**Health Issues and Alerts**

**Multistate Outbreak of Cyclospora Infections Grows**—The latest case count for an ongoing cyclospora outbreak has risen to 601 infected across 22 states, including 40 people who were hospitalized. CDC, FDA, and state officials continue to investigate the outbreak. *(August 22 CDC Website; August 19 US News and World Report)* **Related Note:** CDC Director Frieden discusses how access to technology CDC lacks could help track this type of outbreak, noting “Not being able to analyze the genomic sequence of a microbe in real time is like trying to solve a crime without using fingerprints.” *(August 7 CBS News interview)*

**Many States Show Progress in Reducing Childhood Obesity: Update from CDC Vital Signs**—Obesity rates among low-income preschoolers, after decades of rising, began to level off from 2003 through 2008 and are showing small declines in many states. *(August 6 CDC Vital Signs)* Other recent CDC Vital Signs focused on protecting people from Listeria food poisoning, preventing repeat teen births, and on testing for hepatitis C among baby boomers.

**Excessive Alcohol Consumption Costs States Billions Annually**—Excessive alcohol use costs states and D.C. a median of $2.9 billion in 2006, ranging from $420 million in North Dakota to $32 billion in California, because of losses in workplace productivity, health care expenses, and a combination of criminal justice expenses, motor vehicle crash costs, and property damage. *(August 13 CDC Press Release; August 13 US News and World Report)*

**Incidence of Lyme Disease Underreported by Tenfold**—A CDC study finds more than 30,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported annually to CDC, indicating that the number of people diagnosed with Lyme disease is roughly 10 times higher than the yearly reported number. *(August 19 CDC Press Release; August 19 NBC News; August 19 NPR)*

**HPV Vaccine Effective, Safe, but Underused**—HPV vaccine was introduced in 2006, and vaccination rates in girls aged 13-17 years have stalled, according to CDC data. *(July 25 CDC Press Release; July 25 New York Times)*

**New Health Insurance Marketplace Goes Live October 1st**—On October 1, Americans will be able to search for healthcare coverage options, learn about plans available in each, and compare insurance plans and their prices. *(August 9 CDC Features; HealthCare.gov)*

**CDC Urged to Complete New Study of Toxic Water at Camp Lejeune**—A bipartisan group of lawmakers has urged CDC to complete a new, comprehensive report on the health effects of toxic tap water at the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune via an August 9th letter to CDC Director Frieden. *(August 16 Washington Post; August 19 Winston-Salem Journal)*

**CDC Releases 2014 Edition of "Yellow Book"**—CDC Health Information for International Travel, nicknamed the “Yellow Book” for its cover, features expanded information for healthy international travel and provides the latest official CDC recommendations. *(Aug 6 CDC Press Release)*
CDC Director Speaks at NACCHO’s Annual Meeting — Dr. Frieden addressed a packed crowd of local health department leaders at the opening session of this year’s National Association of County and City Health Officials annual meeting. (July 11 New Public Health)

CDC Director Visits Uganda Facilities to Promote HIV/AIDS Prevention — CDC Director Frieden recently toured the Baylor College of Medicine-Bristol-Myers Squibb Children’s Clinical Center of Excellence at Mulago Hospital in Kampala (July 22 Baylor College of Medicine News), and during a visit to the U.S. Embassy there he discussed CDC’s work in preventing HIV/AIDS (Read Dr. Frieden’s Huffington Post Blog; Listen to the Podcast posted on the Embassy’s Website).

Dr. Frieden Interview Airs on All Things Considered — In an interview on NPR’s All Things Considered, Dr. Frieden discussed why antiquated diseases are on the rise again and the threat of drug-resistant bacteria. (Listen to the July 27 NPR story or read the transcript)

Keeping up Via Twitter — Dr. Frieden’s followers on Twitter now top 25,000. Check it out.

ACD Updates and Member News

Our next Advisory Committee to the Director meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., will be in Atlanta, preceded by a dinner the evening of the 23rd. The new State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Subcommittee held its first meeting at CDC on August 9. Dileep Bal is the lead author of Innovative Readiness Training & Tropic Care Kaua’i. (May 2013 Hawai`i Journal of Medicine and Public Health) Benjamin K. Chu speech during his 2013 investiture as chair of the American Hospital Association — the top elected official of that organization is available via this May 28 YouTube video. Thomas Farley and Deputy NYC Mayor Linda Gibbs recently launched the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program to give at-risk families greater access to healthy foods. (July 23 WFUV.org) George Isham coauthored the article Leveraging Lifestyle Medicine and Social Policy to Extend the Triple Aim From the Clinic Into the Community in the April 2013 American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine. Herminia Palacio recently accepted a position as Senior Program Officer with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. (April 23 Houston Chronicle)

FYI: Resources

- CDC Calendar of Events (URL: http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm)
- CDC Vital Signs (URL: http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html)
- Health Insurance Marketplace (https://www.healthcare.gov)
- CDC Tweets (URL: http://twitter.com/cdcgov)
- Advisory Committee to the Director (URL: http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm)