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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Nov. 24 - Dec. 1, 2008**. 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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## Food Safety

### **Update Interim Safety and Risk Assessment of Melamine and its Analogues in Food for Humans - FDA - Nov. 28**

On October 3, 2008, FDA issued its Interim Safety and Risk Assessment of Melamine and its Analogues in Food for Humans. This interim safety and risk assessment indicated that melamine, in its chainlike "polymerized" form, has been used to manufacture dishes, plastic resins, and components of paper and paperboard that may come in contact with food.

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/melamra4.html>

### **Multistate Outbreak of Salmonella Infections Associated with Frozen Pot Pies - United States, 2007 - CDC- MMWR - Nov. 28**

On June 6, 2007, a cluster of four human Salmonella serotype infections sharing a pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) pattern was identified by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and reported to PulseNet. Initial investigations conducted during June-September 2007 by state and local health departments in collaboration with CDC did not identify a source of infection. This report summarizes the results of subsequent investigations of the outbreak, which determined that 401 cases of salmonellosis occurred in 41 states during 2007, with 32% of ill persons hospitalized:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5747a3.htm>

### **FDA Reports Significant Progress in Protecting the Food Supply - FDA - Dec. 1**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today released a report on its implementation of the Food Protection Plan that was launched a year ago to protect both domestic and imported food from accidental and intentional contamination. The Plan, which outlines strategies for prevention, intervention and response, is designed to address food safety and food defense for both domestic and imported products and covers the full lifecycle of food, by encouraging the building of safety into every step of the food supply chain.

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01917.html>

### **Recent Food Safety and Inspection Services Recalls - FDA - Nov. 28**

Massachusetts Firm Recalls Ready-To-Eat Frozen Beef Sandwich Products For Possible Listeria Contamination.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_046\\_2008\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_046_2008_Release/index.asp)

New Jersey Firm Recalls Ground Beef Products Due to Possible E. coli O157:H7 Contamination.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_044\\_2008\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_044_2008_Release/index.asp)

## Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

**Hospital pandemic drill reveals major supply challenges - CIDRAP - Nov. 25**

Hospital workers who followed official infection control guidelines for pandemic influenza for 1 day used 10 times as many gloves as usual, generated three times as much clinical waste, and found that many tasks took longer than normal, according to a new report.

[http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/nov\\_2508ppe-jw.html](http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/nov_2508ppe-jw.html)

**Pandemic Influenza Training Opportunity - SOPHE/CDC - Dec. 4**

For the latest training opportunity on Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication on Pandemic Influenza please follow the link below:

<https://sophe.webex.com/ec0600l/eventcenter/event/eventAction.do>

## Seasonal Influenza

**Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - Nov. 28**

During week 47, WHO and NREVSS laboratories located in all 50 states and Washington D.C. reported 2,080 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 52 of which were positive: ten influenza A (H1) viruses, 26 influenza A viruses that were not subtyped, and 16 influenza B viruses. Twenty-five states from eight of the nine surveillance regions have reported laboratory-confirmed influenza this season with three states accounting for 235 (76.1%) of the 309 reported influenza viruses.

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

**Weekly US Map - Nov. 28**

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

**2008-2009 Flu Vaccines: Lot Release Status - Nov. 26**

Flu vaccine lots that have been released by FDA and are available for distribution by the manufacturers. For information on flu vaccine distribution schedules, please contact the manufacturers directly.

<http://www.fda.gov/cber/flu/flu2008.htm>

## Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Journal

The Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) journal provides recognition of new and re-emerging infections and understanding of factors involved in disease emergence, prevention, and elimination. It also represents the scientific communications component of CDC's efforts against the threat of emerging infections. See the **December 2008** issue of the EID journal at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/index.htm>

## Product Safety

**FDA Seizes Contaminated Heparin from a Cincinnati Manufacturer - FDA - Dec. 1**

As part of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's ongoing efforts to ensure that heparin for patients remains safe, the government today seized 11 lots of heparin from Celsus Laboratories Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/medsun/news/newsletter.cfm?news=31#3>

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