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Provisional Information on Selected Notifiable Diseases in the United States and on Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended January 28, 1961

Influenza - No reports of epidemic influenza or recent influenza virus isolations have been received during the current season from any part of the United States. During the past six weeks, influenza and pneumonia deaths in this country have remained slightly above normal levels, but no significant excess mortality has occurred.

Hepatitis – A total of 1,856 cases was reported for the week ending January 28, 1961, a figure almost identical with last week's total of 1,829 cases. Hepatitis cases for 1961 remain high above comparative totals of the past 9 years. Localized outbreaks are occurring in most States and CDC has been notified this week of specific outbreaks in Clark County, Kentucky; Franklin County, Illinois; and Duchesne County, Utah.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Hepatitis - Macy, Nebraska

Dr. Holman R. Wherritt, Medical Officer in Charge, Public Health Indian Hospital in Winnebago, Nebraska, has reported an outbreak of infectious hepatitis among Omaha Indians. A total of 29 cases have occurred since

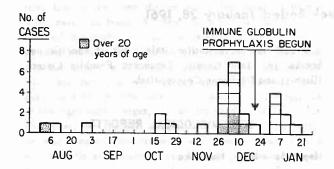
Table I. Cases of Specified Notifiable Diseases: United States

(Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous week)

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August in and around Macy, a town of 732 population. Only 2 cases were reported among these Indians between 1957 and August 1960. All of the cases were jaundiced, and all were mild with the exception of two white women—a nurse who treated cases at the Indian hospital and a minister's wife who taught Sunday school; their courses necessitated longer convalescent periods. The figure below shows cases by week of onset:

HEPATITIS, OMAHA INDIAN RESERVATION



Fifteen had onset in December and 7 in January. Two peaks separated by about 30 days are discernible in December and January. The ages of the cases showed a distinct pattern. Six were preschool age, 17 were 5 – 9 years old, 1 was in the 10 – 14 age group, and 5 were 20 or above. The paucity of cases over 10 years of age is noteworthy. Fourteen of the children attended a single elementary school. All were Indians with the exception of the two white women. A careful study of the cases points to the person-to-person route as the predominant means of spread. All household contacts of cases occurring after November 15 have been given immune serum globulin and subsequent cases have not occurred in these family members.

Typhoid - Colorado

One week ago Colorado reported three typhoid cases; during the entire year 1961, a total of one case was reported. Dr. Cecil Mollohan, Chief, Division of Epidemiology, Colorado State Department of Public Health, has informed us that the current cases were apparently unrelated. Two cases were adults – the first, a 33-year old man developed symptoms in mid-December. He had been traveling in South America and was hospitalized with compatible symptoms and elevated H and O agglutinin titers. No culture was taken before treatment with chloramphenical was initiated. The second, a 29-year old man recently returned from Mexico, developed symptoms on January 10 and was found to have positive stools for S. typhosa. The third case, a three year old girl, had onset of symptoms on January 12 and stool cultures were

positive. A most interesting background to this case is being investigated. The girl's grandmother, who has a history of having typhoid fever at age 11, came to live in the home of the patient in November. Late in the same month the grandmother was hospitalized with gallstone ileus and in mid-January (before cultures could be taken) she had a cholecystectomy. The girl's mother was hospitalized December 27, 1960, with fever, chills, and diarrhea and a gram-negative bacillus was isolated from her blood. She was started on chloramphenicol prior to further cultures. It appears that the grandmother may have unknowingly affected both her daughter and granddaughter.

Poliomyelitis - Puerto Rico

A preliminary total of 497 paralytic poliomyelitis cases occurred in Puerto Rico during 1960. Of these, 433 or 89 percent had spinal paralysis with the remaining 11 percent having bulbar or bulbo-spinal involvement. The epidemic began late in January and reached a peak during the week ending June 11. The first case resided in the Ponce area and later cases occurred throughout the island with 68 of 76 municipalities having at least one case. The cases are shown in the following table by age and vaccination status.

Paralytic Poliomyelitis by Age and Vaccination Status Puerto Rico, 1960 — Preliminary Data

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^{*} Specified cases

It is evident that the epidemic involved predominantly unvaccinated preschool children; 86 percent of the cases were under 5 years of age. Only 6 percent of the cases received three or more doses of vaccine while 83 percent had not had one dose.

(Submitted by Dr. Manuel Feliberti, Epidemiologist, Puerto Rico Department of Health)

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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED JANUARY 30, 1960 AND JANUARY 28, 1961

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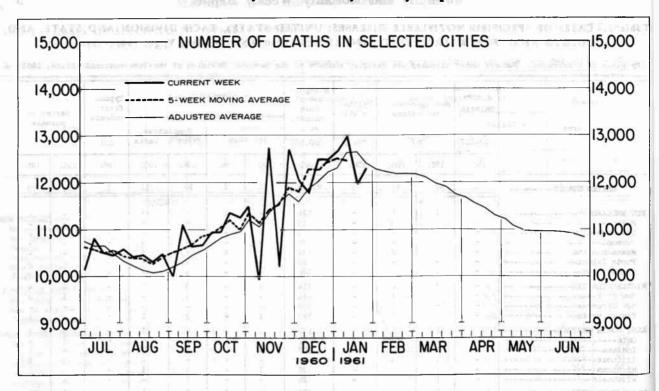
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The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 117 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, a 5-week moving average of these figures plotted at the central week, and an adjusted average for comparison. For each region the adjusted average was computed as follows: From the total deaths reported each week for the years 1956-1960, 3 central figures were selected by eliminating the highest and lowest figure reported for that week. A 5-week moving average of the arithmetic mean of the 3 central figures was then computed with adjustment to allow for population growth in each region. The average value of the regional increases was 2 percent which was incorporated in the adjusted average shown in the chart.

