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# Tobacco Use Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 1999

The prevalence of cigarette smoking nationwide among high school students increased during the 1990s (1); more than 80% of current adult tobacco users started smoking cigarettes before age 18 years (2). To determine the prevalence of cigarette, smokeless tobacco (i.e., chewing tobacco and snuff), cigar, pipe, bidi, and kretek use among middle school and high school students nationwide, the American Legacy Foundation, in collaboration with the CDC Foundation, conducted the National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) during the fall of 1999. This report summarizes data from the NYTS on current use of tobacco products, which indicate that 12.8% of middle school students and 34.8% of high school students use any type of tobacco; that the low prevalence of current cigarette smoking observed among black high school students throughout the 1990s is not found among middle school students (1); and that the percentages of high school students who currently use bidis and kreteks (two new forms of tobacco in the United States) are almost as high as the proportion who use smokeless tobacco.

The school-based 1999 NYTS employed a three-stage cluster sample designed to produce a nationally representative sample of students in grades 6-12. The first-stage sampling frame contained 1306 primary sampling units (PSUs), each comprising a large county or a group of smaller adjacent counties. From the 1306 PSUs, 66 were selected from 16 strata formed on the basis of the degree of urbanization and the relative percentage of black and Hispanic students in the PSU. PSUs were selected with probability proportional to weighted school enrollment. At the second sampling stage, 145 schools from the 66 PSUs were selected with probability proportional to weighted school enrollment. To ensure separate analysis of black and Hispanic students, schools with substantial numbers of black and Hispanic students were sampled at higher rates than all other schools through a weighted measure of size. The third stage of sampling consisted of randomly selecting approximately five intact classes of a required subject (e.g., English or social studies) across grades 6-12 from each participating school. All students in the selected classes were eligible to participate. A weighting factor was applied to each student record to adjust for nonresponse and for the varying probabilities of selection, including those resulting from the oversampling of black and Hispanic students. Numbers of students in racial/ethnic groups other than black, white, and Hispanic were too small for meaningful analysis. The weights were

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scaled so that the weighted count of students equaled the total sample size and the weighted proportions of students in each grade matched national population proportions. For the 1999 NYTS, 15,058 students in 131 schools completed questionnaires. The school response rate was 90%, and the student response rate was 93%, resulting in an overall response rate of 84%.

For the NYTS, students completed an anonymous, self-administered questionnaire that included questions about tobacco use, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, minors' ability to purchase or otherwise obtain tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco, and familiarity with pro- and anti-tobacco media messages. SUDAAN was used to compute 95% confidence intervals, which were used to determine differences between subgroups at the p<0.05 level. Differences between prevalence estimates were considered statistically significant if the 95% confidence intervals did not overlap. Current use of bidis, cigarettes, cigars, kreteks, pipes, and smokeless tobacco was defined as use on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey. Any current tobacco use was defined as using any of these products on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

# Middle School Students

Among middle school (grades 6–8) students, the overall prevalence of any current tobacco use was 12.8% (Table 1). Cigarettes (9.2%) were the most prevalent type of tobacco used, followed by cigars (6.1%). Cigarette smoking rates were similar among boys and girls and among racial/ethnic groups. Boys were significantly more likely

		S	ex				Race	Ethnicity/				
Type of tobacco		Male	F	emale	V	Vhite	E	Black	Hi	spanic	-	Fotal
product	%	(95% Cl <sup>+</sup> )	%	(95% CI)								
Any use <sup>§</sup>												
Middle school High school	14.2 38.1	(± 2.2) (± 3.2)	11.3 31.4	(± 2.2) (± 3.1)	11.6 39.4	(± 2.3) (± 3.2)	14.4 24.0	(± 2.7) (± 4.2)	15.2 30.7	(± 5.2) (± 4.4)	12.8 34.8	(± 2.0) (± 2.7)
Cigarette												
Middle school High school	9.6 28.7	(± 1.7) (± 2.8)	8.8 28.2	(± 1.7) (± 3.3)	8.8 32.8	(± 2.0) (± 3.1)	9.0 15.8	(± 1.8) (± 3.8)	11.0 25.8	(± 4.1) (± 4.7)	9.2 28.4	(± 1.6) (± 2.7)
Smokeless												
Middle school High school	4.2 11.6	/	1.3 1.5	(± 0.5) (± 0.6)	3.0 8.7	(± 1.1) (± 2.1)	1.9 2.4	(± 0.9) (± 1.3)	2.2 3.6	(± 0.9) (± 1.6)	2.7 6.6	(± 0.7) (± 1.6)
Cigar												
Middle school High school	7.8 20.3		4.4 10.2	(± 1.3) (± 1.6)	4.9 16.0	(± 1.0) (± 1.6)	8.8 14.8	(± 2.3) (± 3.5)	7.6 13.4	(± 2.9) (± 2.9)	6.1 15.3	(± 1.1) (± 1.4)
Pipe												
Middle school High school	3.5 4.2	(= = = = )	1.4 1.4	(± 0.6) (± 0.5)	2.0 2.6	(± 0.6) (± 0.6)	2.0 1.8	(± 0.9) (± 0.9)	3.8 3.8	(± 1.7) (± 1.4)	2.4 2.8	(± 0.5) (± 0.5)
Bidi												
Middle school High school	3.1 6.1	(± 0.8) (± 1.0)	1.8 3.8	(± 0.6) (± 1.0)	1.8 4.4	(± 0.5) (± 0.9)	2.8 5.8	(± 1.3) (± 2.1)	3.5 5.6	(± 1.6) (± 2.1)	2.4 5.0	(± 0.6) (± 0.8)
Kretek												
Middle school High school	2.2 6.2		1.7 5.3	(± 0.7) (± 1.5)	1.7 6.5	(± 0.7) (± 1.5)	1.7 2.8	(± 0.8) (± 1.5)	2.1 5.5	(± 0.6) (± 1.9)	1.9 5.8	(± 0.5) (± 1.2)

TABLE 1. Percentage of students in middle school (grades 6–8) and high school (grades 9–12) currently\* using tobacco products, by type of tobacco product, sex, and race/ethnicity — United States, National Youth Tobacco Survey, 1999

\* Used tobacco on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>†</sup> Confidence interval.

<sup>§</sup> Use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipes, bidis, or kreteks.

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than girls to use smokeless tobacco (4.2% and 1.3%, respectively), smoke cigars (7.8% and 4.4%, respectively), and smoke tobacco in a pipe (3.5% and 1.4%, respectively). Black students were significantly more likely than white students to smoke cigars (8.8% and 4.9%, respectively).

# **High School Students**

Among high school (grades 9–12) students, the overall prevalence of any current tobacco use was 34.8%. Cigarettes (28.4%) were the most prevalent type of tobacco used, followed by cigars (15.3%). Boys were significantly more likely than girls to use smokeless tobacco (11.6% and 1.5%, respectively), smoke cigars (20.3% and 10.2%, respectively), smoke tobacco in a pipe (4.2% and 1.4%, respectively), and smoke bidis (6.1% and 3.8%, respectively). White and Hispanic students were significantly more likely than black students to smoke cigarettes (32.8%, 25.8%, and 15.8%, respectively). White students were significantly more likely than black and Hispanic students to use smokeless tobacco (8.7%, 2.4%, and 3.6%, respectively).

