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Arboviral Disease — United States, 1994

Arboviruses are mosquitoborne and tickborne agents that persist in nature in complex cycles involving birds and mammals, including humans. Characteristics of arboviral infection include fever, headache, encephalitis, and sometimes death. In 1994, health departments in 20 states reported 100 presumptive or confirmed human cases of arboviral disease* to CDC. Of these, 76 were California (CAL) serogroup encephalitis; 20, St. Louis encephalitis (SLE); two, western equine encephalomyelitis (WEE); one, eastern equine encephalomyelitis (EEE); and one, Powassan encephalitis (POW). This report summarizes information about arboviral disease in the United States during 1994.

Powassan Encephalitis

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POW was serologically confirmed in a 49-year-old female resident of Massachusetts who had onset of illness May 24. She reported removing an engorged tick from her abdomen approximately 2 weeks before onset of symptoms. She was admitted to the hospital on May 25 with a diagnosis of meningoencephalitis, which progressed during the following 72 hours to encephalitis involving the brain stem and basal ganglia. During hospitalization, the patient was comatose for 3 days and required mechanical ventilation. On June 16, she was discharged to a rehabilitation center and, on July 25, was transferred to a resident health-care facility. On examination in August 1995, she had residual weakness in her right leg requiring a brace. The patient's prolonged convalescence is consistent with that reported for POW encephalitis.

California Serogroup Encephalitis

During 1994, a total of 76 human CAL serogroup encephalitis cases were reported from 13 states: West Virginia (32 cases), Ohio (14), Wisconsin (seven), Illinois (six), Minnesota (four), Indiana and North Carolina (three each), Alabama (two), and Iowa,

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^{*}At CDC, a confirmed case is defined as febrile illness with mild neurologic symptoms, aseptic meningitis, or encephalitis with onset during a period when arbovirus transmission is likely to occur, plus at least one of the following criteria: 1) fourfold or greater rise in serum antibody titer, 2) viral isolation from tissue, blood, or cerebrospinal fluid; or 3) specific immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody in cerebrospinal fluid. A presumptive case is defined as compatible illness, plus either a stable elevated antibody titer to an arbovirus (≥320 by hemagglutination inhibition, ≥128 by complement fixation, ≥256 by immunofluorescent assay, or ≥160 by plaque-reduction neutralization test) or specific IgM antibody in serum by enzyme immunoassay.

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Kentucky, Michigan, Rhode Island, and Virginia (one each). Patients ranged in age from 6 months to 26 years (mean: 7 years). A total of 57 cases (75%) occurred among males. Onsets of illness occurred in May (one case), June (one), July (12), August (35), September (22), and October (five).

St. Louis Encephalitis

During 1994, a total of 20 human cases of SLE were reported from five states. Sixteen cases were reported in Louisiana; most (14) occurred in urban New Orleans (Orleans and Jefferson parishes). Three cases (in 44- and 60-year-old men and a 63year-old woman) were fatal. Patients ranged in age from 12 to 78 years (mean: 46 years). Of the 16 cases, nine (56%) occurred among males. SLE cases also were reported in residents of Riverside County, California; Charlotte County, Florida; Forrest County, Mississippi; and Harris County, Texas (one each). For the 20 total cases, onsets of illness occurred in July (one case), August (nine), September (nine), and October (one).

Western and Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis

During 1994, two human cases of WEE were reported from Goshen County in southeastern Wyoming; the cases occurred in a 40-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man. One human case of EEE in a 67-year-old man was reported from Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

Western and Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis in Animals

Surveillance for arboviral disease includes cases in susceptible animals because, during previous outbreaks, animal cases preceded human cases by 2–3 weeks. During 1994, a total of five WEE cases among horses were reported from three states: Idaho (two cases), Wyoming (two), and Texas (one). WEE was isolated from emus in Boulder County, Colorado (one), and Lancaster County, Nebraska (one), and from a symptomatic pigeon in Stanislaus County, California.

A total of 133 cases of EEE among horses were reported from 11 states: Florida (54 cases), South Carolina (20), North Carolina (15), Michigan (12), Georgia (nine), Alabama and New Jersey (seven each), Indiana and Louisiana (three each), Ohio (two), and Virginia (one). In addition, EEE virus was isolated from other species in five states. In Michigan, virus was isolated from two pheasant flocks. In Florida, EEE virus was isolated from 1–4-week-old piglets during an epizootic in the Florida panhandle in which 50 of 90 piglets observed had objective central nervous system signs; the number of deaths is unknown. In Georgia, EEE virus was recovered from a litter of 3-week-old boxer puppies; three of five puppies in the litter died. EEE cases in emus were reported from New Jersey (10 cases), Florida (three), Georgia (two), and North Carolina (one).

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report indicate that CAL serogroup encephalitis remains the most frequently reported arbovirus infection in the United States. Although the number of CAL serogroup encephalitis cases has remained relatively constant since the 1970s and was reported primarily from the Midwest, the number of cases reported from the South has increased. For example, in 1994, Alabama for the first time reported CAL serogroup encephalitis cases, and Kentucky and Virginia—which previously had reported a total of only six cases since 1964—each reported one in 1994.

In general, SLE occurs as periodic focal outbreaks followed by years of sporadic cases. In 1994, a small focal outbreak of SLE occurred in urban New Orleans. Evaluation of case-patients by date of illness onset and location suggests that the earliest cases occurred among persons living within or in proximity to urban public housing projects. Subsequent cases followed a pattern of radial spread from the central urban area, although the small number of cases preclude a definitive analysis. An investigation by New Orleans Mosquito Control Board personnel found large populations of immature and adult *Culex pipiens quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes under housing units. Leaking sewer lines located in the crawl space beneath these housing units provided an extensive and ideal habitat for the SLE virus vector mosquito.

