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Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis in Infants Following Pertussis Prophylaxis with Erythromycin — Knoxville, Tennessee, 1999

In February 1999, pertussis was diagnosed in six neonates born at hospital A in Knoxville, Tennessee. Because a health-care worker at hospital A was most likely the source of exposure, the local health department recommended on February 25, 1999, that erythromycin be prescribed as postexposure prophylaxis for the approximately 200 infants born at hospital A during February 1–24, 1999. In March 1999, local pediatric surgeons noticed an increased number of cases of infantile hypertrophic pyloric stenosis (IHPS) in the area, with seven cases occurring during a 2-week period. All seven IHPS cases were in infants born in hospital A during February who were given erythromycin orally for prophylaxis following possible exposure to pertussis, although none had pertussis diagnosed. The Tennessee Department of Health and CDC investigated the cluster of IHPS cases and its possible association with use of erythromycin. This report summarizes the results of the investigation, which suggest a causal role of erythromycin in this cluster of IHPS cases (1).

Case Review

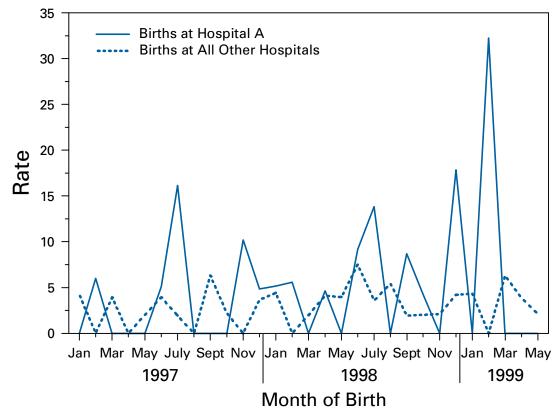
IHPS cases occurring during 1997–1999 were ascertained by reviewing medical records in the two area hospitals that provide IHPS treatment. IHPS was defined as a hospital diagnosis of pyloric stenosis (*International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification*, code 750.5) that required pyloromyotomy in an infant born in one of the six birthing facilities in the region during 1997–1999. The rate of IHPS cases per 1000 live-born infants for each month was calculated using the number of live-born infants at the six birthing facilities as the denominator. The incidence of IHPS among infants born at hospital A peaked during February 1999 with seven IHPS cases among 217 live-born infants (rate: 32.3 cases per 1000 live-born infants) (Figure 1), a rate that was nearly seven times higher than during 1997–1998 (relative risk=6.8; 95% confidence interval [CI]=3.0–15.7). No additional IHPS cases were reported among infants born during March–May 1999 at hospital A, and the risk for IHPS in the region returned to the background rates following the peak in February 1999.

To compare the clinical characteristics of the seven index IHPS cases with those of historical IHPS cases, a detailed chart review of IHPS cases from January 1998

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FIGURE 1. Incidence* of hypertrophic pyloric stenosis among infants born in hospital A and in all other birthing facilities — Knoxville, Tennessee, 1997–May 1999



*Per 1000 live-born infants.

through March 1999 was conducted at the two hospitals in the region that had pediatric surgery services. The diagnostic features of the seven index cases were similar to 40 historical cases. Compared with historical cases, index case-patients were younger at the time of admission for IHPS (mean age=25.6 days versus 35.4 days) and were less likely to have a family history of IHPS (0% versus 17.5%). The mean pyloric thickness and length as measured on ultrasound were similar in the two groups. All index case-patients had received oral erythromycin, compared with none of the historical case-patients.

To validate the IHPS diagnoses, a pediatric radiologist, who was blinded to the original readings, reviewed ultrasound films for the seven index case-patients and seven infants without IHPS. The ultrasound review showed perfect agreement with the original readings (Kappa=1.0; 95% CI=0.48–1.0).

Cohort Study

A retrospective cohort study of 282 infants born during January–February 1999 at hospital A was conducted to assess a possible association between erythromycin use, gastrointestinal symptoms, and IHPS. In the cohort, 157 infants (55.7%) had a history of oral erythromycin use. The prevalence of erythromycin use was 8.6% among 116 infants born during January 1999 and 88.6% among 166 infants born during

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February 1999. The erythromycin preparations administered to the infants included ethyl succinate (n=83), estolate (n=59), both ethyl succinate and estolate (n=one), and unknown (n=14). No differences were observed in gastrointestinal symptoms or risk for IHPS in relation to the type of erythromycin preparation.

The infants who were given erythromycin but who did not develop IHPS were aged 1–53 days when they began erythromycin (median age=13 days; mean=14.1 days), and the duration of erythromycin exposure ranged from 1 to 21 days (median duration=14 days; mean=12.2 days). The seven index IHPS case-patients were aged 2–17 days when they began erythromycin (median=5 days; mean=9.3 days), and the duration of their erythromycin exposure ranged from 10–18 days (median duration=14 days; mean=13.3 days). Seven IHPS cases occurred among infants who were exposed to erythromycin and none among infants not exposed to erythromycin (relative risk=infinity, lower bound of exact 95% Cl=1.7).

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Editorial Note: IHPS is a hypertrophy of the pyloric muscle that usually results in nonbilious, projectile vomiting that begins at about 3.5 weeks of age (2). IHPS affects approximately one to three infants per 1000 live-born infants and affects about four to five times as many male as female infants (3,4). Evidence suggests that the pyloric muscle hypertrophy of IHPS develops postnatally (5). The first case reports of a possible association between IHPS and erythromycin in five neonates were published in 1976 (6), but the association was considered improbable and had remained unconfirmed. The only subsequent report of this association was a single case report of IHPS in a breastfed infant whose mother had taken erythromycin (7). The findings in this report provide further evidence that erythromycin has a causal role in the etiology of IHPS and raise concerns about the use of erythromycin in neonates.

The peak in IHPS incidence in this region corresponded temporally with the use of erythromycin following the county health department recommendation. All index IHPS case-patients began having symptoms of either vomiting or excessive irritability while taking erythromycin.

The study described in this report is not population-based but includes all live-born infants at facilities in the Knoxville metropolitan area. Local clinicians and public health workers considered it unlikely that an infant born at one of these facilities would be referred outside the region for pediatric surgery, but this possibility cannot be completely eliminated. No evidence indicated a change in case definition, in referral patterns, or in pediatric surgeons or pediatric radiologists that could account for this increase in IHPS incidence. It is unlikely that children with severely hypertrophied pylori would not exhibit symptoms, and evaluation of the pyloric muscle of normal children versus those with IHPS has not demonstrated the existence of severe hypertrophy among asymptomatic children (8). Therefore, it is unlikely that IHPS cases were missed.

Previous epidemiologic studies of IHPS have not identified erythromycin as a risk factor, possibly because few neonates included in such studies were exposed to

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erythromycin. In most mass prophylaxis situations, the number of neonates treated may be small, possibly explaining why an increased risk for IHPS with erythromycin had not been established.