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**Editorial Note**: This report is the first to measure the prevalence of current tobacco use among a nationally representative sample of middle school students and the first to report the prevalence of current bidi and kretek use among a nationally representative sample of middle and high school students. Although previous national surveys have shown that cigarette smoking rates among black high school students have been increasing, black students still were smoking at much lower rates than other high school students (*1,3,4*). However, the findings in this report indicate that current cigarette smoking prevalence among middle school black students was similar to rates among white and Hispanic students and that current cigar use prevalence among middle school black students. Future surveys should evaluate whether the rate of increase in smoking rates among black students has accelerated and whether the difference in smoking rates between black and white high school students are disappearing. In addition, more research is needed to determine whether black youth are finding smoking appealing and socially acceptable.

Current use of novel tobacco products, such as bidis and kreteks, is an emerging public health problem among U.S. youth (5). Cigarettes remain the most widely used tobacco product by youth; however, recent trends underscore the importance of monitoring the rates at which youth adopt other tobacco products. The social and cultural factors related to differing patterns of tobacco product use across sex and racial/ethnic groups require additional study.

The 1999 NYTS estimates for high school students will be compared with those of the Monitoring The Future (MTF) study and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the other national school-based surveys. Comparison of NYTS estimates with those of other national surveys must be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, YRBS and MTF were conducted during spring 1999, and NYTS was conducted during September–October 1999, a different academic year. Within each grade, the fall school population is approximately 6 months younger than the spring school population.

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This difference can be expected to lead to higher estimates of ever smoking in the spring surveys and may lead to higher estimates of current smoking. Second, the tobacco industry increased the wholesale price of tobacco products during 1999, but also provided substantial price discounts during the same period, making determination of the precise effect of retail prices on smoking rates difficult. However, preliminary per capita consumption estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture suggest cigarette consumption has decreased in 1999, suggesting that the prevalence among youth also may have decreased (6). Third, the NYTS is a single-topic survey (tobacco), and MTF and YRBS are multi-topic surveys. The effect of the number of topics surveyed on the resulting estimates is unknown. Finally, NYTS had a 90% school response rate, a higher reported school response rate than YRBS and MTF.

The findings in this report are subject to at least two limitations. First, these data apply only to youth who attended middle or high school and are not representative of all persons in this age group. Few persons aged <16 years do not attend school and, in 1997, only 4% of 16-year-olds and 6% of 17-year-olds who had not completed high school were not enrolled in a high school program (7). The dropout rate for young adults aged 16–24 years varies greatly by race/ethnicity (7.6%, white; 13.4%, black; and 25.3%, Hispanic) (7). Second, "any current tobacco use" might be underestimated in this report because it does not include a measure of "roll-your-own" tobacco smoking.

To evaluate the potential impact of the expanding levels of tobacco prevention efforts nationwide and in the individual states, surveillance of trends in tobacco use among youth must be continued and expanded. YRBS has provided national and state-specific surveillance of tobacco use among high school students since 1991 (8). The NYTS and state-specific youth tobacco surveys are extending this surveillance effort to middle school students and across a wider range of evaluation variables, including knowledge and attitudes about tobacco, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, familiarity with pro-smoking and antismoking media messages, and exposure to tobacco-use prevention curriculum in schools. CDC has prepared "Best Practices" guidelines to help states determine funding priorities and to plan and carry out effective comprehensive tobacco-use prevention and control programs (9). If current patterns of smoking behavior persist, an estimated 5 million U.S. persons who were aged ≤18 years in 1995 could die prematurely from smoking-related illnesses (10). Implementation of the "Best Practices" guidelines, along with nationwide prevention efforts, enforcement of the proposed Food and Drug Administration rules, increases in the excise tax on tobacco products, and increased availability of smoking cessation treatment options, could dramatically reduce these projected deaths.

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# Update: Influenza Activity — United States, 1999–2000 Season

Influenza activity in the United States began to increase substantially during mid-December 1999, and as of January 15, 2000, laboratory-confirmed influenza infections have been reported from all nine surveillance regions. The predominant viruses isolated this season have been influenza type A(H3N2) viruses that have been circulating in the United States for the last two influenza seasons and are well-matched to this season's vaccine. This report summarizes influenza activity in the United States during October 3, 1999–January 15, 2000.\*

During October 3–January 15, the highest percentage of patient visits to U.S. sentinel physicians for influenza-like illness  $(ILI)^{\dagger}$  was 6% during the week ending January 1 (week 52) (Figure 1). During that week, the percentage of patient visits for ILI was elevated above baseline levels (0–3%) in all nine regions. For the week ending January 15 (week 2), 4% of overall patient visits were for ILI.

During October 3–January 15, the highest numbers of state and territorial epidemiologists reporting either widespread or regional influenza activity<sup>§</sup> during any weeks were 42 during the week ending January 8 (week 1) and 43 during the week ending January 15 (week 2). For the week ending January 15, 31 states reported widespread activity, and 12 states reported regional activity. The highest percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) in the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System was 10.5% during week 2. This was above the epidemic threshold<sup>¶</sup> of 7.4% for that week and increased from 9.3% in week 1 (Figure 2).

Since the week ending October 3, the World Health Organization collaborating laboratories and the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System laboratories in the United States have tested 41,034 respiratory specimens for influenza

<sup>\*</sup>The four components of the influenza surveillance system have been described (1).

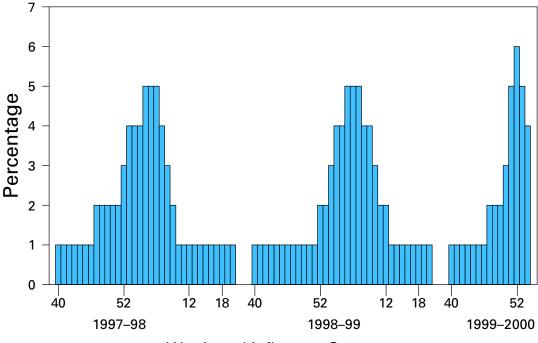
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Defined as temperature  $\geq$ 100 F ( $\geq$ 37.8 C) plus either cough or sore throat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup>Levels of activity are 1) no activity; 2) sporadic—sporadically occurring ILI or culture-confirmed influenza with no outbreaks detected; 3) regional—outbreaks of ILI or culture-confirmed influenza in counties with a combined population of <50% of the state's population; and 4) widespread—outbreaks of ILI or culture-confirmed influenza in counties with a combined population of ≥50% of the state's population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>¶</sup>The epidemic threshold is 1.645 standard deviations above the seasonal baseline. The expected seasonal baseline is projected using a robust regression procedure in which a periodic regression model is applied to observed percentages of deaths from P&I since 1983.

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FIGURE 1. Percentage of patient visits to sentinel physicians for influenza-like illness,\* by week of report — United States, 1997–98 and 1998–99 seasons (weeks 40–20) and 1999–2000 season (weeks 40–2)



Week and Influenza Season

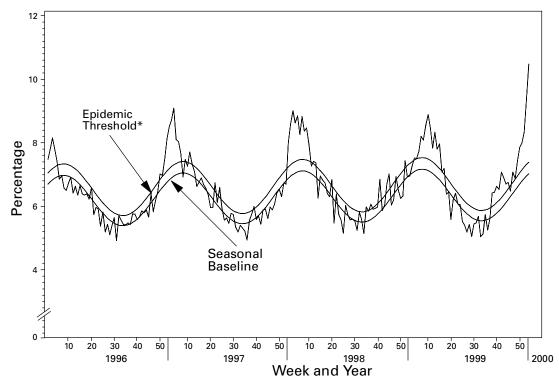
\*Defined as temperature  $\geq$ 100 F ( $\geq$ 37.8 C) plus either cough or sore throat.

viruses; of these, 7361 (18%) tested positive. Of the positive specimens, 7338 (99.7%) were type A, and 23 (0.3%) were type B. For the week ending January 15, 21% of specimens tested for influenza viruses were positive, a decrease from the highest level of 33% during the week ending December 25. Of the 1665 influenza A isolates subtyped as of January 15, 1659 (99.6%) were H3N2 viruses, and six (0.4%) were H1N1 viruses.