The POW case in Massachusetts in 1994 was the first reported from that state. Previously, the most recent POW case in the United States occurred in New York in 1978. POW virus is a tickborne flavivirus most closely related to Russian spring summer and Central European encephalitis viruses. Although understanding of the epidemiology of POW virus in the United States is limited, the virus appears to be widely distributed. In North America, *Ixodes cookei* has been implicated as the principal tick vector, and virus has been recovered from several rodent and carnivore species, including the red squirrel, woodchucks, striped and spotted skunks, foxes, short- and long-tailed weasels, and the white-footed deer mouse.[†]

Human infections with POW virus occur infrequently, with seroprevalence rates of 0.5%–4.0% in areas where the virus is endemic (1). During 1958–1981, a total of 19 confirmed POW cases among humans were reported in North America, primarily from the northeastern United States and eastern Canada. Since 1981, five additional confirmed cases have been reported from Canada: Quebec (two, one fatal) (H. Artsob, Quebec Laboratory Center for Disease Control, personal communication, 1995); New Brunswick (one) (2); Ontario (one); and Nova Scotia (one) (M. Mahdy, Ontario Ministry of Health Laboratory Services, personal communication, 1995). Based on evaluation of the 24 total POW cases that occurred in North America during 1958–1994, risk for infection may be highest in wooded areas where potential contact with infected rodent or carnivore hosts or tick vectors is greatest. Of the 24 cases, 21 occurred in persons aged <20 years. Four of the acute infections were fatal, and two patients died 1 and 3 years after onset as a result of sequelae reported to be directly related to the disease.

Health-care providers should consider arboviruses in the differential diagnosis of aseptic meningitis and encephalitis cases during the summer months. Early identification of arboviral cases is important to implement risk-reduction strategies (i.e., use of vector-control practices, repellents, and changes in human activity patterns). Serum

[†] Tamiasciurus hudsonicus, Marmota monax and Mephitis mephitis, Spilogale putorius, Vulpes sp. Urocyon Cinereoargenteus (gray fox), Mustella erminea and Mustella frenata, and Peromyscus maniculatus, respectively.

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(acute and convalescent) and cerebrospinal fluid samples should be obtained for serologic testing, and cases should be promptly reported to state health departments. New rapid diagnostic techniques, including detection of immunoglobulin M antibody in acute serum or cerebrospinal fluids, have facilitated confirmation of arbovirus infections.

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Update: Influenza Activity — Worldwide, 1995

From October 1994 through August 1995, influenza activity occurred at low to moderate levels in most parts of the world. Influenza activity usually was associated with the cocirculation of influenza types A and B viruses. Overall, influenza A(H3N2) was the predominant influenza A subtype, but isolation of influenza A(H1N1) viruses increased during this period and was the most frequently isolated influenza virus in Australia from March through August. This report summarizes influenza activity worldwide from March through August 1995.

Africa. In Madagascar, circulation of influenza A(H3N2) began during January and continued through April; during April, influenza A(H1N1) was isolated in Madagascar. In South Africa, influenza A(H1N1) and influenza A(H3N2) viruses were isolated from samples collected for respiratory virus isolation during May–July. Influenza B viruses also were detected in South Africa during July. Influenza A(H3N2) was isolated in Zambia during June.

Asia. Influenza A(H1N1), A(H3N2), and influenza B viruses were isolated during every month from March through June in Asia. Influenza A(H1N1) viruses were isolated in Guam during May, in Hong Kong during March and April, and in Thailand during April, May, and July. Influenza A(H1N1) and influenza B viruses were isolated during outbreak-level activity in Taiwan during April–June. Other countries reporting influenza B activity associated with sporadic cases or outbreaks included China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Thailand. Influenza A(H3N2) viruses were isolated in China in association with sporadic and outbreak activity during April and from sporadic cases during June. Influenza A(H3N2) viruses also were isolated in Korea and Thailand during March, in Guam during March and May, in Hong Kong during March and July, and in Japan during April. Singapore reported influenza A activity every month from March through June; influenza A (H3N2) isolates were subtyped during March, May, and June. Additional influenza A viruses, subtype unknown, were identified by antigen-detection methods in Malaysia during March.

Europe. Activity in Europe began with an outbreak of influenza B virus in Portugal during October 1994 and continued from March through June. Influenza A(H3N2), A(H1N1), and influenza B viruses were isolated during this period. Outbreak activity was last reported from Romania and Bulgaria during May. Circulation of influenza A(H1N1) viruses increased from March through May and was associated with an

outbreak in members of a military unit in Bulgaria. Detection of both influenza A and influenza B viruses continued in France during June.

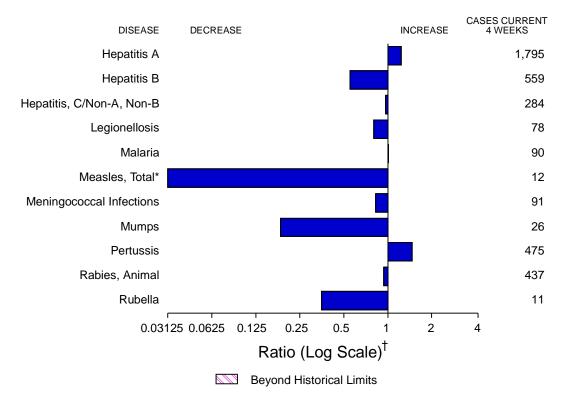
North America. Influenza A(H3N2) viruses predominated during the 1994–95 season, but influenza B and A(H1N1) viruses also were isolated. Following peak activity during February through early March in the United States, influenza A(H3N2), A(H1N1), and influenza B viruses continued to be isolated every month during March–June. Influenza A(H1N1) was isolated from one patient in Arizona during July. The number of influenza A(H1N1) isolates increased during February–May; most were collected during May. Late-season influenza activity also occurred in Canada. The most recent detection of influenza B virus was reported during the week ending June 3, and reports of influenza A virus isolation or detection continued during July and August. As in the United States, influenza A(H1N1) viruses were reported in Canada during the latter part of the influenza season.

Central and South America. Influenza A and influenza B viruses were detected during the 1994–95 influenza season in South America with influenza A predominating. Brazil reported detection of influenza A from February through April. In Chile, outbreaks of influenza were detected during May–July; influenza A predominated, but influenza B also was detected. In Argentina, the first case of influenza A was diagnosed in late May and outbreaks were reported during June and July; influenza A predominated, but influenza B also was detected. Reports of influenza-like illness increased in Uruguay during May–July, and influenza A virus was identified by antigen-detection methods. Influenza A virus was detected in one patient in Panama during June, followed by a single detection of influenza B virus during July. All influenza A viruses from Argentina, Brazil, and Chile subtyped or further identified by serologic testing were influenza A(H3N2). No influenza A(H1N1) isolates were reported from Central or South America.

Oceania. The influenza season began early in Australia with outbreaks in the Northern Territory at the end of March. Both influenza A(H1N1) and influenza B viruses were isolated during the outbreak, with influenza A(H1N1) viruses predominating. Influenza-like illness, as reported by general practitioners, increased through the beginning of July and remained stable during mid-July through the beginning of August. As the season progressed, the number of influenza B isolates increased; however, influenza A(H1N1) viruses remained more prevalent. Influenza A(H3N2) viruses were rarely isolated. In contrast, influenza B predominated in New Zealand through July, but the proportion of influenza A(H3N2) viruses were associated with outbreaks at the end of July.

Characterization of influenza virus isolates. From October 1, 1994, through August 15, 1995, a total of 760 influenza isolates collected worldwide were antigenically characterized by the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Control of Influenza at CDC. Of these, 535 (70%) were from North America, 76 (10%) from Europe, 130 (17%) from Asia, and 19 (3%) from South America and Oceania. Of the viruses subtyped, 396 (52%) were influenza A(H3N2), 91 (12%) A(H1N1), and 273 (36%) influenza B. Of the 396 influenza A(H3N2) isolates characterized, 227 (57%) were antigenically related to A/Shangdong/09/93, the 1994–95 vaccine strain, and 164 (41%) were more closely related to A/Johannesburg/33/94, the A(H3N2) component of the 1995–96 influenza vaccine. Of the 273 influenza B viruses,

FIGURE I. Notifiable disease reports, comparison of 4-week totals ending September 2, 1995, with historical data — United States



* The large apparent decrease in the number of reported cases of measles (total) reflects dramatic fluctuations in the historical baseline.

[†]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.

TABLE I. Summary — cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending September 2, 1995 (35th Week)

	Cum. 1995		Cum. 1995
Anthrax Brucellosis Cholera Congenital rubella syndrome Diphtheria <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> * Hansen Disease Plague Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	62 11 4 813 89 6	Psittacosis Rabies, human Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Syphilis, congenital, age < 1 year [†] Tetanus Toxic shock syndrome Trichinosis Typhoid fever	46 1 357 132 19 125 24 203

*Of 794 cases of known age, 190 (24%) were reported among children less than 5 years of age. [†]Updated quarterly from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, National Center for Prevention Services. This total through first quarter 1995.