The prevention of pertussis in infants is important; most hospitalizations for and deaths from pertussis occur in children aged <1 year (9). Although no data exist to confirm a safe and effective alternative to erythromycin for prophylaxis of neonates exposed to pertussis, these findings indicate a need for further examination of recommendations for erythromycin prophylaxis (10). The high case-fatality ratio of pertussis in neonates demonstrates the need to prevent pertussis in this age group, as was done successfully in Tennessee. However, public health officials should continue to use caution in defining risk groups to minimize unnecessary prophylaxis. Physicians who prescribe erythromycin to newborns should inform parents about the possible risks for IHPS and counsel them about signs of developing IHPS.

Cases of pyloric stenosis following use of oral erythromycin should be reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) MedWatch, telephone (800) 332-1088, or through the World-Wide Web, http://www.fda.gov/medwatch.* Additional information on use of erythromycin for treatment of ophthalmia neonatorum and infant pneumonia caused by *Chlamydia trachomatis* in newborns is available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/eryth.htm or by fax, (800) 332-0178.

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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Associated with Use of LPG-Powered (Propane) Forklifts in Industrial Settings — Iowa, 1998

In 1998, the lowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and lowa State University (ISU) Extension Department, with the assistance of local health departments, investigated a series of carbon monoxide (CO) poisonings associated with the use of liquified petroleum gas (LPG)-powered forklifts in light industry. In each episode, forklifts emitting high CO concentration levels were operated in inadequately ventilated warehouse and production facilities, which resulted in high CO accumulations. Employees at each site developed symptoms of CO poisoning, and some employees received inadequate or inappropriate medical care. This report summarizes the investigations and provides recommendations to prevent such incidents.

Incident 1

On August 17 and 18, 1998, during three consecutive 8-hour shifts, 34 (45%) of 75 plastic manufacturing plant employees experienced symptoms of CO poisoning (primarily headaches) while at work. Ten ill employees were evaluated at three local emergency departments (EDs). Of five employees seen at one ED, possible CO poisoning initially was diagnosed in three workers. However, because of high pulse oximeter readings, this diagnosis was dismissed erroneously, and the three employees were discharged and returned to work. The other two employees had "possible poly vinyl chloride inhalation" and "syncopal episode" diagnosed, respectively; one was admitted to the hospital, and one was discharged home. Of four employees seen at a second ED, the first two had "migraine headache" and "torticollis" diagnosed, and the second two were suspected to be CO poisoned and had carboxyhemoglobin (COHb) levels of 3.8% (1 hour after leaving work) and 10.7% (2 hours after leaving work), respectively.* One employee was seen at a third ED, and a headache of undetermined cause was diagnosed.

A local physician notified IDPH when several plant employees sought follow-up treatment the next day. Overall, 25 (38%) of 65 plant employees interviewed by IDPH had illnesses that met the case definition of CO poisoning (i.e., headache and at least one of the following: weakness, dizziness, or nausea). Illness rates increased with each shift, and no substantial associations were found between illness and age, sex, recent illness such as cold or influenza, illness in family members, hay fever, asthma, or smoking.

When measured by investigators, the plant's two forklifts each emitted concentrations of CO in excess of 40,000 ppm (recommended guidelines range from 2000 to 10,000 ppm [1-3]). On August 17, the plant's air-conditioning system had been shut down for servicing, and an exhaust fan had malfunctioned, reducing the effective ventilation rate. However, the forklifts emitted such excessive amounts of CO that no practical level of ventilation could have maintained CO concentrations below recommended exposure limits.[†] Neither employees nor managers were aware that the

^{*}Normal COHb concentrations are <2% in nonsmokers and 5%–9% in smokers.

[†]CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health recommends that CO exposure not exceed 35 ppm as an 8-hour time-weighted average and that point exposure should never exceed 200 ppm.

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symptoms they experienced were related to CO poisoning, which delayed recognition and response.

Incident 2

In November 1998, after experiencing headaches, nausea, and dizziness over several days, employees of a warehouse brought conventional residential CO detectors to work; these detectors registered CO concentrations of 30–136 ppm. In the adjacent office area, concentrations as high as 76 ppm were recorded before employees inactivated the detectors to silence the continuous alarms. Employing industrial CO detectors, the investigation by IDPH determined that the facility's LPG-powered forklifts (producing from 40,000 to 70,000 ppm of CO) and inadequate plant ventilation allowed accumulations of CO up to 267 ppm in the warehouse. No employees reported seeking medical treatment.

Incident 3

From December 1998 through January 5, 1999, employees of an embroidery company experienced headaches and fatigue, and an employee's puppy became somnolent when brought to work. A local energy company was called to investigate. The company measured CO concentrations of 100–200 ppm in the embroidery offices. While attempting to find the source of CO, investigators found levels of 200–450 ppm in a wooden pallet manufacturer located in the same building one floor below the embroidery offices.

One symptomatic office employee, a pregnant woman, consulted her obstetrician and reportedly was told that no postexposure treatment existed. Approximately 24 hours after her last exposure to CO and after seeking medical advice from experts in CO poisoning, she and another symptomatic employee were treated with hyperbaric oxygen (4). At the time of treatment, their COHb levels were within the normal range but both were still having symptoms. Both employees demonstrated substantial subjective improvement after treatment. The since-delivered child is being monitored for CO-related complications such as neurologic conditions and growth abnormalities.

In the subsequent investigation, 23 workers were interviewed; two (29%) of seven embroidery employees and four (25%) of 16 pallet company employees had illnesses that met the case definition for CO poisoning. Investigators found an association between illness and proximity of the person's work station to areas where the forklifts were operated. The pallet manufacturer's forklifts emitted up to 75,000 ppm of CO into the inadequately ventilated warehouse. The embroidery office's furnace was vented properly with satisfactory combustion. However, the furnace was in the warehouse of the pallet company and pulled high CO-content ambient air from the warehouse into the heating system and distributed it to the embroidery office.

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Editorial Note: CO poisoning associated with indoor combustion sources has long been recognized but continues to be a problem in the United States. The events described in this report illustrate factors that result in failure to adequately prevent CO poisoning and to promptly recognize such incidents when they occur. Timely and

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correct clinical diagnosis of acute CO poisoning remains elusive because of the nonspecific and protean nature of its signs and symptoms (i.e., headache, nausea, lethargy, weakness, abdominal discomfort/pain, confusion, dizziness, visual disturbances [including blurred vision], numbness and tingling, ataxia, irritability, agitation, chest pain, dyspnea on exertion, palpitations, seizures, and loss of consciousness). In incident 1, failure to diagnose illness correctly in the first employees evaluated resulted in some CO-intoxicated employees being sent back to work and further exposure and in continued exposures to other workers at the plant. Correct diagnosis can be achieved by determining COHb levels in the patient. However, screening can be performed by breath analyzer instruments. Pulse oximeter testing does not reflect tissue hypoxia and cannot be used to screen or diagnose (*5*). Correct identification of the CO source requires specific resources (i.e., proper monitoring equipment; time for thorough investigation; and knowledge about potential CO sources, such as LPG-powered forklifts); these resources often may be unavailable on site, particularly in small business or light industrial settings but are frequently available through local utility companies.