CDC has characterized antigenically 246 influenza viruses received from U.S. laboratories since October 1. Of the 239 influenza A(H3N2) viruses tested, 214 (90%) were similar to the vaccine strain A/Sydney/05/97, and 25 (10%) showed somewhat reduced titers to ferret antisera produced against the A/Sydney/05/97 virus. All four of the U.S. influenza type B viruses antigenically characterized were similar to B/Beijing/184/93-like virus, which is represented in the current vaccine by the B/Yamanashi/166/98 virus. Of the three influenza A(H1N1) viruses antigenically characterized, two were similar to A/Beijing/262/95, the H1N1 component of the current vaccine, and one was related more closely to the antigenic variant A/New Caledonia/20/99. This is the third consecutive winter that the influenza A/Sydney/05/97-like (H3N2) viruses have been the predominant influenza viruses.

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\*The epidemic threshold is 1.645 standard deviations above the seasonal baseline. The expected seasonal baseline is projected using a robust regression procedure in which a periodic regression model is applied to observed percentages of deaths from P&I since 1983.

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**Editorial Note**: For the 1999–2000 season, influenza activity began to increase in mid-December, approximately 4 weeks earlier than in the 1997–98 season, and 7–8 weeks earlier than in the 1998–99 season. Influenza seasons are usually variable in onset, duration, timing of peak periods, and regional and overall health impact from year to year. As of January 15, 2000, the percentage of patient visits for ILI to sentinel physicians, the percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza, and the number of state and territorial epidemiologists reporting either widespread or regional influenza activity have been similar to the last two seasons. Recent declines in visits to sentinel physicians for ILI and in the percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza viruses suggest that influenza activity may have peaked nationally.

As of January 15, the percentage of mortality attributable to P&I in the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System had not yet begun to decline, and the level of 10.5% was higher than any week during the last two A(H3N2) seasons. During the previous 3 years, P&I mortality levels have peaked between 8.8% and 9.1% of all deaths. This indicator of influenza activity typically lags behind other influenza surveillance indicators by approximately 2 weeks. Increased P&I mortality could be caused by several

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factors, including high levels of influenza infection, deaths associated with other respiratory infections, and changes made this season to the case definition for reporting P&I deaths (1).

During winter months, other infectious pathogens such as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), adenoviruses, parainfluenza viruses, rhinoviruses, coronavirus, mycoplasma, and bacterial infections also can cause respiratory illness. For example, national surveillance data indicate that RSV activity has been widespread this season (2); RSV activity peaks during the winter months (3).

Although viral culture of respiratory specimens obtained 1–4 days after illness onset remains the "gold standard" for confirming influenza virus infection, several commercial rapid diagnostic tests are available to test respiratory specimens for influenza. Such tests have reported sensitivities and specificities of 65%–87% and 93%–100%, respectively, and include tests that detect only influenza type A, or tests that detect both influenza type A and type B viruses, but do not distinguish between them (4,5). Rapid diagnostic tests use various clinical specimens and have not been compared in a controlled study.

Four prescription antiviral agents are approved for treating uncomplicated influenza. Amantadine and rimantadine are approved for treating influenza A, while the neuraminidase inhibitor drugs zanamivir and oseltamivir are approved to treat both influenza A and B (6–8). Amantadine and rimantadine also are approved for prophylaxis of influenza A, but neither zanamivir nor oseltamivir are approved for prophylactic use. On January 12, the Food and Drug Administration issued an advisory letter emphasizing that physicians should 1) always consider the possibility of primary or concomitant bacterial infection when making treatment decisions for patients with suspected influenza, and 2) use special caution if prescribing zanamivir to patients with underlying asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (9). All four antiviral agents can reduce the duration of influenza symptoms by approximately 1 day if treatment is started within 48 hours of symptom onset, but differ substantially in adverse effects, approved age-group use, and cost (7–8, 10). CDC has issued a summary concerning the use of the neuraminidase inhibitors (7). None of the antiviral medications used to treat influenza are beneficial in treating other infectious diseases.

Despite the use of rapid diagnostic tests and availability of neuraminidase inhibitor drugs, influenza vaccination remains the most important measure to protect persons against influenza. At this time of year, influenza vaccine supplies are limited, but unvaccinated persons at high risk for complications from influenza (e.g., persons aged  $\geq$ 65 years; adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary [including asthma] or cardiovascular system and chronic metabolic diseases [including diabetes]; and women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy) should consider vaccination if influenza vaccine is available in their area (6).

Influenza surveillance data collected by CDC are updated weekly from October through May. Summary reports are available through CDC's voice information system, telephone (888) 232-3228, fax (888) 232-3299 (request document number 361100), or through CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, Influenza Branch World-Wide Web site, http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.

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# Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Chad, 1996–1999

In 1988, the World Health Organization (WHO) resolved to eradicate poliomyelitis globally by December 31, 2000 (1). Polio eradication activities have been conducted in WHO's African Region (AFR) since 1996, and recently have been accelerated (2). In 1997, central African countries began conducting National Immunization Days (NIDs)\* and established surveillance systems for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP). This report summarizes progress toward polio eradication and the establishment of AFP surveillance in Chad.

# **Routine Vaccination**

Chad (population: 6.4 million) is a republic in central sub-Saharan Africa and is the fifth largest African country in area. After three decades of civil war, the damage to Chad's infrastructure affected the delivery of health-care services, including vaccination coverage. Most health-care providers practice in the capital, N'djamena, and few trained personnel are stationed in periurban and rural areas. Since 1990, reported routine infant vaccination coverage (e.g., three doses of oral poliovirus vaccine [OPV]) has been 10%–25%. This percentage is consistent with the continued reporting of clinically and virologically confirmed polio cases from the most populated areas of southern Chad (Figure 1).

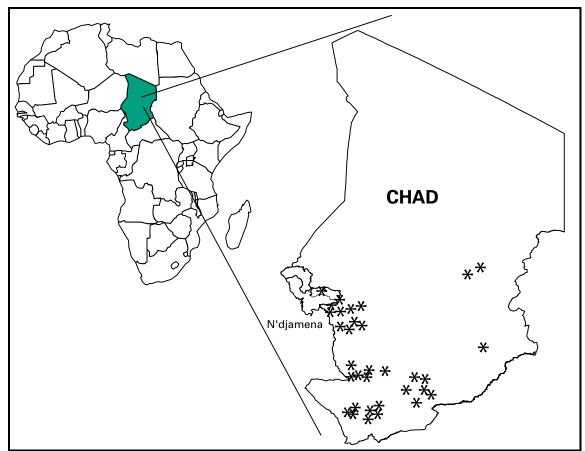
# **Supplementary Vaccination Activities**

Chad implemented NIDs with OPV for the first time during February–March 1997, followed by two more rounds during February–March 1998 and November–December 1998. Approximately 800,000 (90%) children aged <5 years were vaccinated during each round. Vaccine vial monitors (VVMs)<sup>†</sup> were used to ensure that potent vaccine

<sup>\*</sup>Mass campaigns over a short period (days to weeks) in which two doses of oral poliovirus vaccine are administered to all children, usually aged <5 years, regardless of vaccination history, with an interval of 4–6 weeks between doses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>A heat-sensitive label that changes color if vaccine has been exposed to heat, which degrades the vial contents.