-: no reported cases

Reporting Area	AIDS*	Gonor	rhea	А		В		C/N/	A,NB	Legionellosis	
1 5	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994
UNITED STATES	47,385	231,774	266,792	17,887	15,802	6,569	7,701	2,871	2,761	828	1,049
NEW ENGLAND Maine	2,412 74	3,432 58	5,376 63	181 19	205 20	133 7	243 11	79	103	18 5	39 4
N.H.	72	75	75	6	15	14	16	11	8	1	-
Vt. Mass.	23 1,014	37 1,921	21 2,071	4 73	6 81	1 57	6 145	1 63	7 68	10	23
R.I. Conn.	184 1,045	336 1,005	315 2,831	23 56	18 65	8 46	6 59	4	20	2 N	12 N
MID. ATLANTIC	12,777	22,979	30,409	1,020	1,138	789	1,013	265	332	122	162
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	1,634 6,547	3,846 7,375	7,397 11,319	262 478	404 419	261 233	274 214	146 1	158 1	32 3	38
N.J. Pa.	2,983 1,613	3,166 8,592	3,467 8,226	132 148	212 103	166 129	270 255	90 28	144 29	17 70	30 94
E.N. CENTRAL	3,613	50,335	53,920	1,972	1,529	658	803	182	229	216	304
Ohio Ind.	733 383	15,361 5,518	14,494 5,780	1,264 112	543 260	81 161	118 146	7 3	17 8	110 50	144 34
III. Mich.	1,525 721	13,628 11,988	16,687 11,860	217 254	383 181	94 282	216 257	33 139	62 142	13 22	26 55
Wis.	251	3,840	5,099	125	162	40	66	-	-	21	45
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	1,091 243	13,045 1,828	14,970 2,168	1,261 125	766 163	424 37	449 43	83 2	61 14	82 2	73 2
Iowa Mo.	55 476	983 7,495	972 8,261	48 902	35 358	31 306	22 333	9 49	7 15	17 43	26 23
N. Dak.	5	19	27	23	4	4		7	1	43	4
S. Dak. Nebr.	11 80	123 697	133 932	37 34	24 101	2 20	24	1 6	- 10	- 9	1 12
Kans.	221	1,900	2,477	92	81	24	27	9	14	7	5
S. ATLANTIC Del.	12,200 220	67,213 1,455	70,781 1,283	858 7	801 17	968 2	1,429 10	225 1	311 1	153 2	255 29
Md. D.C.	1,635 738	7,471 2,982	12,675 4,860	149 17	115 16	174 15	232 36	2	17	23 4	56 5
Va. W. Va.	965 77	6,211 471	8,900 530	136 17	108 11	79 39	84 28	10 40	18 23	13 3	5 1
N.C.	712	16,221	17,964	79	90	203	187	42	44	27	17
S.C. Ga.	671 1,628	8,190 10,351	8,688 U	34 55	30 25	34 63	23 505	16 15	7 163	29 23	9 95
Fla.	5,554	13,861	15,881	364	389	359	324	99	38	29	38
E.S. CENTRAL Ky.	1,551 197	29,485 3,283	31,444 3,344	1,053 26	394 116	588 43	824 61	719 13	623 21	34 6	67 8
Tenn. Ala.	638 411	9,343 12,360	9,997 10,849	863 61	157 65	468 77	709 54	704 2	589 13	21 6	33 11
Miss.	305	4,499	7,254	103	56	-	-	-	-	1	15
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	4,178 186	21,811 2,080	31,717 4,601	2,519 379	2,059 128	1,053 37	780 20	463 5	202 6	11 1	33 6
La. Okla.	715 196	7,771 1,496	8,273 3,231	80 629	106 196	140 342	120 93	113 314	114 42	2 3	10 11
Tex.	3,081	10,464	15,612	1,431	1,629	534	547	314	42	5	6
MOUNTAIN Mont.	1,466 16	5,700 47	6,641 66	2,755 72	3,049 17	536 19	442 17	299 10	305 6	89 4	66 14
Idaho	37	87	58	227	232	60	63	39	62	2	1
Wyo. Colo.	10 491	37 1,980	54 2,281	84 360	20 336	16 81	18 73	121 42	105 52	8 37	3 15
N. Mex. Ariz.	123 392	705 1,938	684 2,089	586 807	767 1,193	205 82	140 45	37 28	41 13	3 7	3 4
Utah	98	131	183	510	322	48	48	8	13	13	6
Nev. PACIFIC	299 8,097	775 17,774	1,226 21,534	109 6,268	162 5,861	25 1,420	38 1,718	14 556	13 595	15 103	20 50
Wash. Oreg.	667 285	1,771 212	1,998	540 1,314	760 661	122 59	163 96	144 29	185 25	18	10
Calif.	6,910	14,920	17,744	4,271	4,242	1,218	1,424	356	381	80	38
Alaska Hawaii	53 182	474 397	611 497	30 113	161 37	9 12	11 24	1 26	- 4	- 5	- 2
Guam	-	51	85	2	18	1	4	-	-	1	1
P.R. V.I.	1,851 27	351 6	344 17	80	41 2	523 2	229 6	239	121 1	-	-
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	-	18 23	20 34	5 15	6 5	-7	- 1	-	-	-	-
N: Not notifiable		navailable		rted cases		N.M.I.: Co		- 141 6 141-	utle com NA -		

 TABLE II. Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending

 September 2, 1995, and September 3, 1994 (35th Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable -: no reported cases C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands *Updated monthly to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for Prevention Services, last update August 31, 1995.