Treatment for acute CO poisoning varies. The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society provides guidelines to physicians for treating CO poisoning (6). These guidelines recommend that patients who manifest signs and symptoms of intoxication (e.g., altered mental status or neurologic signs, cardiovascular dysfunction, pulmonary edema, or severe acidosis) be referred for hyperbaric therapy regardless of their COHb levels (4).

In June 1998, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) adopted a surveillance case definition for acute CO poisoning (7) that delineates criteria for categorizing reported acute CO poisonings. However, no commonly accepted clinical case definition nor consistent constellation of signs or symptoms exists that would unequivocally identify a case. All cases described in this report met the CSTE surveillance criteria for classification as confirmed cases.

Circumstances surrounding the continuing occurrence of CO poisonings and related confusion about identification of disease symptoms and appropriate treatment of cases illustrate the need for 1) improved education for ED and primary-care physicians about symptoms of CO poisoning, appropriate testing, and treatment (4,6); 2) improved education for employers, employees, and forklift maintenance providers about the hazards of using improperly or poorly maintained LPG-powered forklifts indoors, CO poisoning symptoms, and the appropriate response to CO symptoms; and 3) improved forklift maintenance, ventilation, and CO-monitoring procedures when LPG-powered forklifts are used in enclosed settings.

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Global Measles Control and Regional Elimination, 1998–1999

In 1989, the World Health Assembly adopted the goal of reducing measles morbidity and mortality by 90% and 95%, respectively, by 1995, compared with estimates of the disease burden in the prevaccine era (1). In 1990, the World Summit for Children adopted a goal of vaccinating 90% of children against measles by 2000. Three regions of the World Health Organization (WHO) have targeted elimination: in 1994, the American Region (AMR) targeted elimination by 2000; in 1997, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) targeted elimination by 2010; and in 1998, the European Region (EUR) targeted elimination by 2007. This report updates progress since 1997 (2) toward global measles control and regional elimination of measles, and includes vaccination coverage and disease surveillance data received by WHO as of August 14, 1999. Data for 1998 suggest that routine measles vaccination coverage has declined in some regions, the number of countries reporting cases and coverage to WHO has decreased, and measles continues to be an important cause of morbidity and mortality.

Reported Routine Measles Vaccination Coverage

Global reported coverage with one dose of measles vaccine declined from 79% in 1997 to 72% in 1998 (Table 1). In 1998, 14 countries reported measles coverage below 50%: 10 in the African Region (AFR) (Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo, and Uganda), one in AMR (Haiti), two in EMR (Afghanistan and Somalia), and one in the South-East Asia Region (SEAR) (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).

Among regions focusing on measles control, AFR and SEAR reported the lowest routine vaccination coverage rates, 49% and 67%, respectively (Table 1). These regions reported the greatest decrease in coverage during 1997–1998. The Western Pacific Region (WPR) continued to report the highest routine vaccination coverage (93%).

Among regions with an elimination target, AMR reported the highest coverage rate (86%) (Table 1). In EMR, regional measles vaccination coverage was 78%, and 14 polio-free countries that began implementing measles elimination strategies reported routine coverage rates >85% (*3*). EUR reported a routine first dose coverage rate of 71% in 1998; 21 (41%) of 51 EUR countries* did not report vaccination coverage data to WHO.

Supplementary Vaccination Campaigns

Supplemental vaccination campaigns have been conducted in several countries targeting either measles morbidity and mortality reduction or elimination. In 1998 and 1999, 31 countries in AFR[†] and three countries in EMR (Djibouti, Egypt, and Sudan)

^{*}Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Monaco, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

[†]Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia.

TABLE 1. Reported routine measles vaccination* coverage among children aged 1 year, by World Health Organization (WHO) region — worldwide, 1997 and 1998[†]

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Region	1997	1998	1997 to 1998	Total	1997	1998	1997	1998	
Measles elimination goal									
American¶	88%	86%	-2	46	40	38	98%	99%	
Eastern Mediterranean	80%**	78%**	-2	24	23	20	97%	94%	
European	76%**	71%**	-5	51	35	30	64%	57%	
Measles control goal									
African	56%**	49%**	-7	48	41	36	92%	89%	
South East Asian	84%**	67%**	-17	10	8	9	96%	97%	
Western Pacific	93%**	93%**	0	36	35	31	100%	95%	
Total	79%**	72%**	-7	215	182	164	94%	91%	

* One dose of measles-containing vaccine (MCV).
 [†] Reported to WHO as of August 14, 1999.
 [§] Numerator=total number of surviving infants in countries reporting MCV coverage to WHO; denominator=1998 estimates of surviving infants in region (Source: United Nations. World population prospects: 1998 revision, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York: United Nations, 1999).
 [¶] Data provided by the Pan American Health Organization, excluding the United States. In the United States, one dose MCV coverage among children aged 19–35 months was 91% in 1997 and 92% in 1998.

** Model-based imputation used to account for missing data.

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conducted mass vaccination campaigns in high-risk areas to reduce morbidity and mortality among those children who were not vaccinated through routine vaccination services. During 1998–1999, two countries (Marshall Islands and Palau) in WPR conducted vaccination campaigns targeting children who had not been vaccinated through routine vaccination services, two countries (Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam) delivered measles vaccination to remote populations during polio subnational immunization days, and one country (Viet Nam) conducted a pilot campaign in one province.

WHO's measles elimination strategy comprises a three-part vaccination strategy (i.e., "catch-up," "keep-up," and "follow-up"[§]); two parts are supplemental vaccination (4). All countries in AMR, except the United States and the French and Dutch Antilles, completed catch-up campaigns by 1996. Since then, most countries in AMR have been conducting follow-up campaigns.

In nine of 15 EMR countries where measles elimination activities are ongoing, 13 million children have been vaccinated during catch-up measles vaccination campaigns conducted since 1994 (3). In EUR, Romania implemented a catch-up campaign during 1998–1999 targeting all children aged 7–18 years (girls aged 15–18 years received measles and rubella vaccine). Approximately 2 million children were vaccinated and 93% coverage was reported (WHO, unpublished data, 1999). During 1998–1999, staff from 23 (45%) of 51 countries[¶] in EUR attended workshops at which they evaluated their age-specific susceptibility to measles and determined strategies to reduce susceptibility to <15% for ages 0–4 years, <10% for ages 5–9 years, and <5% for ages \geq 10 years (5).

