

EPI Update for Friday, April 3, 2015
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Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **Safe injection practices**
- **New health snapshots**
- **[MMWR articles of interest](#)**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

Safe injection practices

More than 150,000 patients have been impacted by unsafe medical injections since 2001. Breaches in infection control practices such as reusing needles, syringes, or single dose vials can expose patients to serious illnesses such as blood-borne pathogens and life threatening bacterial infections.

The *One and Only Campaign* is a public health campaign led by CDC to raise awareness about safe injection practices. Resources available on the campaign Web site include educational material for employee and patient teaching. For more information visit www.oneandonlycampaign.org/.

New health snapshots

Public Health Tracking has published new state and county health snapshots. The snapshots contain 84 measures of health, and are available as a full report and by topic area. New measures include data about emergency department visits, Medicaid, and oral health. Snapshots are customizable to compare multiple counties and multiple years of data.

New top causes reports are also available and provide the top causes of death, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits by year for the state and counties. For more information visit <https://pht.idph.state.ia.us/reports/Pages/default.aspx>.

[MMWR articles of interest](#)

There are several articles published recently in MMWR that might be of interest:

- Outbreak of *Salmonella Newport* infections linked to cucumbers – United States, 2014 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6406a3.htm?s_cid=mm6406a3_w)
- Measles outbreak – California, December 2014 – February 2015 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6406a5.htm?s_cid=mm6406a5_w)
- Cryptosporidiosis associated with consumption of unpasteurized goat milk – Idaho, 2014 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6407a9.htm?s_cid=mm6407a9_w)
- Systems for rapidly detecting and treating persons with Ebola virus disease – United States (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6408a5.htm?s_cid=mm6408a5_w)
- Suicide trends among persons aged 10-24 years – United States, 1994-2012 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6408a1.htm?s_cid=mm6408a1_w)

- Use of 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: Updated HPV vaccination recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm?s_cid=mm6411a3_w)

Meeting announcements and training opportunities

None

Have a healthy and happy (and greener grass) week!

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