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\*n=33.

was administered at each vaccination site. Two rounds of intensified, door-to-door NIDs were conducted in December 1999 and January 2000. Coverage data are not yet available.

# AFP Surveillance

During 1995–1997, Chad collected information about clinically confirmed cases of paralytic polio through a passive surveillance system; 402, 331, and 326 clinically diagnosed polio cases in 1995, 1996, and 1997, respectively, were reported; however, reporting accuracy and completeness during this period are questionable because no standard case definition was used and few of the cases were investigated further (*3*).

In 1997, AFP and wild poliovirus surveillance began to include clinical and virologic case investigations; stool specimens were collected from four AFP cases. Despite shipment delays, the regional reference laboratory in Bangui confirmed wild poliovirus type 1 in one specimen. AFP case reporting and stool specimen collection increased in 1998; 14 AFP cases were identified and investigated from January to October 1998, confirming wild poliovirus type 1 in four cases (Table 1). Surveillance activities decreased in late 1998; no cases were reported from October 1998 to April 1999.

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In May 1999, the Ministry of Health (MOH) established the national service of integrated active surveillance to monitor AFP, measles, malaria, yellow fever, meningitis, and cholera. Five national surveillance officers began to train health-care personnel on active AFP surveillance in all provinces, and the first international team of three WHO/CDC Stop Transmission of Polio epidemiologists were sent to Chad.

In 1999, 182 AFP cases were reported; two stool specimens were collected from 133 of these cases. Forty-nine AFP cases were identified through retrospective record review, and these cases were subsequently confirmed as polio using the clinical classification system. As of December 1999, the Bangui regional reference laboratory reported final virus isolation and intratypic differentiation results for 85 of the 133 AFP cases for which two specimens were collected. Wild poliovirus was confirmed in 33 of 85 cases. Results have not been reported for 48 of the 133 cases for which two specimens were collected.

Two of the main indicators used to monitor AFP surveillance are the reported nonpolio AFP rate (4), which is used to assess the sensitivity of detection and accuracy of reporting suspected cases (target: a rate of >1 nonpolio AFP case per 100,000 children aged <15 years annually), and the proportion of AFP cases from which two specimens have been collected within 2 weeks of paralysis onset (target: two adequate stool specimens from >80% of AFP cases). In Chad in 1999, the nonpolio AFP rate was 1.49<sup>§</sup>. Two stool specimens within 2 weeks of paralysis onset were collected from 46% of reported AFP cases; specimen arrival at the laboratory within 3 days occurred in 11% of the cases, and 11% of the persons with cases received clinical follow-up examinations.

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<sup>§</sup>Nonpolio AFP rate is calculated using the 52 cases discarded as nonpolio through negative laboratory results.

Year	AFP cases reported	Confirmed polio cases	Wild virus confirmed	Nonpolio AFP rate*
1995	0	402 <sup>†</sup>	—	—
1996	0	331 <sup>†</sup>	_	_
1997	4	326 <sup>†</sup>	1	0
1998	14	4 <sup>§</sup>	4	0
1999	182	82¶	33	1.49

TABLE 1. Reported cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP), confirmed poliomyelitis, confirmed wild virus, and nonpolio AFP rate — Chad, 1995–1999

\*Calculated as number of AFP cases not caused by polio per 100,000 population aged <15 years. <sup>†</sup>Clinically confirmed.

<sup>§</sup>Confirmed through wild virus isolation.

<sup>¶</sup>Clinically and wild virus confirmed.

Source: World Health Organization (WHO) African Region Expanded Program of Immunization Plan of Action 1999, Ministry of Health, N'djamena, Chad, and WHO polio eradication update: available on the World-Wide Web at http://www-nt.who.int/vaccines/polio/case.asp. References to sites of non-CDC organizations on the Internet are provided as a service to *MMWR* readers and do not constitute or imply endorsement of these organizations or their programs by CDC or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CDC is not responsible for the content of pages at these sites.

#### Poliomyelitis Eradication — Continued

**Editorial Note**: Chad connects western and central Africa where polio is endemic. Three decades of civil war have left Chad with a damaged health infrastructure, severe financial problems, and limited human resources. These factors and a large mobile population (e.g., nomads, migrant workers, and refugees) have led to low routine coverage with three doses of OPV and continued widespread transmission of wild poliovirus.

Chad's MOH is increasingly successful in implementing WHO's recommendations for supplemental OPV vaccination and intensified surveillance. Enhanced AFP and wild poliovirus surveillance has demonstrated that Chad is still a substantial reservoir for poliovirus transmission in Africa. Critical challenges to surveillance are lack of transportation and communication, inaccessibility of some regions during the rainy season (June to October), technical problems in conserving and transporting stool specimens, and population movements that make follow-up difficult. Improved surveillance will depend on better coordination among all levels of government and local nongovernmental organizations, and cooperation across international borders.

MOH priorities for 2000 are to implement high quality NIDs, particularly in the populated areas of southern Chad and among nomadic groups, and to maintain and improve the quality of AFP surveillance. Progress in these areas should enable Chad to reach the polio eradication goal.

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# Public Health Dispatch

# Outbreak of *Shigella sonnei* Infections Associated with Eating a Nationally Distributed Dip — California, Oregon, and Washington, January 2000

A multistate outbreak of *Shigella sonnei* infections with at least 30 cultureconfirmed cases in California, Oregon, and Washington has been linked to eating a nationally distributed five-layer dip. Symptom onsets occurred during January 10–23, 2000; case-finding is ongoing. The implicated product is manufactured by Señor Felix's Mexican Foods\* (Baldwin Park, California) and distributed under the brand names Señor Felix's 5-Layer Party Dip (sold in 16-ounce, 20-ounce, and 41-ounce containers), Delicioso 5-Layer Party Dip (33-ounce containers), and Trader Joe's 5-Layer Party Dip (20-ounce containers). The dip consists of layers of bean, salsa, guacamole, nacho cheese, and sour cream.

<sup>\*</sup>Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not constitute endorsement by CDC or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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# Shigella — Continued

On January 21, the company voluntarily recalled the products. The recall applies to all products prepared without preservatives and that have an expiration date of February 9 or earlier, and all products prepared with preservatives and that have an expiration date of March 4 or earlier. Consumers who have these products should avoid eating them and should return them to their place of purchase.

*S. sonnei* infection can cause abdominal cramps, fever, and bloody diarrhea. Symptoms usually develop 1–3 days after eating contaminated food. Many cases resolve without medical attention, but persons with severe infections may benefit from antibiotic treatment. General information on *Shigella* infection is available at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/shigellosis\_g.htm.

Reported by: Los Angeles County Health Dept, Los Angeles; San Diego County Health Dept, San Diego; California Dept of Health Svcs, Berkeley, California. Multnomah County Health Dept, Portland; Clackamas County Health Dept, Oregon City; Oregon Health Div, Portland, Oregon. Public Health–Seattle and King County, Seattle; Washington Dept of Health, Seattle, Washington. Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Br, Div of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.