Since 1995, 23 million children have been vaccinated during catch-up campaigns in the six southern African nations where measles-elimination initiatives have been launched (6). In addition, United Kingdom (1994), Bhutan (1995), the Maldives (1995), Mongolia (1996), Papua New Guinea (1997), New Zealand (1997), Australia (1998), parts of China (1997–1998), the Philippines (1998), and 13 Pacific island countries and areas (since 1997) conducted catch-up campaigns.

Reported and Estimated Measles Morbidity and Mortality

Among regions with measles elimination goals, the AMR reported the lowest incidence (1.6 per 100,000) in 1998 (Table 2). The measles outbreak that began in Brazil in 1997 affecting unvaccinated adults continued in 1998 and 1999 among unvaccinated young children in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and Paraguay. As of November 27, 1999, 2698 measles cases have been confirmed in the region compared with 10,067 cases for the same period in 1998. During 1997–1998 in EMR, the number of cases reported increased by 58%; outbreaks were reported in Iran, Syria, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia. In EUR, the number of cases reported declined 59%, but the number of countries reporting measles cases declined from 45 in 1997 to 31 in 1998. Among all regions, AFR reported the highest number of measles cases and

[§] "Catch-up" is a one-time, nationwide vaccination campaign targeting usually all children aged 9 months–14 years, regardless of history of measles disease or vaccination status; "keep-up" is routine services aimed at vaccinating 95% of each successive birth cohort; and "follow-up" is subsequent nationwide vaccination campaigns conducted every 2–5 years targeting usually all children born after the catch-up campaign.

[¶]Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

TABLE 2. Reported measles cases and a comparison of measles surveillance, by World Health Organization (WHO) region worldwide, 1997 and 1998*

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Region	1997	1998	1997 to 1998	1997	1998	Total	1997	1998	1997	1998
Measles elimination goal										
American	51,926	12,941	-75%	6.5	1.6	47	44	43	100%	100%
Eastern Mediterranean	33,342	52,666	58%	8.0	11.1	24	20	23	90%	100%
European	103,129	42,768	-59%	14.4	8.2	51	45	31	82%	60%
Measles control goal										
African	299,623	349,814	17%	49.2	61.7	48	45	34	100%	91%
South East Asian	114,331	62,722	-45%	7.8	4.2	10	9	10	100%	100%
Western Pacific	142,115	76,037	-46%	8.7	5.0	36	36	32	100%	92%
Total	744,466	596,948	-16%	13.2	11.1	216	199	173	97%	91%

*Reported to WHO as of August 14, 1999.
 [†]Reported cases per 100,000 total population of the countries reporting in the region.
 [§]1998 total population estimates by country (Source: United Nations. World population prospects: 1998 revision, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York: United Nations, 1999).

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incidence. Of all the cases reported, more than half were reported from countries in AFR.

Each year, WHO estimates actual measles morbidity and mortality; because measles is not a notifiable disease in some countries, substantial underreporting of measles occurs, and measles deaths are not reported to WHO. For 1998, WHO estimated that approximately 30 million measles cases and 888,000 measles-related deaths occurred worldwide; an estimated 85% of the measles-related deaths occurred in AFR and SEAR (7).

Global Measles Laboratory Network

Efforts are under way to establish a Global Measles Laboratory Network. Measles laboratories of CDC and the Central Public Laboratory Services in the United Kingdom have been selected as the Global Measles Strain Banks. Activities to strengthen laboratory capacity to support measles surveillance include assessment of country laboratory needs, training of laboratory staff, provision of diagnostic kits, and collection of specimens for diagnosis and virus isolation. During 1998–1999, eight measles laboratory workshops were conducted, and 105 laboratory staff from 42 countries in five regions were trained in basic measles diagnostic methods.

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Editorial Note: With approximately 1 million deaths attributed to measles in 1998, measles remains an important cause of vaccine-preventable illness and death. Failure to deliver at least one dose of measles vaccine to all infants remains the primary reason, despite widespread availability of an effective and safe vaccine. Morbidity and mortality decrease with increasing vaccination coverage levels; those regions with the lowest coverage levels have the highest burden, with AFR continuing to report both the lowest coverage and highest incidence.

Global and regional (except AMR) routine vaccination coverage rates in 1997 and 1998 were calculated using model-based estimates to account for missing data (8). Nationwide surveys indicated that in some countries actual coverage may be lower than reported coverage (9). For this reason, some countries in SEAR (Bangladesh, India, and Indonesia) have begun reporting coverage based on surveys rather than the administrative method. In part, this change in reporting accounts for the decline in reported coverage in SEAR in 1998. Although some regions (e.g., WPR) may have achieved the World Summit for Children goal, coverage in some WPR countries and in the remaining five regions is <90%. Reported regional routine vaccination coverage rates in the three regions with measles elimination goals are <90%, thus increasing the speed at which susceptible children accumulate and the need for more frequent follow-up campaigns to prevent re-emergence of measles (10). Further improvements in routine vaccination coverage and methods used to monitor it are needed to decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with measles.

During 1997–1998, the number of countries reporting vaccination coverage or measles cases decreased in some regions. EUR had the highest proportion of regional population from which data were not reported. Strengthening of measles surveillance is required in both developed and developing countries to monitor progress toward achieving morbidity and mortality reduction or regional elimination

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goals. All countries should improve routine reporting of measles cases by month of occurrence and geopolitical unit. Countries should use outbreak investigations to obtain data on age and vaccination status of persons with measles and to estimate population-based case-fatality ratios. Case-based surveillance with laboratory confirmation of suspected measles cases and virus isolation from all outbreaks are needed when incidence of measles decreases to low levels following implementation of measles elimination measures. The global measles laboratory network needs to be strengthened by WHO, especially in those countries with elimination goals, by recruiting additional laboratories and compiling standard procedures for testing of samples.

Reduced measles incidence under conditions of improved surveillance suggests substantial progress in AMR toward achieving the regional measles elimination goal. Recent resurgence of measles in this region emphasizes the importance of full and timely implementation of elimination strategies. In EMR, routine vaccination coverage and surveillance need to be further strengthened throughout the region. Appropriate vaccination strategies for elimination need to be implemented to reduce susceptibility to measles in countries of EUR. Lack of reporting from some of the western European countries impairs assessment of disease burden and coverage in the region and suggests an urgent need to improve measles surveillance and to monitor vaccination coverage.

The priorities for countries pursuing accelerated measles control include improving routine vaccination coverage levels to at least 80% in all districts of every country, achieving at least 90% coverage nationwide, conducting supplementary vaccination campaigns together with administration of vitamin A in high-risk areas, and improving completeness and timeliness of reporting of measles cases at district level. Priorities for countries and regions with a measles elimination goal include improving routine vaccination coverage levels to at least 90% in all districts of every country (resulting in nationwide coverage \geq 95%); achieving coverage >90% in catch-up and follow-up campaigns or achieving nationwide coverage \geq 95% with a routine second dose of measles vaccine, and establishing case-based surveillance with laboratory confirmation of suspected cases and virus isolation from all chains of transmission. Adherence to these priorities will ensure that the measles morbidity and mortality burden will decrease and that the measles disease reduction targets can be reached.

