

Arctic Investigations Program (AIP) Alaska Invasive Bacterial Disease Surveillance Report *Neisseria meningitidis* – 2013

Background

AIP has conducted statewide surveillance of invasive *Neisseria meningitidis* since 2000. Invasive *N. meningitidis* is a reportable condition to the State of Alaska Division of Public Health (DPH). Reports of cases of disease caused by this organism are shared between AIP and DPH.

Population

The population of the State of Alaska in 2013 was 736,399; 142,989 (19%) were Alaska Native people. Source: AK Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development population estimates.

Case Definition

An isolate of *Neisseria meningitidis* from a normally sterile site that has been taken from a resident of Alaska.

Methods

Participating laboratories send isolates recovered from sterile sites to the AIP laboratory in Anchorage; materials and forms for isolate shipment and data collection are provided to each laboratory by AIP. Demographic and clinical information on the cases are collected from a review of medical records. Annually, AIP asks that each laboratory review their records and provide information on any cases that may have been overlooked.

Invasive *Neisseria meningitidis* Cases – Alaska, 2013

No cases of invasive *Neisseria meningitidis* were reported in Alaska during 2013.