#### Notice to Readers

# Update: Penicillin G Availability

In October 1999, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC announced a shortage of penicillin G (potassium and sodium) for intravenous injection as a result of decreased production by a major manufacturer (1). In response to the shortage, FDA has identified a temporary alternate supplier of penicillin G sodium, Biochemie GmbH, Kundl, Austria, The company has supplied penicillin G to the United States since December 9, 1999. This product is distributed by Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Broomfield, Colorado), and should be available through wholesale suppliers.

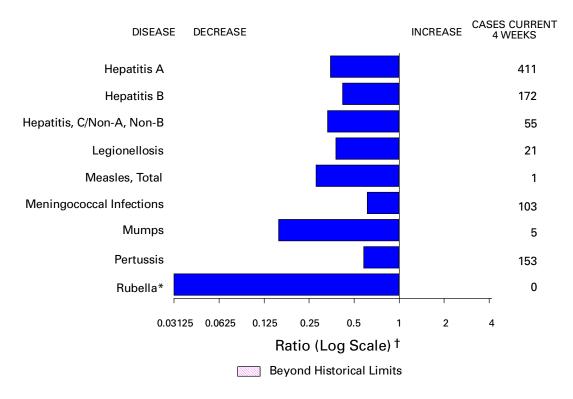
Because quantities are limited, Geneva Pharmaceuticals is operating under a drug shortage allocation program. For emergency allocations, contact Jenny Whitehouse, Customer Support Supervisor, Geneva Pharmaceuticals, telephone (303) 438-4399; fax (303) 727-4656; e-mail: jenny.whitehouse@gx.novartis.com). Another source of penicillin G potassium in frozen bags is Baxter Corporation (Deerfield, Illinois) at http://www.baxter.com\*. If penicillin cannot be obtained, alternative treatment recommendations for some infections can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/penicillinG.htm.

CDC requests case reports from physicians about patients with neurosyphilis or congenital syphilis who have been treated with an alternative regimen from September 1, 1999, to February 15, 2000. To report such persons, a form may be downloaded from http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/PenGForm.htm, completed, and mailed to CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Corporate Square Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30329, or may be requested by telephone, (404) 639-8191.

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<sup>\*</sup>References to sites of non-CDC organizations on the Internet are provided as a service to *MMWR* readers and do not constitute or imply endorsement of these organizations or their programs by CDC or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



# FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, comparison of provisional 4-week totals ending January 22, 2000, with historical data — United States

- \*No rubella cases were reported for the current 4-week period, yielding a ratio for week 3 of zero (0).
- <sup>†</sup>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 January 22, 2000 (3rd Week)

		Cum. 2000		Cum. 2000
Cyclosporiasi Diphtheria	California serogroup viral* eastern equine*	2	HIV infection, pediatric* <sup>§</sup> Plague Poliomyelitis, paralytic Psittacosis* Rabies, human Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) Streptococcal disease, invasive Group A Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome*	- - - 7 96 2
	St. Louis* western equine* human granulocytic (HGE)* human monocytic (HME)* se* Ilmonary syndrome* <sup>†</sup> emic syndrome, post-diarrheal*	- - 1 - 3	Syphilis, congenital <sup>¶</sup> Tetanus Toxic-shock syndrome Trichinosis Typhoid fever Yellow fever	- 4 - 12 -

-: no reported cases

\*Not notifiable in all states.

<sup>1</sup> Updated weekly from reports to the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). <sup>5</sup> 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 December 26, 1999. <sup>1</sup> Updated from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

		-	-		,		23, 1999 <i>E</i>		oli 0157:H	7*
		DS		nydia⁵		oridiosis	NET			LIS
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000 <sup>†</sup>	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999
UNITED STATES	-	1,726	12,729	38,109	25	60	32	57	13	45
NEW ENGLAND	-	124	833	1,143	2	2	7	7	3	7
Maine N.H.	-	- 3	67 44	7 71	1	-	2	1	- 3	-
Vt.	-	-	31	22	1	1	-	-	-	-
Mass. R.I.	-	121	441	483 119	-	1	2	6	-	4
Conn.	-	-	250	441	-	-	3	-	-	3
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	-	401 18	415 N	4,021 N	1 1	6	-	1 1	-	-
N.Y. City	-	234	-	2,163	-	5	-	-	-	-
N.J. Pa.	-	76 73	41 374	677 1,181	-	- 1	- N	- N	-	-
E.N. CENTRAL		45	2,859	5,972	5	12	4	17	-	6
Ohio	-	1	291	2,480	4	2	1	12	-	2
Ind. III.	-	- 16	229 1,023	586 1,416	-	- 1	-	2 1	-	2 1
Mich.	-	22	702	773	1	1	3	2	-	-
Wis.	-	6 21	614 509	717	-	8 2	N	N	- 7	1 7
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	-	21	508 116	1,861 474	1	2	5	9 2	1	7 5
lowa	-	4	29	29	-	-	1	3	-	1
Mo. N. Dak.	-	3	282	752 43	1	1	4	-	5	1
S. Dak.	-	- 1	68 12	80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebr. Kans.	-	10	13	216 267	-	-	-	2 2	- 1	-
S. ATLANTIC	-	486	2,084	8,287	-	2	2	5	-	7
Del. Md.	-	- 79	138 120	144 782	-	- 1	-	- 1	-	-
D.C.	-	1	106	N	-	1	-	-	U	U
Va. W. Va.	-	42	481	857 103	-	-	-	-	-	2 1
N.C.	-	66	1,041	1,235	-	-	2	2	-	2
S.C. Ga.	-	33 2	135 63	2,010 1,637	-	-	-	1	- U	1 U
Fla.	-	263	-	1,519	-	-	-	1	-	1
E.S. CENTRAL	-	80	462	1,936	-	-	1	7		3
Ky. Tenn.	-	15 36	316	368 683	-	-	-	2 3	U	U 2
Ala.	-	29	146	652	-	-	-	1	-	1
Miss. W.S. CENTRAL	-	- 517	- 1,499	233 4,829	-	- 2	1 2	1	- 1	- 3
Ark.	-	19	132	229	-	-	2	-	-	1
La. Okla.	-	14 6	- 257	1,094 492	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tex.	-	478	1,110	3,014	-	2	-	-	-	1
MOUNTAIN	-	36	1,058	1,892	4	2	6	4	1	4
Mont. Idaho	-	- 4	- 64	- 98	-	- 1	4	-	-	-
Wyo.	-	-	36	37	-	-	1	1	-	1
Colo. N. Mex.	-	26	196	357 312	-	-	-	2	1	1
Ariz.	-	3	432	788	2	1	-	-	-	-
Utah Nev.	-	- 3	217 113	109 191	N	N	- 1	1	-	2
PACIFIC	-	16	3,011	8,168	12	32	5	7	1	8
Wash. Oreg.	-	2	677 145	596 221	N	N 2	-	3	1	2 3
Calif.	-	4	2,087	7,059	12	30	5	3	-	3
Alaska Hawaii	-	- 10	102	104 188	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guam	-	10	-	29	-	-	N	N	- U	U
P.R.	-	1	81	U	-	-	-	-	U	U
V.I. Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	U U	-	U U	-	U U	U U	Ŭ U
C.N.M.I.	-	-	-	Ŭ	-	Ŭ	-	Ŭ	U	Ŭ

TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending January 22, 2000, and January 23, 1999 (3rd Week)

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

\*Individual cases may be reported through both the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) and the Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS). <sup>†</sup>Updated monthly from reports to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, last update December 26, 1999. <sup>§</sup>Chlamydia refers to genital infections caused by *C. trachomatis*. Totals reported to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