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Notice to Readers

Publication of the Updated Inventory of Managed-Care–Related Projects, 1998

CDC supports extramural projects in various managed-care settings and periodically inventories them to inform public and private prevention communities of relevant findings, products and ongoing efforts; and to provide benchmarks for new project development. In 1996, CDC published its first *Inventory of Managed Care-Related Projects: Fiscal Year 1995–1996*, which catalogued 83 activities. This latest release, the *Inventory of Managed Care-Related Projects: 1998 (1)*, describes 107 projects covering a wide range of activities—from studies of behavior interventions to analyses of vaccine effectiveness to comparisons of health-care delivery systems, and including examples of successful collaborations between the public health and managed-care communities.

The *Inventory* can be viewed on CDC's World-Wide Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/epo/dpram/managedcare/intro.htm. Paper copies can be obtained from the Office of HealthCare Partnerships, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop K73, Atlanta, GA 30341; or telephone (770) 488-8186.

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Notice to Readers

Epidemiology in Action: Intermediate Methods

CDC and Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health will co-sponsor a course, "Epidemiology in Action: Intermediate Methods" on February 7–11, 2000, in Atlanta. The course is designed for state and local public health professionals.

The course will review the fundamentals of descriptive epidemiology and biostatistics, analytic epidemiology, and Epi Info 6 but will focus on mid-level epidemiologic methods directed at strengthening participants' quantitative skills, with an emphasis on up-to-date data analysis. Topics include advanced measures of association, normal and binomial distributions, logistic regression, field investigations, and summary of statistical methods. Prerequisite is an introductory course in epidemiology (e.g., such as Epidemiology in Action or International Course in Applied Epidemiology) or any other introductory class. There is a tuition charge.

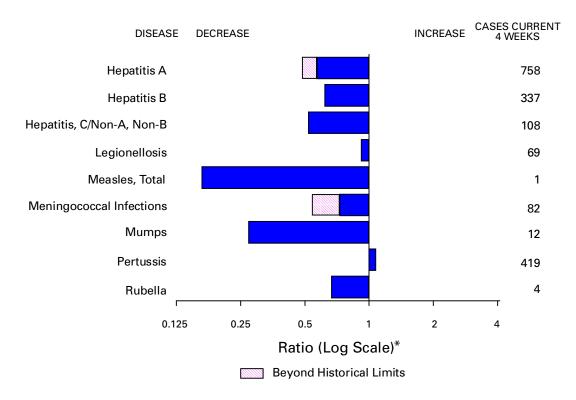


FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, comparison of provisional 4-week totals ending December 11, 1999, with historical data — United States

*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 — provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending December 11, 1999 (49th Week)

		Cum. 1999		Cum. 1999
Anthrax Brucellosis* Cholera Congenital ru Cyclosporias Diphtheria Encephalitis:		- 48 3 6 50 1 60 6 5 1	HIV infection, pediatric* [§] Plague Poliomyelitis, paralytic Psittacosis* Rabies, human Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) Streptococcal disease, invasive Group A Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome* Syphilis, congenital [¶] Tetanus	137 8 - 534 2,014 36 271 31
	human granulocytic (HGE)* human monocytic (HME)*	149 40 93 20 117	Toxic-shock syndrome Trichinosis Typhoid fever Yellow fever	113 9 294 1

-: no reported cases

*Not notifiable in all states.

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 [†] Updated weekly from reports to the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID).
 [§] Updated monthly from reports to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), last update November 28, 1999.
 [¶] Updated from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

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Reporting Area	Cum. 1999 ⁺	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998
UNITED STATES	40,933	42,308	558,680	558,222	2,265	3,566	3,319	2,832	2,225	2,118
NEW ENGLAND	2,090	1,664	19,769	18,990	158	147	393	324	341	274
Maine	75	28 34	904 903	963	30	31	39 34	36	33	-
N.H. Vt.	45 16	34 18	903 438	914 389	19 36	16 26	34	46 21	20	45 18
Mass.	1,338	844	8,616	7,862	52	67	170	144	183	154
R.I.	96	119	2,159	2,171	6	7	27	13	26	1
Conn.	520	621	6,749	6,691	15	U	91	64	79	56
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	10,473 1,196	11,353	55,879 N	58,213 N	411 169	559 328	308 246	294 213	92	86
N.Y. City	5,571	1,322 6,520	21,963	24,764	116	206	11	213	17	13
N.J. Ś	1,932	2,007	10,095	11,130	36	25	51	67	46	52
Pa.	1,774	1,504	23,821	22,319	90	N	N	N	29	21
E.N. CENTRAL	2,801	3,061	81,247	94,937	564	720	687	448	484	367
Ohio Ind.	448 320	645 473	26,294 10,586	25,697 10,458	66 38	71 59	246 107	123 101	199 64	76 54
III.	1,345	1,188	24,169	25,116	67	84	221	110	81	80
Mich.	555	577	20,198	20,469	48	38	113	114	76	69
Wis.	133	178	U	13,197	345	468	N	N	64	88
W.N. CENTRAL	940	827	33,074	33,165	202	334	586	470	406	398
Minn. Iowa	178 77	163 62	6,441 4,649	6,660 4,245	78 55	142 65	229 115	195 91	178 73	209 59
Mo.	449	400	12,427	11,885	29	26	60	51	64	63
N. Dak.	6	5	707	977	18	30	17	12	14	15
S. Dak. Nebr.	15 65	15 66	1,496 3,128	1,477 2,657	7 14	25 35	47 97	35 50	62	38
Kans.	150	116	4,226	5,264	14	11	21	36	15	- 14
S. ATLANTIC	11,305	11,023	119,300	108,094	373	341	341	245	163	168
Del.	159	152	2,604	2,461	-	3	6	-	3	2
Md.	1,344	1,482	10,616	6,888	17	19	42	42	4	14
D.C. Va.	637 782	808 908	N 13,268	N 12,983	8 27	25 20	1 73	1 N	U 59	U 52
W. Va.	64	77	1,240	2,293	3	2	14	13	11	10
N.C.	739	753	20,705	20,644	33	N	74	56	52	47
S.C. Ga.	919 1,581	720 1,173	11,346 30,893	16,770 22,576	132	127	20 36	15 76	14	12
Fla.	5,080	4,950	28,628	23,479	152	145	75	42	20	31
E.S. CENTRAL	1,796	1,681	42,694	38,802	35	25	132	118	58	64
Ку.	255	262	7,014	6,083	7	10	46	35	-	-
Tenn. Ala.	706 449	621 455	13,081 12,004	13,021 9,704	11 12	9 N	54 26	53 24	38 16	40 20
Miss.	386	343	10,595	9,994	5	6	6	6	4	4
W.S. CENTRAL	4,177	5,129	79,259	84,486	84	909	128	102	124	106
Ark.	188	189	5,585	3,871	2	6	15	11	8	10
La. Okla.	813 123	874 274	11,220 7,763	14,301 8,878	22 12	16 N	9 31	5 24	14 27	7 9
Tex.	3,053	3,792	54,691	6,878 57,436	48	887	73	24 62	75	80
MOUNTAIN	1,608	1,478	29,725	31,557	98	122	320	360	224	246
Mont.	13	28	1,496	1,205	13	10	25	16	-	5
Idaho	22	28	1,631	1,917	8	17	65 15	41	43	25
Wyo. Colo.	11 290	3 286	741 5,417	665 7,963	1 14	2 19	15 107	53 89	14 88	55 69
N. Mex.	82	203	3,870	3,699	42	47	13	19	6	20
Ariz.	819	588	11,767	10,890	12	18	37	43	23	26
Utah Nev.	142 229	128 214	2,021 2,782	2,053 3,165	N 8	N 9	38 20	75 24	48 2	22 24
PACIFIC	5,743	6,092	97,733	89,978	340	409	424	471	333	409
Wash.	337	386	11,370	10,356	N	N	167	109	159	130
Oreg.	208	166	5,698	5,376	93	67	74	107	68	100
Calif. Alaska	5,089 15	5,364 17	76,276 1,770	69,991 1,791	247	338 1	171 1	248 7	94 1	163
Hawaii	94	159	2,619	2,464	-	3	11	-	11	16
Guam	10	1	299	404	-	-	Ν	Ν	U	U
P.R.	1,180	1,601	U	U	-	N	9	5	U	U
V.I. Amer. Samoa	35	31	U U	U U	U U	U U	U U	U U	U U	U U
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TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999, and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