							Measle							
Reporting Area		me ease	Mal	aria	Indig	enous	Impo	orted*	То	tal		ococcal tions	Mu	mps
	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	1995	Cum. 1995	1995	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994
UNITED STATES	5,088	8,023	724	706	1	217	1	21	238	836	2,135	1,943	568	1,011
NEW ENGLAND Maine	1,374 16	1,958 17	34 4	53 4	-	6	-	1	7	27 5	100 7	90 18	10 4	16 3
N.H.	17	15	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	19	8	1	4
Vt. Mass.	7 123	12 119	1 10	3 27	-	- 1	-	- 1	- 2	3 7	6 36	2 40	- 2	- 2
R.I. Conn.	238 973	299 1,496	4 14	5 11	-	5	-	-	5	7 4	- 32	- 22	1 2	1 6
MID. ATLANTIC	2,965	4,767	174	134	-	6	-	4	10	211	254	208	82	86
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	1,559 81	3,134 11	41 85	38 45	-	1 2	-	-3	1 5	17 13	78 32	63 26	22 13	25 4
N.J. Pa.	581 744	978 644	34 14	29 22	-	3	-	1	4	173 8	73 71	47 72	6 41	13 44
E.N. CENTRAL	55	437	74	71	-	7	-	3	10	102	289	281	96	163
Ohio Ind.	37 10	29 13	7 13	8 10	-	1	-	-	1	17 1	89 41	79 38	31 3	42 6
III. Mich.	3	22 5	32 13	33 18	-	- 4	-	2 1	2 5	56 25	71 54	95 39	29 33	75 33
Wis.	-	368	9	2	-	2	-	-	2	3	34	30	-	7
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	98 42	145 58	17 3	32 10	-	2	-	-	2	170	141 22	126 12	38 2	50 4
Iowa	8	11	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	25	16	9	12
Mo. N. Dak.	30	68	6 1	11 1	-	1	-	-	1	160 -	58 1	61 1	22 1	31 2
S. Dak. Nebr.	- 1	- 3	1 3	- 4	-	-	-	-	-	- 2	5 12	7 9	- 4	- 1
Kans.	17	5	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	18	20	-	-
S. ATLANTIC Del.	403 7	532 69	162 1	135 3	-	10	-	1	11 -	53	386 5	281 5	85 -	147
Md. D.C.	267 1	158 4	43 14	49 10	-	-	-	1	1	4	28 3	25 3	20	42
Va. W. Va.	37 18	109 13	35 1	18	-	-	-	-	-	2 37	47 8	52 11	17	32 3
N.C.	43	59	13	7	-	-	-	-	-	3	58	42	16	35
S.C. Ga.	10 12	7 102	1 18	4 22	-	2	-	-	- 2	- 2	52 77	17 62	9 8	6 8
Fla.	8	11	36	22	-	8	-	-	8	5	108	64	15	21
E.S. CENTRAL Ky.	32 5	34 21	15 1	27 8	-	-	-	-	-	28	133 46	144 33	13	18
Tenn. Ala.	19 6	9 4	7 6	9 9	-	-	-	-	-	28	35 29	26 56	- 4	6 5
Miss.	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	29	9	7
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	82 5	85 7	17 3	36 3	-	19 2	1 -	3	22 2	16 1	266 22	229 37	36 4	179 5
La. Okla.	3 36	- 48	2 1	6 4	-	17	-	1	18	1	39 26	31 24	8	22 23
Tex.	38	30	11	23	-	-	1	2	2	14	179	137	24	129
MOUNTAIN Mont.	7	9	40 3	23	-	49	-	1	50 -	162	149 2	136 6	24 1	127
ldaho Wyo.	- 3	3 3	1	2 1	-	-	:	:	-	-	6 6	15 5	2	7 2
Colo.	1 1	1	17	10 3	-	8 30	-	-	8 31	19	37	25	2 N	3 N
N. Mex. Ariz.	-	-	4 7	2	-	30 10	-	1	10	1	30 48	13 47	2	91
Utah Nev.	- 2	1 1	5 3	4 1	-	- 1	-	-	- 1	133 9	13 7	18 7	11 6	13 11
PACIFIC	72	56	191	195	1	118	-	8	126	67	417	448	184	225
Wash. Oreg.	7 4	1 6	15 7	21 12	-	16 1	-	4	20 1	3 2	71 64	69 99	10 N	14 N
Calif. Alaska	61	49	158 1	149 1	1	101	-	3	104	53 5	271 7	273 2	157 13	195 2
Hawaii	-	-	10	12	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	5	4	14
Guam P.R.	-	-	- 1	-3	U -	- 11	U -	-	- 11	228 11	3 14	- 6	3	6 2
V.I. Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	-	U	-	U	-	-	-	-	-	2	3 2
C.N.M.I.	-	-	1	1	U	-	U	-	-	29	-	-	-	2

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending September 2, 1995, and September 3, 1994 (35th Week)

*For imported measles, cases include only those resulting from importation from other countries.

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

Reporting Area	Pertussis		Rubella			Sypl (Prima Secon	ary &	Tuberc	ulosis	Rabies, Animal		
	1995	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	1995	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994	Cum. 1995	Cum. 1994
UNITED STATES	117	2,311	2,531	-	113	205	10,032	14,439	12,759	14,495	4,745	5,080
NEW ENGLAND	10	296	255	-	34	128	118	156	326	320	1,073	1,272
Maine N.H.	- 1	22 22	3 48	-	1 1	-	2 1	4 3	12 9	- 13	22 113	- 111
Vt.	2	46	31	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	130	102
Mass. R.I.	7	193 1	149 5	-	7	124 2	43 2	66 12	185 29	171 32	330 222	479 26
Conn.	-	12	19	-	25	2	70	71	88	99	256	554
MID. ATLANTIC	7	183	397	-	11	6	572	971	2,703	3,015	927	1,322
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	-7	94 21	167 76	-	4 7	5	43 261	127 431	314 1,443	369 1,779	370	977
N.J.	-	5	12	-	-	1	120	150	507	510	250	198
Pa.	-	63	142	-	-	-	148	263	439	357	307	147
E.N. CENTRAL	11 9	223 91	395 106	-	4	9	1,737	2,167 848	1,203 184	1,373 220	58 8	43 2
Ohio Ind.	9 1	14	46	-	-	-	614 172	167	49	120	10	11
III. Miala	-	52	81	-	1	1	640	722	657	690	3	13
Mich. Wis.	1	54 12	38 124	-	3	8	193 118	203 227	265 48	302 41	30 7	10 7
W.N. CENTRAL	2	134	115	-	-	2	530	848	403	370	221	153
Minn.	-	43	51	-	-	-	28	33	88	88	8	14
lowa Mo.	-	6 40	7 29	-	-	- 2	34 450	43 725	47 160	36 160	88 19	65 14
N. Dak.	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	23	9
S. Dak. Nebr.	2	10 7	7 7	-	-	-	- 9	1 11	15 17	17 16	49 5	24
Kans.	-	20	10	-	-	-	9	34	73	47	29	27
S. ATLANTIC	11	224	243	-	26	15	2,538	3,702	2,247	2,653	1,444	1,368
Del. Md.	-	9 18	2 57	-	-	-	10 137	20 193	12 241	28 222	72 265	41 385
D.C.	-	4	5	-	-	-	75	161	68	81	11	2
Va. W. Va.	5	15	27 3	-	-	-	369 8	537 8	146 54	212 59	278 82	271 57
N.C.	3	84	58	-	1	-	, 776	1,158	287	331	332	112
S.C.	2	19 19	12	-	1	-	410	524	217	249	97	130
Ga. Fla.	1	56	23 56	-	1 23	2 13	494 259	570 531	323 899	504 967	183 124	268 102
E.S. CENTRAL	55	246	114	-	-	-	2,628	2,595	964	936	184	134
Ky.	1	9	56	-	-	-	143 592	140	201 294	221	20	15
Tenn. Ala.	52 2	202 34	18 28	-	-	-	592 451	702 467	294 275	265 277	56 102	34 81
Miss.	-	1	12	Ν	Ν	Ν	1,442	1,286	194	173	6	4
W.S. CENTRAL	-	193	104	-	7	12	1,310	3,177	1,524	1,807	527	464
Ark. La.	-	29 11	18 9	-	-		82 692	354 1,225	113 6	184 11	21 25	20 55
Okla.	-	23	22	-	-	4	54	114	146	171	31	25
Tex.	-	130	55	-	7	8	482	1,484	1,259	1,441	450	364
MOUNTAIN Mont.	5	352 3	351 4	-	4	4	181 4	195 2	405 10	349 9	102 34	106 13
Idaho	-	77	42	-	-	-	-	1	9	11	2	13
Wyo. Colo.	- 2	1 34	- 169	-	-		4 87	- 99	1 22	4 47	20	15 9
N. Mex.	3	72	20	-	-	-	32	18	56	43	3	4
Ariz. Utah	-	142 18	95 19	-	3 1	- 3	22 4	39 9	209 19	146 29	30 9	46 10
Nev.	-	5	2	-	-	1	28	27	79	60	4	6
PACIFIC	16	460	557	-	27	29	418	628	2,984	3,672	209	218
Wash.	- 3	113 22	83 77	-	2 1	- 4	11 6	28 28	175	184 90	4	11 8
Oreg. Calif.	3 10	22	382	-	21	4 21	400	28 567	25 2,626	90 3,181	- 201	168
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	47	45	4	31
Hawaii	3	39	15 2	-	3	4	-	2	111	172	-	-
Guam P.R.	U	- 6	2 2	U -	-	1	3 172	3 215	33 123	56 116	- 27	62
V.I.	U	-	-	U	-	-	2	22	-	-	-	-
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	- U	-	1	- U	-	-	- 4	1 1	3 13	4 25	-	-