	Gono	rrhea	Hepa C/N/		Legior	nellosis	Lyr Dise	
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999
JNITED STATES	6,570	20,594	60	166	16	37	15	203
NEW ENGLAND	250	411	-	1	2	2	7	22
Vlaine N.H.	2 3	1 1	-	-	2	-	-7	-
v.п. /t.	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Mass.	119	166	-	1	-	1	-	22
R.I. Conn.	125	31 209	-	-	-	-	-	-
/ID. ATLANTIC	328	2,316	-	3	-	10	3	123
Jpstate N.Y.	55	102	-	-	-	-	2	5
I.Y. City I.J.	- 11	1,104 510	-	-	-	4 2	-	8 46
a.	262	600	-	3	-	4	1	64
.N. CENTRAL	1,615	3,179	20	97	5	15	-	7
Dhio	117	909	-	-	4	3	-	4
nd. II.	168 476	356 1,131	-	-	-	1 3	-	-
/lich.	485	409	20	39	1	6	-	-
Vis.	369	374	-	58	-	2	U	3
V.N. CENTRAL ⁄Iinn.	197 65	1,018 193	6	14	1	-	-	2
owa	12	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
No.	113	591	6	14	1	-	-	1
N. Dak. S. Dak.	- 6	3 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
lebr.	1	113	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cans.	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	1
	2,017 76	6,453 90	3	5	3	2 1	3	34 2
Del. Md.	69	1,051	-	3	2	-	2	28
).C.	117	205	-	-	-	-	-	-
/a. V. Va.	572	805 53	-	- 1	- N	- N	-	-
N.C.	1,010	1,151	3	i	1	1	1	4
S.C.	110	1,079	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ga. Ha.	63	829 1,190	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. CENTRAL	309	1,742	11	6	-	1	-	3
ζγ.	171	234	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tenn. Ala.	- 138	530 674	- 3	3 1	-	-	-	- 3
Miss.	-	304	8	2	-	-	-	-
V.S. CENTRAL	836	3,005	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ark.	94	75	-	-	-	-	-	-
.a. Okla.	115	1,001 266	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tex.	627	1,663	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOUNTAIN	450	567	10	13	1	1	-	-
Лont. daho	- 4	- 6	-	- 3	- 1	-	-	-
Vyo.	2	2	9	4	-	-	-	-
Colo.	227	75	-	1	-	-	-	-
I. Mex. Ariz.	129	63 337	1	5	-	1	-	-
Jtah	38	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
lev.	50	73	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACIFIC Vash.	568 130	1,903 112	10 1	27	4	6	2	12
Dreg.	5	44	2	-	Ň	N	-	-
Calif.	417	1,696	7	27	4	6	2	12
Alaska Tawaii	16	18 33	-	-	-	-	N	N
Guam	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
:R.	22	13	-	-	-	-	N	Ν
/.I. Amer. Samoa	-	U U	-	U U	-	U U	-	U U
unei. Janiud	-	U	-	U	-	U	-	U

# TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States,<br/>weeks ending January 22, 2000, and January 23, 1999 (3rd Week)

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

					Salmonellosis*					
	Ma	laria	Rabies, A	Animal	NE	TSS	PHI	IS		
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999		
UNITED STATES	20	71	127	196	648	1,199	145	1,490		
NEW ENGLAND	-	2	17	36	42	75	3	84		
Maine	-	-	3	2	4	7	- 2	4 3		
N.H. /t.	-	-	- 2	- 7	6	3	2 -	3 5		
Mass.	-	2	6	13	22	48	-	42		
R.I.	-	-	- 6	4 10	- 10	2	1	10		
Conn.	-	-				15	-	20		
VID. ATLANTIC Jpstate N.Y.	2 1	20 2	32 29	34 15	18 8	192 20	3 3	177 49		
N.Y. City	1	8	U	Ű	7	59	-	77		
N.J.	-	9	3	14	-	76	-	50		
Pa.	-	1	-	5	3	37	-	1		
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	1 1	7	-	-	62 42	227 45	27 19	216 37		
Ind.	-	-	-	-	42	40	-	14		
II.	-	4	-	-	-	81	-	84		
Vich. Vis.	-	1 2	-	-	20	56 45	3 5	58 23		
	-		-							
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	-	1	5 2	29 5	24 1	44 7	24 11	89 25		
owa	-	-	2	5	4	5	-	11		
Mo.	-	1	1	1	18	17	7	26		
N. Dak. S. Dak.	-	-	-	3 10	-	2	1 3	3 5		
Nebr.	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	10		
Kans.	-	-	-	4	-	7	2	9		
S. ATLANTIC	5	8	57	51	98	173	27	272		
Del. Md.	- 3	- 3	4	3 9	1 23	5 43	- 7	6 33		
D.C.	-	4	-	-	- 23	43	Ú	33 U		
Va.	-	-	16	7	9	5	-	39		
W. Va. N.C.	2	-	21	4 19	- 54	2 64	5	5 72		
S.C.	-	-	21	-	11	5	15	26		
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	70		
Fla.	-	1	14	9	-	32	-	21		
E.S. CENTRAL	-	-	-	2	36	98	-	62		
Ky. Tenn.	-	-	-	2	4	20 16	U	U 41		
Ala.	-	-	-	-	28	26	-	19		
Miss.	-	-	-	-	4	36	-	2		
N.S. CENTRAL	-	2	-	5	7	29	7	171		
Ark. La.	-	- 1	-	-	7	6 1	6	15 32		
Okla.	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	2		
Tex.	-	1	-	-	-	14	1	122		
MOUNTAIN	1	3	11	11	97	95	31	123		
Mont. Idaho	-	1	5	1	3 9	1 2	-	-7		
Wyo.	-	-	4	5	9	2	-	3		
Colo.	1	-	-	1	4	31	10	33		
N. Mex. Ariz.	-	1 1	2	- 4	8 29	17 18	- 6	15 39		
Jtah	-	-	-	4 -	29	10	15	39 16		
Nev.	-	-	-	-	15	14	-	10		
PACIFIC	11	28	5	28	264	266	23	296		
Nash. Drog	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	30		
Oreg. Calif.	1 10	1 26	5	28	10 247	11 228	19	26 217		
Alaska	-	-	-	-	6	5	2	2		
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	21		
Guam	-	-	-	-	-	4	U	U		
P.R. V.I.	-	- U	1	3 U	-	15 U	U U	U U		
Amer. Samoa	-	U	-	U	-	U	U	U		
C.N.M.I.		Ŭ		Ŭ		Ŭ	Ŭ	Ű		

