation, and incident management.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/natlsystem/?zbrandid=3032&zidType=CH&zid=1651203&zsubscriberId=750816690>

## Food Safety

### **Search for Peanut Butter Product Recalls - FDA - Updated Daily**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to maintain the searchable database that will be updated as new information becomes available:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>

- [CDC Investigation Update Homepage](#) - Update for March 3, 2009 (next web update will be available Tuesday, March 10)
- [FDA Recall Homepage](#)

## Pandemic Influenza

### **Antibodies Neutralize Multiple Flu Strains - NIH - March 2**

Two separate scientific teams have discovered antibodies that attach to a vulnerable region in a broad range of influenza A viruses, including the H5N1 avian virus, the 1918 pandemic influenza virus and seasonal H1N1 flu viruses. The finding could potentially help scientists develop tools to prevent or treat

the flu during an outbreak or pandemic.

[http://www.nih.gov/news/research\\_matters/march2009/03022009flustrains.htm](http://www.nih.gov/news/research_matters/march2009/03022009flustrains.htm)

## Infectious Diseases

### **Rabies Virus Diagnosis and Detection In Suspect Animals - CDC - March 4**

Based upon a recent commercial press release, CDC has received many inquiries concerning a new rapid test for rabies diagnosis in animals. Below you'll find answers to questions on rabies diagnosis in animals and current public health recommendations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/qanda/rabiesdiagnostics.html>

## Seasonal Influenza

### **Infections With Oseltamivir-Resistant Influenza A(H1N1) Virus in the United States - JAMA - March 2**

During the 2007-2008 influenza season, oseltamivir resistance among influenza A(H1N1) viruses increased significantly for the first time worldwide. Early surveillance data suggest that the prevalence of oseltamivir resistance among A(H1N1) viruses will most likely be higher during the 2008-2009 season.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/2009.294>

### **Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - CDC - March 6**

During week 8 (February 22-28, 2009), influenza activity in the United States remained at approximately the same level as in the previous week.

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

### **Weekly US Map - CDC- March 06**

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

## Travelers' Health

### **2009 Measles Update - CDC - March 5**

Measles remains a common disease in many parts of the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 20 million people worldwide are affected by measles each year. Measles outbreaks are common in many areas, including Europe. For many U.S. travelers and expatriates, the risk for exposure to measles can be high, but the illness can be prevented by a measles-containing vaccine.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/Measles.aspx>

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