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending
September 2, 1995, and September 3, 1994 (35th Week)

U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

	ŀ	All Cau	l Causes, By Age (Years)				P&I [†]		All Causes, By Age (Years)						P&l [†]
Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total	Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total
NEW ENGLAND Boston, Mass. Bridgeport, Conn. Cambridge, Mass. Fall River, Mass. Hartford, Conn. Lowell, Mass. Lynn, Mass. New Bedford, Mass. New Bedford, Mass. New Haven, Conn. Providence, R.I. Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass. Waterbury, Conn. Worcester, Mass. MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.L	25 42 6 35 29 58 2,318 49 13 99	357 97 25 18 17 16 6 18 17 31 4 24 24 24 5 1,495 35 13 74 20	92 38 9 1 2 6 3 - 2 6 4 2 6 4 2 6 4 9 431 5 - 13 5	40 17 3 1 2 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 277 3 - 7 0	6 4 1 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	17 9 - 1 1 - 1 - 1 3 - 1 50 6 - 2	22 4 4 - 1 - 3 - 3 84 1 - -	S. ATLANTIC Atlanta, Ga. Baltimore, Md. Charlotte, N.C. Jacksonville, Fla. Miami, Fla. Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Savannah, Ga. St. Petersburg, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Washington, D.C. Wilmington, Del. E.S. CENTRAL Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn.	179 105 10 906 92 85 64 80 237	681 83 106 49 735 24 36 27 37 129 59 3 609 57 57 59 49 50 157	250 34 52 16 30 27 7 16 13 7 25 22 1 174 20 18 6 21 48 22	151 28 34 20 7 4 5 1 18 16 - 75 5 6 22	37 4 8 1 4 2 1 3 1 7 5 28 2 2 3 2 7 4	28 10 5 4 1 - 1 6 1 - 18 4 1 1 3 1	66 67 18 24 35 14 50 31 4 57 7
Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa.§ Jersey City, N.J. New York City, N.Y. Newark, N.J. Paterson, N.J. Philadelphia, Pa. Pittsburgh, Pa.§ Reading, Pa. Rochester, N.Y. Scranton, Pa.§ Syracuse, N.Y. Trenton, N.J. Utica, N.Y. Yonkers, N.Y. E.N. CENTRAL	37 50 45 1,311 80 260 45 17 125 30 30 30 74 19 14 27 2,237	20 13 41 26 824 30 12 134 23 23 21 53 8 13 23 1,429	5 10 7 245 245 24 2 25 4 5 11 6 1 3 416	10 4 2 4 181 21 1 18 3 1 6 2 2 6 5 - 1 213	2 2 36 3 1 1 1 2 2 - - - - 82	- 1 25 6 1 - 1 - 2 - 56	2 1 3 29 11 1 3 5 2 3 7 1 1 1 1 33	Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn. W.S. CENTRAL Austin, Tex. Baton Rouge, La. Corpus Christi, Tex. Dallas, Tex. El Paso, Tex. Ft. Worth, Tex. Houston, Tex. Little Rock, Ark. New Orleans, La. San Antonio, Tex. Shreveport, La. Tulsa, Okla.	191 55 78 366 77 121 185 61 99 828	118 41 78 888 47 326 36 116 34 53 205 52 22 71 125 45 72 537	22 10 29 286 11 3 15 38 18 19 76 17 22 38 11 18 14 14	18 4 157 17 3 4 24 24 63 4 11 4 7 90	4 17 54 2 1 12 15 2 9 8 1 1 1 32	1 1 25 5 1 - 1 - 4 7 2 1 3 - 1 28	7 2 11 81 2 3 5 6 6 3 25 5 - 16 7 3 44
Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Chicago, III. Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wayne, Ind. Grand Rapids, Mict Indianapolis, Ind. Madison, Wis. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. Rockford, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Kans. Kansa, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn. Omaha, Nebr. St. Louis, Mo. St. Paul, Minn. Wichita, Kans.	245 53 116 37 47 61 90 48 742 88 26 26 116 29	$\begin{array}{c} 21\\ 28\\ 322\\ 46\\ 94\\ 128\\ 83\\ 107\\ 17\\ 30\\ 5\\ 511\\ 169\\ 36\\ 87\\ 29\\ 36\\ 43\\ 62\\ 35\\ 523\\ 626\\ 24\\ 17\\ 711\\ 22\\ 118\\ 56\\ 744\\ 41\\ 34\\ \end{array}$	12 2 3 16 6 25 14 22 8	2 64 7 22 166 7 33 4 6 4 3 17 4 7 3 8 4 2 59 9 - 3 12 - 6 5 14 1 9	20 25 123 6 32 127 331 181 -31 141 41 412	- 12 3 3 6 3 3 3 4 4 4 1 1 - 3 3 8 - 3 1 2 2 1 2 6 2 2 2 2 2	24 38 60 9525 67 60 14 16 1 36 45 7111 4 22	Albuquerque, N.M. Colo. Springs, Colo Denver, Colo. Las Vegas, Nev. Ogden, Utah Phoenix, Ariz. Pueblo, Colo. Salt Lake City, Utah Tucson, Ariz. PACIFIC Berkeley, Calif. Fresno, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii Long Beach, Calif. Los Angeles, Calif. Partland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif. San Diego, Calif. San Jose, Calif. San Jose, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Seattle, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	. 56 127 112 28 175 21 999 115 1,550 1,550 11 96 27 64 73 400 23 400 23 100 U 139	57 40 81 72 21 108 15 64 79 1,021 60 19 45 261 17 75 81 119 15 91 41 62 7,540	17 10 18 22 6 27 5 16 254 17 5 7 6 75 3 18 U 259 14 27 10 16 2,156	17 315 10 1 10 13 179 10 2 5 7 38 211 0 26 29 14 3 15 1,241	2 6 6 1 0 1 5 2 6 9 6 1 3 3 22 1 4 U 7 5 7 1 2 3 4 385	2 3 7 2 9 9 4 1 25 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 2 2 6 3 2 2 2 2	2376251153842412661145U61112243 600

