

◆ 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 New 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'S HIGHLIGHTS

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