U: Unavailable N: Not notifiable C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands -: no reported cases

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Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS). [†]Updated monthly from reports to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, last update November 28, 1999.

	Gone	orrhea	Hepa C/N		Legion	ellosis	Lyı Dise	
Reporting Area	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998
UNITED STATES	306,829	333,630	2,992	3,151	896	1,221	12,207	15,094
NEW ENGLAND	6,177	5,724	14	58	78	84	3,389	4,533
Maine N.H.	71 105	63 88	2	-	3 8	1 7	41 23	78 43
Vt. Mass.	44 2,383	35 2,147	7 2	6 49	14 28	7 33	23 945	11 690
R.I.	543	394	3	3	11	21	464	650
Conn.	3,031	2,997	-	-	14	15	1,893	3,061
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	35,884 6,395	36,402 6,923	92 57	205 102	182 56	309 107	6,920 3,760	8,402 3,910
N.Y. City N.J.	11,762 5,962	11,305 7,491	-	- U	9 18	35 18	39 922	230 1,802
Pa.	11,765	10,683	35	103	99	149	2,199	2,460
E.N. CENTRAL	53,864	65,262	1,423	648	243	398	176	754
Ohio Ind.	15,957 5,791	16,870 6,132	4 1	8 5	79 43	125 75	73 21	46 37
III. Mich.	17,967 14,149	20,791 15,424	41 786	40 455	23 60	52 80	12 1	14 12
Wis.	U	6,045	591	140	38	66	69	645
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	14,198 2,484	16,724 2,578	299 10	43 11	51 13	63 7	288 220	226 173
lowa	1,155	1,415	-	8	15	10	19	26
Mo. N. Dak.	7,179 71	8,847 77	277 1	15	14 2	16	26 1	12
S. Dak.	186	209	-	-	3	3	-	-
Nebr. Kans.	1,297 1,826	1,120 2,478	5 6	5 4	4	19 8	10 12	4 11
S. ATLANTIC	89,820	89,821	193	115	146	140	1,123	867
Del. Md.	1,582 9,012	1,454 9,135	1 41	21	14 32	13 35	64 785	66 608
D.C.	3,316	4,009	1	-	4	8 20	6 118	4 68
Va. W. Va.	9,015 387	9,106 824	17	12 7	38 N	Ň	17	13
N.C. S.C.	18,440 6,744	17,841 10,728	34 22	25 11	15 11	14 11	73 7	57 7
Ga.	20,955	18,686	1	9	3	8	-	5
Fla. E.S. CENTRAL	20,369	18,038	65 243	30 267	29 45	31 64	53 92	39 111
Ky.	34,186 3,192	37,438 3,577	21	20	20	26	10	26
Tenn. Ala.	10,498 10,812	11,366 12,322	95 1	160 4	21 4	23 8	50 19	44 24
Miss.	9,684	10,173	126	83	-	7	13	17
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	43,893 2,984	52,174 3,800	314 18	543 22	23	31 1	43 4	31 7
La.	8,880	12,326	102	112	2	4	-	7
Okla. Tex.	3,792 28,237	4,960 31,088	15 179	16 393	3 18	12 14	4 35	2 15
MOUNTAIN	8,881	8,665	146	362	47	71	18	18
Mont. Idaho	54 80	44 168	5 7	7 86	- 3	2 2	- 5	- 6
Wyo.	34	33	45	90	-	1	3	1
Colo. N. Mex.	2,316 802	1,956 894	22 8	31 96	12 1	18 2	- 1	- 4
Ariz. Utah	4,185 216	3,982 217	45 6	11 21	7 18	17 21	2 5	1
Nev.	1,194	1,371	8	20	6	8	2	6
PACIFIC Wash.	19,926	21,420 1,850	268	910	81 17	61 12	158	152
Oreg.	2,013 827	803	20 22	22 19	17 N	12 N	10 14	7 21
Calif. Alaska	16,436 275	17,987 300	226	815	63 1	47 1	134	123 1
Hawaii	375	480	-	54	-	1	Ň	N
Guam	38 328	67 363	1	1	-	2	- N	1 N
P.R. V.I.	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
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TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999, and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

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	Ма	laria	Rabies,	Animal	NE	TSS		LIS
Reporting Area	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998
UNITED STATES	1,271	1,408	5,668	6,928	36,293	40,176	29,030	32,380
NEW ENGLAND	63	69	862	1,397	2,086	2,419	2,025	2,205
Maine N.H.	3 2	5 5	171 50	232 77	128 136	162 178	99 140	64 215
Vt.	4	1	88	65	91	138	85	109
Mass. R.I.	24 5	26 14	216 93	489 97	1,113 121	1,267 142	1,118 147	1,296 34
Conn.	25	18	244	437	497	532	436	487
MID. ATLANTIC	320	406	1,092	1,536	4,610	6,313	4,082	5,566
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	67 167	87 230	776 U	1,055 U	1,305 1,298	1,536 1,825	1,268 1,173	1,309 1,407
N.J.	48	56	166	213	989	1,402	685	1,334
Pa. E.N. CENTRAL	38 140	33 141	150 146	268 123	1,018	1,550	956	1,516
Ohio	140	141	36	57	5,153 1,257	6,024 1,445	3,273 1,011	4,656 1,103
Ind. III.	19 54	10 57	13 10	12 N	512 1,495	645 1,853	406 399	509 1,512
Mich.	39	47	87	35	920	1,115	906	1,041
Wis.	10	12	-	19	969	966	551	491
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	72 41	91 56	664 107	686 114	2,120 619	2,191 550	2,183 657	2,251 636
lowa	13	7	153	147	264	352	197	285
Mo. N. Dak.	14	14 2	14 137	41 138	689 51	592 59	876 49	820 67
S. Dak.	-	1	163	151	93	120	115	127
Nebr. Kans.	- 4	1 10	3 87	7 88	185 219	174 344	78 211	46 270
S. ATLANTIC	341	302	2,031	2,248	8,560	8,249	6,002	5,934
Del. Md.	1 93	3 86	43 381	49 424	138 841	74 877	153 952	116
D.C.	18	19	-	-	69	83	952 U	866 U
Va. W. Va.	70 3	56 2	554 106	534 76	1,206 163	1,057 147	943 148	835 158
N.C.	31	29	404	538	1,269	1,243	1,243	1,383
S.C. Ga.	17 28	6 36	133 231	143 290	675 1,474	605 1,631	479 1,644	527 1,494
Fla.	80	65	179	194	2,725	2,532	440	555
E.S. CENTRAL	24	32	252	264	1,995	2,245	1,062	1,528
Ky. Tenn.	7 8	7 16	35 93	31 135	393 513	347 574	509	124 686
Ala. Miss.	7 2	6 3	123 1	96 2	575 514	668 656	476 77	561 157
WISS. W.S. CENTRAL	16	5 54	94	2	3,598	4,699	3,546	3,102
Ark.	3	1	14	28	626	589	120	367
La. Okla.	10 2	14 3	- 80	N	334 406	744 468	568 320	787 225
Tex.	1	36	-	-	2,232	2,898	2,538	1,723
MOUNTAIN	43	61	197	246	2,918	2,435	2,411	1,938
Mont. Idaho	4 3	1 8	59 5	53 N	81 125	76 118	1 98	43 94
Wyo. Colo.	1 17	- 18	44 1	64 42	67 679	63 518	49 689	57 488
N. Mex.	2	12	9	6	362	288	245	255
Ariz. Utah	8 4	9 1	66 8	48 27	913 506	798 341	762 514	663 122
Nev.	4	12	5	6	185	233	53	216
PACIFIC	252	252	330	400	5,253	5,601	4,446	5,200
Wash. Oreg.	27 21	20 15	- 2	- 7	634 409	493 314	795 480	666 322
Calif.	192	207	321	370	3,833	4,457	2,875	3,881
Alaska Hawaii	1 11	3 7	7	23	53 324	56 281	30 266	36 295
Guam	-	2	-	-	24	42	U	U
P.R. V.I.	- U	- U	66 U	49 U	433 U	769 U	Ŭ U	U U
Amer. Samoa	Ŭ	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
C.N.M.I.		U	U	U	U	U	U	U

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999, and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

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		Shige	losis*		Sypt	nilis			
	NE	TSS	PH	ILIS	(Primary &	Secondary)	Tubero	ulosis	
Reporting Area	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1999†	Cum. 1998†	
UNITED STATES	15,097	21,128	7,476	11,831	6,146	6,697	13,220	16,101	
NEW ENGLAND	821	401 14	786	355	57	76 1	406	414 11	
Maine N.H.	5 17	16	17	20	1	2	18 10	-	
Vt. Mass.	6 703	7 258	4 687	4 253	3 35	4 43	2 232	5 239	
R.I.	23	36	18	13	2	1	39	52	
Conn. MID. ATLANTIC	67 897	70 2,296	60 454	65 1,657	16 186	25 310	105 2,380	107 2,882	
Upstate N.Y.	266	613	67	220	23	36	304	360	
N.Y. City N.J.	281 194	689 650	82 155	575 608	79 51	79 101	1,264 479	1,363 583	
Pa.	156	344	150	254	33	94	333	576	
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	2,843 411	2,842 495	1,274 136	1,517 141	1,328 87	978 128	1,186 228	1,588 221	
Ind.	324	171	101	43	646	201	93	152	
III. Mich.	1,048 474	1,518 262	592 368	1,261 4	365 230	396 194	508 272	766 344	
Wis.	586	396	77	68	U	59	85	105	
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	1,069 238	1,035 298	721 229	600 325	108 9	131 9	447 187	467 146	
lowa	66	66	48	45	9	2	50	51	
Mo. N. Dak.	638 3	190 10	352 2	129 3	72	99	152 6	163 10	
S. Dak. Nebr.	18 69	32 367	10 35	23 19	- 8	1 7	17 16	17 28	
Kans.	37	72	35 45	56	8 10	13	19	28 52	
S. ATLANTIC Del.	2,385 13	4,132 44	485 9	1,233 37	1,925 8	2,439 21	2,784 12	3,032 34	
Md.	157	197	58	66	310	643	248	279	
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W. Va. N.C.	8 200	11 339	5 86	8 179	2 421	3 691	37 394	41 448	
S.C.	123	178	62	94	245	309	218	270	
Ga. Fla.	227 1,477	1,051 2,083	85 119	240 522	396 336	276 267	556 1,007	514 1,064	
E.S. CENTRAL	1,064	1,445	483	1,123	1,084	1,163	847	1,152	
Ky. Tenn.	229 600	145 801	426	45 852	99 602	103 545	166 334	157 436	
Ala. Miss.	111 124	445 54	47 10	219 7	202 181	270 245	291 56	355 204	
W.S. CENTRAL	2.438	4,434	2,337	, 1,392	898	1,022	1,462	2,328	
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La. Okla.	118 456	332 617	128 153	281 191	175	92	U 122	278 155	
Tex.	1,790	3,284	2,033	859	436	414	1,179	1,752	
MOUNTAIN Mont.	1,127 9	1,246 8	722	728 3	223 1	229	427 13	534 19	
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Colo.	193	222	155	159	2	10	U	67	
N. Mex. Ariz.	139 599	289 594	89 395	173 324	11 200	22 175	59 215	65 205	
Utah	66	46	64	34	2	4 15	40	48	
Nev. PACIFIC	90 2,453	65 3,297	6 214	20 3,226	6 337	349	82 3,281	115 3,704	
Wash.	117	219	99	188	64	27	168	242	
Oreg. Calif.	95 2,205	190 2,830	85	151 2,830	10 259	5 313	99 2,793	126 3,119	
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Guam	8	36	U	U	1	1	11	84	
P.R. V.I.	106 U	62 U	U U	U U	151 U	167 U	41 U	140 U	
Amer. Samoa	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
<u>C.N.M.I.</u>	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999, and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

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

 *Individual cases may be reported through both the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) and the Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS).