TABLE III. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,* week ending September 2, 1995 (35th Week)

*Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. 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.
 ¹Pneumonia and influenza.
 §Because of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.
 ¹Total includes unknown ages.
 U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

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66 (24%) were similar to B/Panama/45/90, the 1994–95 vaccine component, and 202 (74%) were similar to B/Beijing/184/93, the 1995–96 vaccine component. Of the 91 influenza A(H1N1) viruses, 12 (13%) were A/Texas/36/91-like, and 79 (87%) were more closely related to the antigenically similar A/Taiwan/01/86-like viruses (1,2). The influenza A(H1N1) component of the 1995–96 vaccine is A/Texas/36/91.

Reported by: World Health Organization National Influenza Centers, Communicable Disease Div, World Health Organization, Geneva. World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Control of Influenza. Influenza Br, Div of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.

Editorial Note: Based on recent patterns of worldwide influenza activity, the 1995–96 influenza season in the United States may be characterized by cocirculation of influenza type A(H3N2), type A(H1N1) and type B. However, because specific patterns of influenza activity cannot be predicted with certainty, the extent of virus circulation and the relative prevalence of the different influenza virus strains is unknown. Therefore, influenza vaccination should be offered each fall to persons at high risk for influenza-related complications and their close contacts and to health-care providers.

The influenza vaccine is updated annually to include viruses that are antigenically similar to the strains of the three distinct groups of influenza viruses that have been in worldwide circulation. Most of the influenza viruses isolated since March 1995 are antigenically similar to the 1995–96 influenza vaccine strains (CDC, unpublished data, 1995).

Vaccination against influenza is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for 1) persons aged ≥65 years; 2) persons who reside in nursing homes or chronic-care facilities; 3) persons with chronic cardiovascular or pulmonary disorders, including children with asthma; 4) persons who required medical follow-up or hospitalization during the previous year because of diabetes and other chronic metabolic diseases, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression; and 5) children and adolescents who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and who therefore may be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza. Vaccination also is recommended for health-care workers and other persons who are in close contact with persons in high-risk groups, including household members. Women who will be in the third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season may be at increased risk for medical complications following influenza infection and should consult with their health-care providers about receiving the vaccine. Influenza vaccine also can be administered to anyone who wants to reduce the likelihood of acquiring influenza.

Beginning in September, persons at high risk who are seen by health-care providers for routine care or as a result of hospitalization should be offered influenza vaccine. The optimal time for organized vaccination campaigns is mid-October through mid-November. Health-care providers should continue to offer vaccine to high-risk persons up to and even after influenza activity is documented in a community.

Information about influenza surveillance is available through the CDC Voice Information System (influenza update) by telephone ([404] 332-4555) or fax ([404] 332-4565) (document number 361100) or through the CDC Information Service on the Public Health Network electronic bulletin board. From October through May, the information is updated weekly. Periodic updates about influenza are published in *MMWR*,

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and information on local influenza activity is available through county and state health departments.

