Week In Review

March 04, 2024

ICD Quarterly Meeting

Minutes from the February 22 quarterly meeting can be found by clicking these links:

- Minutes
- Slide Deck

Updates

ACIP Meeting (ACIP)
- February 28-29, 2024. Presentations

COCA Call (COCA)
- None Scheduled.

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC)
- March 5, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.
- March 16, 2024, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

MMWR Weekly (No 8)
- Progress towards rubella and congenital rubella syndrome elimination - worldwide, 2012-2022
- Interim estimates of 2023-2024 seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness - USA
- Interim influenza vaccine effectiveness against laboratory-confirmed influenza
- Interim effectiveness of updated 2023-2024 monovalent XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccines against COVID-19-associated emergency department and urgent care encounters and hospitalizations among immunocompetent adults aged 18+ years

Food & Drug Administration (Announcements)
- Vaccination is the best protection against measles

2023-2024 Respiratory Disease
Influenza

Week 8 (ending February 24)

- Seasonal influenza activity remains elevated nationally with increases in some parts of the country
- 14.2% positivity
- Most frequent virus: B/Victoria
- Outpatient Respiratory Illness: 4.4%

Preliminary In-Season Estimates

- Illnesses: 26-49 M
- Medical Visits: 12-22 M
- Hospitalizations: 290,000-610,000
- Deaths: 18,000-53,000

Delaware ILI Activity Level: Low

- Hospitalizations, YTD: 72
- Deaths, YTD: 6
- Percentage Vaccinated: 31.6%

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COVID-19

As of February 29, 2024
- Positive cases this week: 462
- Current hospitalizations: 73.6
- Current critical hospitalizations: 5.9
- Total vaccinated with updated 2023-2024 dose: 14.5%

Cases By County
- New Castle: 203
- Kent: 87
- Sussex: 169

From the Experts

Emerging Infectious Disease
March 2024
Volume 30, Issue 3
Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacteria

Outbreak News

WHO Disease Outbreak News
February 16: MERS CoV - Saudi Arabia
February 29: Nipah Virus - Bangladesh

CDC Outbreak List
February - *Listeria* outbreak, linked to Queso Fresco and Cotija Cheese

Travel Notices

Warning, Level 2
- Chikungunya - Timor-Leste
- Diphtheria - Guinea, Niger, Nigéria, Vietnam
- Mpox - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Polio - Global

Watch, Level 1
- Dengue - Asia, Pacific Islands, Africa, Middle East, Americas
- Western Equine Encephalitis - Argentina
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever - Mexico
- Dengue - Americas, Africa, Middle East, Asia & Pacific Islands
In The News

- Britain seeks urgent reversal of fall in childhood vaccination rates
- CDC recommends another COVID-19 vaccine for older Americans (stay up to date with the recommendations here)
- New antibodies target "dark side" of influenza virus protein

2024 ICD Quarterly Meetings
2:00 - 3:30 pm

- Thursday, May 23
- Thursday, August 22
- Thursday, November 21

The meetings will be held on zoom, unless otherwise specified.

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!

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