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

		Shige	llosis*		Syph	ilis			
	NETSS		PHLI	S	(Primary & S		Tubero	ulosis	
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999†	
JNITED STATES	243	687	41	458	151	333	73	524	
NEW ENGLAND	8	8	1	12	1	3	-	12	
/laine J.H.	- 1	- 1	-	- 3	-	-	-	-	
л.н. ′t.	-	-	-	- 3	-	-	-	-	
/lass.	7	6	-	7	1	2	-	4	
R.I. Conn.	-	- 1	- 1	2	-	- 1	-	5 3	
/ID. ATLANTIC	2	50	3	39	9	12	16	15	
Jpstate N.Y.	1	5	3	11	-	-	-	-	
I.Y. City	1	13 25	-	17 11	6	5 5	10	9	
۱.J. 'a.	-	25 7	-	-	3	2	6	6	
.N. CENTRAL	67	182	1	75	32	37	-	32	
Dhio	10	72	-	7	3	5	-	16	
nd. I.	2	1 63	-	1 60	13 10	7 21	-	4 12	
/lich.	55	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vis.	-	22	1	7	6	4	-	-	
V.N. CENTRAL	20	49	9	40	-	12	2	6	
/linn. owa	4 6	4	5	9	-	-	1	5	
Лo.	10	36	4	28	-	11	1	1	
N. Dak. 3. Dak.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vebr.	-	- 5	-	2	-	- 1	-	-	
lans.	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	
. ATLANTIC	7	47	1	24	74	140	16	28	
Del. Ad.	- 1	2 5	- 1	1	- 6	- 19	-	2 6	
D.C.	-	2	Ů	U	33	8	-	2	
/a.	1	-	-	-	12	11	-	-	
V. Va. I.C.	- 4	- 11	-	- 6	- 19	1 37	-	3	
S.C.	1	10	-	3	4	12	16	14	
ia. Ia.	-	- 17	-	5 9	-	32 20	-	- 1	
.S. CENTRAL	7	107	- 1	9 64	- 8	20 65	- 11	18	
.S. CENTRAL	1	9	Ů	04 U	o 1	6	-	4	
enn.	-	79	1	57	-	29	4	-	
Ala. Aiss.	2 4	10 9	-	7	7	24 6	7	12 2	
V.S. CENTRAL	1	70	7	155	12	45	-	99	
Ark.	1	6	-	4	1	1	-	-	
a.	-	2	5	12	- 5	9	-	U	
Okla. Tex.	-	25 37	1 1	139	5	10 25	-	2 97	
/OUNTAIN	46	37	11	33	9	5	3	8	
/lont.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
daho Vyo.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
colo.	2	8	7	12	- 1	-	-	Ū	
I. Mex.	8	4	-	3	-	-	3	2	
Ariz. Jtah	23 2	18 3	2 2	13 3	8	5	-	3	
lev.	9	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	
ACIFIC	85	137	7	16	6	14	25	306	
Vash.	2 4	1 2	2 5	8 3	2	- 1	9	4 6	
Dreg. Calif.	4 78	130	5	-	- 4	13	16	6 285	
Alaska	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	
lawaii	-	4	-	5	-	-	-	9	
Guam P.R.	-	1	U U	U U	12	- 14	-	-	
.n. /.l.	-	U	Ŭ	Ŭ	-	U	-	U	
Amer. Samoa	-	U	U	U	-	U	-	U	
C.N.M.I.	- II: Inavailabl		U preported cases	U	-	U	-	U	

# TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States,<br/>weeks ending January 22, 2000, and January 23, 1999 (3rd Week)

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

\*Individual cases are be reported through both the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) and the Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS).
 <sup>†</sup>Cumulative reports of provisional tuberculosis cases for 1999 are unavailable ("U") for some areas using the Tuberculosis Information System (TIMS).

	H. influ	ienzae,	Hepatitis (Viral), by type					CK/	Meas	les (Rubec	ola)	
		sive		4		В	Indi	genous	Imp	orted*		tal
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000 <sup>†</sup>	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	2000	Cum. 2000	2000	Cum. 2000	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999
UNITED STATES	20	47	319	940	167	324	-	1	-	-	1	5
NEW ENGLAND	1	1	2	12	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine N.H.	-	-	1	1 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vt.	1	-	-	-7	1	-	- U	-	- U	-	-	-
Mass. R.I.	-	1	-	-	-	5	U	-	U	-	-	-
Conn.	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	3 3	9 3	2	43 2	11 1	33 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.Y. City	-	5	2	30	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.J. Pa.	-	1	-	9 2	-	5 17	U -	-	U	-	-	-
E.N. CENTRAL	3	6	56	201	31	40	-	1	-	-	1	-
Ohio Ind.	2	6	25	35	6	6	Ū	-	Ū	-	-	-
III.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mich. Wis.	1	-	31	164 2	25	31 3	-	1	-	-	1	-
W.N. CENTRAL	1	2	44	47	9	18	_	-	_	-	-	-
Minn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
lowa Mo.	- 1	- 1	2 42	- 41	- 9	1 13	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Dak. S. Dak.	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	-	U	-	-	-
Nebr.	-	-	-	4	-	- 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kans.	-	1	-	2	-	-	U	-	U	-	-	-
S. ATLANTIC Del.	5	11	16	54	15	33	- U	-	- U	-	-	-
Md.	4	11	4	28	4	13	Ŭ	-	Ŭ	-	-	-
D.C. Va.	-	-	-	4 1	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
W. Va. N.C.	- 1	-	- 12	- 10	- 11	- 16	U	-	U	-	-	-
S.C.	-	-	-	-	-	2	U	-	U	-	-	-
Ga. Fla.	-	-	-	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.S. CENTRAL	-	3	20	31	4	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ky.	-	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenn. Ala.	-	2	- 5	4 14	- 2	3 6	-	-	2	-	-	-
Miss.	-	-	15	9	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	-	5	4 4	47 3	3 3	9 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
La.	-	-	-	1	-	-	U	-	U	-	-	-
Okla. Tex.	-	4 1	-	14 29	-	3 4	U U	-	U U	-	-	-
MOUNTAIN	5	3	33	54	9	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mont. Idaho	- 1	-	-	- 1	-	- 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho Wyo.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colo. N. Mex.	3	2	10 6	19 3	2 6	9 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ariz.	-	-	9	17	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utah Nev.	1 -	-	3 5	7 6	- 1	- 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
PACIFIC	2	7	142	451	82	140	-	-	-	-	-	5
Wash. Oreg.	- 2	- 2	- 10	2 11	- 5	- 5	Ū	-	Ū	-	-	- 5
Calif.	-	4	132	437	76	134	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Hawaii	-	1	-	1	1	1	Ū	-	Ū	-	-	-
Guam	-	-	-	-	-	1	U	-	U	-	-	-
P.R. V.I.	-	- U	-	1 U	-	6 U	Ū	-	U	-	-	- U
Amer. Samoa	-	U	-	U	-	U	U	-	U	-	-	U
C.N.M.I.	-	U	-	U	-	U	U	-	U	-	-	U

# TABLE III. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination, United States, weeks ending January 22, 2000, and January 23, 1999 (3rd Week)

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

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

<sup>†</sup>Of 6 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 1 and of those, 0 were type b.

