

## **EPI Update for Friday, October 17, 2014 Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)**

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **Influenza season starts in Iowa**
- **Influenza teleconference/webinar October 22 at noon**
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### **Influenza season starts in Iowa**

The influenza season is off to an early start in Iowa, with three confirmed cases of influenza A (H3) in Iowa. The cases occurred in Henry, Johnson and Polk counties, indicating that the virus is circulating throughout the state. Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older

IDPH conducts year-round influenza surveillance through the Iowa Influenza Surveillance Network. For more information about where and what strains of influenza are circulating in Iowa, go to [www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/Influenza.aspx?pg=FluHome](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/Influenza.aspx?pg=FluHome).

### **Influenza teleconference/webinar October 22 at noon**

IDPH and SHL will be presenting information on Influenza and other respiratory virus activity, vaccine, antiviral medications, laboratory testing and statewide surveillance. This webinar is intended for those working in hospitals, clinics and laboratories. For more information go to [www.shl.uiowa.edu/dcd/influenza/Influenza\\_2014.pdf](http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/dcd/influenza/Influenza_2014.pdf).

Registration is available online at [www1.gotomeeting.com/register/827253424](http://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/827253424).

### **Ebola update**

There are no cases of Ebola in Iowa. No Iowans are in isolation or quarantine. No persons in Iowa are being tested for Ebola.

Our Ebola web page is up and running at [www.idph.state.ia.us/EHI/Issue.aspx?issue=Ebola Outbreak](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/EHI/Issue.aspx?issue=Ebola%20Outbreak).

New this week from CDC

- 1) Fact Sheet: CDC Taking Active Steps Related to Hospital preparedness for Ebola Treatment [www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1014-ebola-investigation-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1014-ebola-investigation-fact-sheet.pdf)
- 2) Ebola Medical Waste Management [www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/medical-waste-management.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/medical-waste-management.html)
- 3) Questions and answers about Ebola and pets [www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/qas-pets.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/qas-pets.html)
- 4) Facts about Ebola infographic [www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/facts-about-ebola.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/facts-about-ebola.pdf)
- 5) Fact Sheet: Screening of travelers at airports [www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet.pdf)  
[www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet\\_Spanish.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet_Spanish.pdf)  
[www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet\\_French.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/images/JointAirportScreeningFactSheet_French.pdf)

**Enterovirus update**

Reports of Enterovirus are decreasing regionally. Nationally, of the more than 1,400 specimens tested by CDC for Enterovirus D-68 (EV-68), about half have tested positive for EV-D68. About one-third have tested positive for a rhinovirus or enterovirus other than EV-D68. For more information visit [www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/hcp/EV-D68-hcp.html](http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/hcp/EV-D68-hcp.html).

**Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

See above for influenza webinar.

**Have a healthy and happy week!**

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