 *Cumulative reports of provisional tuberculosis cases for 1999 are unavailable ("U") for some areas using the Tuberculosis Information System (TIMS).

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TABLE III. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination,
United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999,
and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

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

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

[†]Of 212 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 107 and of those, 31 were type b.

	•	jococcal ease		Mumps			Pertussis			Rubella	
Reporting Area	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	1999	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	1999	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998	1999	Cum. 1999	Cum. 1998
UNITED STATES	2,197	2,484	4	322	614	127	5,560	6,494	1	232	352
NEW ENGLAND	107	112	-	8	9	7	686	1,009	-	7	38
Maine N.H.	5 13	6 12	-	- 1	-	-	- 78	5 121	-	-	-
Vt.	5	5	-	1	-	4	75	76	-	-	-
Mass. R.I.	61 7	56 8	- U	4 2	6 1	3 U	469 33	748 13	Ū	7	8 1
Conn.	16	25	-	-	2	-	31	46	-	-	29
MID. ATLANTIC	204	266	2	35	191	18	913	620	-	25	149
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	64 50	76 32	1 -	14 3	12 155	11	723 10	317 46	-	21	114 19
N.J. Pa.	47 43	57 101	U 1	- 18	6 18	U 7	12 168	28 229	U	1 3	14 2
E.N. CENTRAL	372	379	-	43	77	48	542	830	-	2	-
Ohio	126	133	-	18	28	44	268	279	-	-	-
Ind. III.	67 96	72 99	-	5 11	7 10	1 1	74 82	173 127	-	1 1	-
Mich. Wis.	45	44	-	7	29 3	2	66	69	-	-	-
WIS. W.N. CENTRAL	38 231	31 216	-	2 13	3 32	- 17	52 421	182 574	-	- 124	40
Minn.	50	32	-	1	13	17	226	337	-	5	40
lowa Mo.	43 93	43 76	-	7 1	11 3	-	70 61	71 35	-	29 3	2
N. Dak.	4	5	-	1	2	-	18	4	-	-	-
S. Dak. Nebr.	11 12	8 17	-	-	-	-	7 4	8 17	-	- 87	-
Kans.	18	35	U	3	3	U	35	102	U	-	38
S. ATLANTIC Del.	403 8	427 2	1	50	47	7	414 5	322 5	1	37	19
Md.	54	34		7	-	1	108	63		1	1
D.C. Va.	2 53	3 45	U -	2 10	- 8	U -	1 51	1 41	U	-	- 1
W. Va. N.C.	8 46	17 57	-	- 8	11	- 3	3 93	4 98	-	35	- 13
S.C.	43	55	- 1	о 5	7	-	93 18	27	-		-
Ga. Fla.	59 130	97 117	-	4 14	1 20	- 3	40 95	27 56	- 1	- 1	- 4
E.S. CENTRAL	144	195	-	13	18	-	89	148	-	1	2
Ky. Tenn.	31 59	37 68	-	-	1 2	-	25 40	79 37	-	-	2
Ala.	32	53	-	10	8	-	21	26	-	- 1	-
Miss.	22	37	-	3	7	-	3	6	-	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	174 35	290 30	-	33	59 13	1 1	158 19	359 82	-	15 6	88
La. Okla.	34 31	55 40	U	3 1	7	U	3 12	9 32	U	-	-
Tex.	74	165	-	29	39	-	124	236	-	9	88
MOUNTAIN	137	141	-	28	39	21	737	1,169	-	16	5
Mont. Idaho	4 13	4 13	-	- 3	- 7	-	2 139	13 232	-	-	-
Wyo.	5	8	-	5	1	- 8	2	8	-	-	-
Colo. N. Mex.	35 14	28 26	N	N	6 N	8 9	207 200	324 98	-	1	1
Ariz. Utah	42 16	39 13	-	8 7	6 5	4	117 59	191 262	-	13 1	1 2
Nev.	8	10	U	5	14	U	11	41	U	1	1
PACIFIC Wash.	425	458	1	99	142	8	1,600	1,463	-	5	11
Oreg.	63 77	64 85	N	2 N	11 N	6	609 58	329 89	-	-	6 -
Calif. Alaska	271 6	301 3	1	82 3	104 3	2	894 5	1,005 15	-	5	3
Hawaii	8	5	-	12	24	-	34	25	-	-	2
Guam	2	2	U	1	5	U	1	1	U	-	-
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TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination, United States, weeks ending December 11, 1999, and December 12, 1998 (49th Week)

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

	ŀ	All Cau	ises, By	/ Age (Y	'ears)		P&I [†]			All Cau	ises, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&I [†]
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 Haven, Conn. Providence, R.I. Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass. Waterbury, Conn.		421 1053 38 17 30 33 20 5 22 30 40 1 28 6 40 40	24 4 2 5 10 7 1 1 7 5 2 8	38 15 2 1 1 1 4 3 2 2 4	11 6 - - 1 2 1 1 - 1 - 1 -	63 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	46 15 3 2 1 1 3 - 1 6 2 - 4 2 6	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	225 88 25 928	676 U 72 66 99 68 32 339 47 166 41 13 631	186 U 30 16 24 18 9 11 12 5 37 24 - 180	90 U 10 7 13 8 7 6 3 5 10 9 12 64	35 U 5 3 5 3 2 4 1 - 8 4 - 25	27 U 1 5 2 1 2 4 10 -	81 U 11 8 15 9 1 5 6 5 19 2 - 76
MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa.	2,429 47 U 102 42 10 38	1,697 30 U 81 27 9 30	496 11 U 11 6 1	162 3 U 5 5 3	35 1 U 3 2	38 2 U 1 2	110 3 U 9 2 2 2	Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn.	177 84 78 215 79 64 146	115 61 59 49 136 62 46 103	37 19 13 24 43 8 12 24	11 3 4 5 23 5 5 8	4 1 - 5 6 2 - 7	9 - 2 2 7 2 1 4	21 4 6 20 1 6 12
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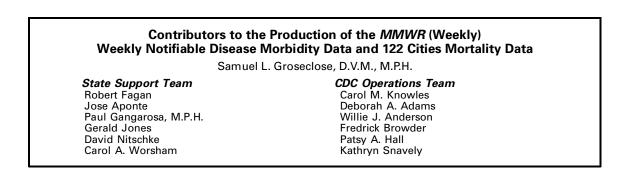
TABLE IV. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities,* week ending December 11, 1999 (49th Week)

U: Unavailable -: no reported cases *Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 122 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. *Pneumonia and influenza. *Because of changes in reporting methods in this Pennsylvania city, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks. Total includes unknown ages.

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