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Notice to Readers

NIOSH Alert: Request for Assistance in Preventing Deaths and Injuries of Adolescent Workers

CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) periodically issues alerts about workplace hazards that have caused death, serious injury, or illness in workers. One such alert, Request for Assistance in Preventing Deaths and Injuries of Adolescent Workers (1), was recently published and is available to the public.^{*} This alert summarizes information about work-related injuries and deaths among adolescents, identifies work that is especially hazardous, and offers recommendations for prevention. This information can help employers, parents, educators, and adolescent workers make informed decisions about safe work and recognize hazards in the work-place.

Each year, approximately 70 adolescents die from injuries at work. Hundreds more are hospitalized, and tens of thousands require treatment in hospital emergency departments. For example, 68 adolescents aged <18 years died from work-related injuries in 1993 (2), and an estimated 64,000 adolescents had work-related injuries that required treatment in hospital emergency departments in 1992 (3). Compared with adults, adolescents have a higher risk for work-related injury (4) and a similar risk for fatal occupational injury (5). During 1980–1989, the risk for fatal injury among workers aged 16 and 17 years was 5.1 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, compared with 6.0 for adult workers—even though adolescents are employed less frequently in especially hazardous jobs.

Agricultural businesses and retail trade accounted for the most work-related deaths among adolescents, and many deaths of workers aged <16 years occurred in familyowned businesses (1). Types of work associated with large numbers of deaths and serious injuries included the following: working in or around motor vehicles, operating tractors and other heavy equipment, working near electrical hazards, working in retail and service businesses with a risk for robbery-related homicide, working with fall hazards such as ladders and scaffolds, working around cooking appliances, and performing hazardous manual lifting.

To reduce the potential for serious injuries and deaths of adolescent workers, NIOSH recommends:

1. Employers should know and comply with child labor laws and should evaluate workplace hazards for adolescent workers.

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- 2. Parents should participate in their children's employment decisions and should discuss the types of work, training, and supervision provided by the employer.
- 3. Educators should know child labor laws, provide work experience programs with safe and healthful work environments, and incorporate occupational safety and health information in the general curriculum.
- 4. Adolescents should know their rights and responsibilities as workers and should seek training and information about safe work practices.

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Errata: Vol. 44, No. 32

In the article, "Human Granulocytic Ehrlichiosis—New York, 1995," references 4,5, and 3 at the end of the second and third sentences of the Editorial Note on page 594 should be renumbered (3,4) and (5), respectively; however, the numbers were attributed to the correct references in the list on the following page.

The fourth and new fifth sentences of the first paragraph of the Editorial Note should read: "*E. chaffeensis* has most commonly been identified in the Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) (6)." HGE patients reported having been bitten by "deer ticks" and "wood ticks" (possibly *I. scapularis* and *Dermacentor variabilis*, respectively) (2)." The new reference 6 is: Anderson BE, Sims KG, Olson JG, et al. *Amblyomma americanum*: a potential vector of human ehrlichiosis. Am J Trop Med Hyg 1993;49:239–44.

Erratum: Vol. 44, No. 34

In the article "Hypertension Among Mexican Americans—United States, 1982–1984 and 1988–1991," the last sentence on page 635 should read: "Analysis of characteristics of persons with hypertension included awareness (being told by a health professional of having hypertension), treatment (taking antihypertension medication),and control (taking antihypertension medication **and** having blood pressure <140/90 mm/Hg)."

Erratum: Vol. 43, No. 38

On page 702 of the article "Health Status of Displaced Persons Following Civil War—Burundi, December 1993–January 1994," in the "Reported by:" section, S Nkurikiye should be listed first, and the affiliation of JS Kidasi should be U.S. Agency for International Development.

Monthly Immunization Table

To track progress toward achieving the goals of the Childhood Immunization Initiative (CII), CDC publishes monthly a tabular summary of the number of cases of all diseases preventable by routine childhood vaccination reported during the previous month and year-to-date (provisional data). In addition, the table compares provisional data with final data for the previous year and highlights the number of reported cases among children aged <5 years, who are the primary focus of CII. Data in the table are reported through the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance.

	No. cases,		cases ry–July	No. cases among children aged <5 years [†] January-July			
Disease	July 1995	1994	1995	1994	1995		
Congenital rubella							
syndrome (CRS)	0	2	4	2	4		
Diphtheria	0	2	0	1	0		
Haemophilus influenzae§	102	708	728	200	177		
Hepatitis B [¶]	949	6,595	5,703	69	50		
Measles	16	818	220	192	79		
Mumps	52	829	519	136	103		
Pertussis	477	2,052	1,679	1,173	996		
Poliomyelitis, paralytic**	0	1	0	0	0		
Rubella	30	198	97	21	15		
Tetanus	2	21	13	0	1		

Number of reported cases of diseases preventable by routine childhood vaccination — United States, July 1995 and 1994–1995*

* Data for 1994 and 1995 are provisional.

[†]For 1994 and 1995, age data were available for \geq 93% of cases.

[§]Invasive disease; *H. influenzae* serotype is not routinely reported through the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance. Of 177 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 47 cases, and of those, 27 were type b, the only serotype of *H. influenzae* preventable by vaccination.

¹Because most hepatitis B virus infections among infants and children aged <5 years are asymptomatic (although likely to become chronic), acute disease surveillance does not reflect the incidence of this problem in this age group or the effectiveness of hepatitis B vaccination in infants.

**One case with onset in July 1994 has been confirmed; this case was vaccine-associated. An additional six suspected cases are under investigation. In 1993, three of 10 suspected cases were confirmed; two of the confirmed cases were vaccine-associated, and one was imported. The imported case occurred in a 2-year-old Nigerian child brought to the United States for care of his paralytic illness; no poliovirus was isolated from the child.

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