		jococcal ease		Mumps			Pertussis			Rubella	
Reporting Area	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	2000	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	2000	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999	2000	Cum. 2000	Cum. 1999
UNITED STATES	81	100	1	2	19	54	123	187	-		-
NEW ENGLAND	4	10	-	_	2	12	25	36	-	-	-
Maine	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.H. Vt.	- 1	1 1	-	-	-	7 5	8 17	- 5	-	-	-
Mass.	1	6	Ū		2	Ŭ	-	31	Ū	-	-
R.I.	-	-	U	-	-	U	-	-	U	-	-
Conn.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	4 1	13 1	-	-	-	1 1	2 2	4 1	-	-	-
N.Y. City	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
N.J.	1	5	U	-	-	U	-	1	U	-	-
Pa.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	10 4	12 9	-	-	1	18 18	55 54	34 30	-	-	-
Ind.	-	2	Ū	-	-	Ŭ	-	-	U	-	-
III.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mich. Wis.	6	1	-	-	-	-	1	1 2	-	-	-
W.N. CENTRAL	17	9		- 1	- 1	- 1	- 1	4	_	_	_
Minn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
lowa	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Mo. N. Dak.	15	6	Ū	-	-	1 U	1	-	Ū	-	-
S. Dak.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebr.	-	1		-	-		-	-		-	-
Kans.	-	1	U	-	-	U	-	2	U	-	-
S. ATLANTIC Del.	6	10	- U	-	1	1 U	5	16	- U	-	-
Md.	2	6	Ŭ			Ŭ	-	9	Ŭ	-	-
D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Va. W. Va.	-	-	Ū	-	-	1 U	1	-	Ū	-	-
N.C.	4	2	-	-	1	-	4	7	-	-	-
S.C.	-	2	U	-	-	U	-	-	U	-	-
Ga. Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.S. CENTRAL	1	5	_	-	-		2	4			-
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenn.	- 1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ala. Miss.	-	1 3	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL	-	3	_	_	2		1	1	-	_	_
Ark.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
La. Okla.	-	- 1	U U	-	-	U U	-	-	U U	-	-
Tex.	-	1	U	-	2	U	-	- 1	U	-	-
MOUNTAIN	3	13	-	-	1	20	28	34	-	-	-
Mont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ldaho Wyo.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Colo.	-	4	-	-	-	17	17	8	-	-	-
N. Mex.	1	1	N	N	N	3	9	3	-	-	-
Ariz. Utah	- 1	3 2	-	-	-	-	2	1 7	-	-	-
Nev.	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	, 1	-	-	-
PACIFIC	36	25	1	1	11	1	4	54	-	-	-
Wash.	3	2	-	- N	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Oreg. Calif.	5 28	6 13	N 1	N 1	N 8	U	3	1 52	U	-	-
Alaska	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	2	U	-	3	U	-	-	U	-	-
Guam	-	-	U	-	-	U	-	-	U	-	-
P.R. V.I.	-	- U	- U	-	Ū	- U	-	Ū	Ū	-	Ū
Amer. Samoa	-	U	U	-	U	U	-	U	U	-	U
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# TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable<br/>by vaccination, United States, weeks ending January 22, 2000,<br/>and January 23, 1999 (3rd Week)

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

	ļ	All Cau	ises, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&I <sup>†</sup>			All Cau	ises, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&l <sup>†</sup>
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. Worcester, Mass.		499 135 49 U 37 28 29 14 31 30 0 6 35 32 64	30 8 U 4 7 8 2 6 9 U 5 4	47 19 6 U 1 2 1 10 1 1 4	12 4 1 - - 3 U 1 - 2	12 6 1 U - 3 U - 1 -	92 29 0 14 5 4 4 5 1 0 1 7 6 10	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.	1,006 U 2855 1366 1588 777 477 87 87 U 118 87 U 118 U 111 944 221	639 U 167 91 109 41 31 54 64 U 76 U 628 628 147	232 U 79 26 32 20 10 21 4 U 25 U 5 228 53	94 U 35 11 10 11 6 7 U 13 U 57 14	14 U 3 3 1 2 U 1 U 1 U 18 4	23 U 35 1 4 35 U 2 U 2 U 12 3	123 U 39 25 19 11 6 6 11 U 6 U - 111 22
MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. 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.	2,391 58 U 56 50 50 1,306 60 33 267 102 41 169 U 344 99 90 10 27 U	1,674 42 U 44 17 38 868 38 18 175 78 35 131 U 29 84 7 23 U	8 U 9 U 3 9 10 300 14 8 61 18 5 25 U 3 11 2	156 4 U 2 1 99 5 3 22 3 1 9 U 1 1 1 1 1 U	42 3 U - - 27 1 - 20 1 1 - 2 U U	30 1 1 1 1 2 4 2 3 2 0 - 2 - 0	165 3 U 2 U 5 53 9 514 7 18 U 5 18 4 2 U	Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. 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.	88 99 34 214 82 56 150 1,870 127 112	141 77 24 1255 40 95 1,267 91 945 87 71 145 91 98 88 188 188 188 0 35 247 60 0153	318 17 63 21 11 39 357 26 12 20 49 16 35 67 U 18 67 23 26	4 4 14 4 5 11 15 5 7 12 37 8 6 U 8 9 9	1252 263264 12228 1804715	3 12 3 22 21 21 9 U 4 4 25	13 5 25 6 13 15 204 19 5 20 17 16 7 28 U 46 1 25
E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Chicago, III. Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Columbus, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wayne, Ind. Grand Rapids, Micl Indianapolis, Ind. Lansing, Mich. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Kans. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn. Omaha, Nebr. St. Louis, Mo. St. Paul, Minn. Wichita, Kans.	266 61 165 62 79 49 121 93 810 U 233 47 159 51	$\begin{array}{c} 1,774\\ 48\\ 31\\ 270\\ 119\\ 159\\ 129\\ 129\\ 129\\ 151\\ 0\\ 65\\ 49\\ 182\\ 45\\ 131\\ 51\\ 65\\ 42\\ 98\\ 62\\ 21\\ 33\\ 103\\ 44\\ 165\\ 64\\ 35\\ 87\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 56 \\ 818 \\ 455 \\ 426 \\ 262 \\ 15 \\ 43 \\ 363 \\ 11 \\ 300 \\ 97 \\ 127 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 21 \\ 129 \\ 47 \\ 133 \\ 8 \end{array}$	161 1 35 9 16 20 25 U 5 2 8 10 2 4 - 4 4 U - 26 20 25 U 5 2 8 10 2 4 - 5 4 4 U 0 3 5 2 4	46 12 4 4 2 6 U 2 1 4 4 1 - 1 2 1 1 5 2 1 1 - 2 1 1 - 2	41 2 5 3 9 3 2 3 0 U - 2 2 7 2 2 3 U U - 2 2 0 U U - 5 5 3 9 3 2 3 0 2 3 0 0 2 2 7 2 2 - 1 2 2 5 0 0 9 3 2 2 3 0 0 2 3 2 0 2 3 0 0 2 3 0 0 2 3 2 2 3 0 0 2 3 2 0 0 2 3 2 2 3 0 0 2 3 2 2 3 0 0 2 2 3 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0	270 95 42 86 21 29 21 02 11 29 200 196 95 97 02 315 532 107	MOUNTAIN Albuquerque, N.M. Boise, Idaho 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. Dorg Beach, Calif. Portland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif. San Joego, Calif. San Joego, Calif. San Jose, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Seattle, Wash. Spokane, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	44 60 U 248 37 224 29 113 210 1,452 25 157 17 49 91 331 300 108 U 248 25 167 17 49 91 31 301 301 302 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49	779 75 35 47 U 172 23 156 25 76 170 1,082 16 123 14 4 39 72 211 122 85 U 191 22 85 U 191 U 144 39 54 U 8,954	188 21 5 9 0 8 9 38 4 23 229 6 24 23 229 6 24 25 14 6 15 0 17 7 19 15 0 2,428	71 12 3 U 13 2 17 - 9 13 9 - 7 1 3 3 40 1 8 U 8 U 8 U 6 - 5 3 U 8 76	27 7 1 U 1 2 8 - 4 3 - 1 4 1 2 9 - 1 4 U 5 - 4 U 2 63	16 1 1 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	118 11 5 7 U 18 26 2 18 22 4 40 5 20 4 9 14 U 40 33 10 11 11 U 330 11 11 U 330 11 11 U

# TABLE IV. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities,\* week ending January 22, 2000 (3rd 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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