Week In Review

January 16, 2023

2022 Communicable Disease & PrEP Summit

Did you miss the 2022 Communicable Disease & PrEP Summit? All recordings and slide decks are now available online at our website.

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Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Updates

ACIP Meeting (ACIP)

COCA Call (COCA)
- Tuesday, January 24. Updates to COVID-19 testing and treatment for the current SARS-CoV-2 variants.

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC)
- January 26, 2023: Potential modification of the composition for primary COVID-19 vaccines

MMWR Weekly (No 2)
- Vaccination coverage with selected vaccines and exemption rates among children in Kindergarten
- Vaccination coverage by age 24 months among children born during 2018-2019
- Safety monitoring of bivalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccine booster doses among children aged 5-11 years
- Percentage of adults aged >18 years who have ever had hepatitis, but age group and sex

Food & Drug Administration
- None.
2022-2023 Flu Season

Week 1 (week ending January 7)
- Clinical Lab positivity: 8.6%
- Public Health Lab: Most frequently reported viruses: A(H3N2)
- Outpatient respiratory illness: 4.0%

Burden Estimates
- Illnesses: 24 M - 47 M
- Medical Visits: 11 M - 23 M
- Hospitalizations: 260,000 - 560,000
- Deaths: 16,000 - 48,000

Seasonal influenza activity continues but is declining in most areas.

Delaware Flu Cases
- Year to Date: 8,529
- New Castle: 3,920
- Kent: 2,135
- Sussex: 2,494

- This Week: 282
- ILI Rate: 3.3%
- Hospitalizations this Week: 2
Deaths: 1
Vaccines Administered: 302,787 (31.3%)

**Coronavirus Updates**

**Delaware** ([MyHealthyCommunity](#))
Total - 324,137
Deaths - 3,220

- New Castle - 183,560
- Kent - 63,130
- Sussex - 76,318
- Hospitalizations - 202
- Critical - 24
- Tests Positive: 15.5%
- Vaccines
  - Fully Vaccinated - 643,835 (66.5%)
  - Partially Vaccinated - 94,958
  - Bivalent - 173,916

**Updates**
- Delaware monthly COVID-19 update
- CDC and FDA note that the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) has uncovered a possible link to ischemic stroke on day 21-post Pfizer/BioNTech bivalent booster in individuals aged 65 and older

**Mpox Updates**

- 2022 [US Map & Case Count](#): 29,980 total confirmed mpox/orthopoxvirus cases
  - Delaware - 43
  - Maryland - 739
  - New Jersey - 764
  - Pennsylvania - 865
  - Virginia - 566

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**Outbreak News**

**WHO Disease Outbreak News**
January 3: African Region - Yellow Fever
January 12: Sudan - CVDPV2
January 14: Uganda - Ebola disease (outbreak declared over)

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**CDC Outbreak List**
December
Travel Notices

- Alert, Level 2
  - Polio - Global
  - COVID-19 - China, Hong Kong, Macau
  - Japanese Encephalitis - Australia
- Watch, Level 1
  - Measles - Africa
  - Dengue - Africa and the Middle East

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- Medicare Part D eliminates recipients' out-of-pocket costs for all ACIP-recommended vaccines starting Jan 1, 2023
- COVID-19 content updated
- Updated 65+ Flu Defense website offers resources for healthcare professionals serving older adults

Community Mobile Health Units

DPH Mobile Health Units provide HIV testing, counseling, and referral; COVID-19 testing and vaccines; blood lead testing; flu vaccines; and educational and resource connections. Click for weekly mobile unit times and locations.

- NIH: mucosal vaccines for respiratory viruses - challenges and approaches for development

Immunization Coalition of Delaware
https://www.immunizedelaware.org/

If you have something you'd like to see added to the ICD's Week in Review, please let us know!

The next ICD Quarterly Meeting will be held on February 16, 2023