Table 4 shows the number of death certificates re-

ceived during the week indicated for deaths that occurred in selected cities. Figures compiled in this way, by week of receipt, usually approximate closely the number of deaths occurring during the week. However, differences are to be expected because of variations in the interval between death and receipt of the certificate and because of incomplete reporting due to holidays or vacations. If a report is not received from a city in time to be included in the total for the current week, an estimate is used.

The number of deaths in cities of the same size may also differ because of variations in the age, race, and sex composition of the populations and because some cities are hospital centers serving the surrounding areas. Changes from year to year in the number of deaths may be due in part to population increases or decreases.

Table 3. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

		4th week	3rd week	Adjusted average,	Percent change, adjusted -	Cumulative, first 4 weeks			
Area		ended Jan. 28, 1961	ended Jan. 21, 1961	4th week 1956-60	average to current week	1961	1960	Percent change	
TOTAL, 117 REPORTING CITIES	12	2,304	12,009	12,403	-0.8	49,933	52,870	-5.6	
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		2,532	2,556	2,653	+0.3	14,025 10,487	14,203 11,819	-1.3	
	cities)	784	755	881	-11.0	3,267	3,527	-7.4	
		1,126	1,058	1,071	+5.1	4,543	4,442	+2.3	
East South Central(cities)	575	480	571	+0.7	2,314	2,396	-3.4	
	cities) 1	180	1,039	1,134	+4.1	4,393	4,664	-5.8	
	cities)	368	423	382	-3.7	1,510	1,552	-2.7	
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Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES

(By place of occurrence and week of filing certificate. Excludes fetal deaths)

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Boston, Mass.	284	256	1,077	1,078	St. Louis, Mo	224	233	970	1,131
Bridgeport, Conn	45	50	184	175	St. Paul, Minn	68	46	269	327
Cambridge, Mass	31	23	122	153	Wichita, Kans	41	32	193	200
Fall River, Mass.	21	26	100	126	The state of the s				9.7
Hartford, Conn	61	55	203	200	SOUTH ATLANTIC:	S. H. Sandar	1		
Lowell, Mass.	27	19	97	104	Atlanta, Ga	135	138	532	508
Lynn, Mass.	17	17	91	111	Baltimore, Md	256	270	1,084	1,115
New Bedford, Mass	32	25	126	146	Charlotte, N.C	30	41	155	171
New Haven, Conn.	62	44	198	217	Jacksonville, Fla	71	63	314	267
Providence, R.I.	67	54	264	290	Miami, Fla	91	53	306	348
Springfield, Mass.	12	9	48	70	Norfolk, Va	56	52	204	222
Waterbury, Conn	49	59	214	229	Richmond, Va	87	83	384	351
Worcester, Mass	30	30	118	118 252	Savannah, Ga	(63)	36 (80)	168 (329)	168 (348
	68	50	241	252	Tampa, Fla.	84	70	328	271
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Albany, N.Y.	54	38	226	175	Wilmington, Del	56	44	187	194
Allentown, Pa	37	33	148	138				20,	1
Buffalo, N.Y.	152	144	616	691	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:	1.0	911.		11 19100
Camden, N.J.	42	38	163	198	Birmingham, Ala	75	84	397	384
Ellzabeth, N.J.	33	31	119	96	Chattanooga, Tenn	68	32	227	227
Erle, Pa.	39	32	165	166	Knoxville, Tenn	21	30	124	138
Jersey City, N.J.	60	80	316	354	Louisville, Ky	156	120	495	503
Newark, N.J.	113	92	440	463	Memphis, Tenn	117	88	492	473
New York City, N.Y	1,829	1,666	7,107	6,938	Mobile, Ala	51	29	181	198
Faterson, N.J.	41	36	164	186	Montgomery, Ala	41	31	155	165
Philadelphia, Pa	523	595	2,181	2,145	Nashville, Tenn	46	66	243	308
Pittsburgh, Pa.	135	222	828	1,044	LEGER GOVERN GENERAL	700.00	KARLE P		100
Reading, Pa	27	27	96	112	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:	43	1.2	15/	172
Schenectady, N.Y.	107	116	460	518	Austin, Tex	37	43 34	154 156	172 137
Scranton, Pa.	20	25	101	103	Baton Rouge, La.	31	20	113	128
-Jidcuse N V	32	52	160	174	Corpus Christi, Tex Dallas, Tex	155	117	536	529
TICHTON, N.T	58	56	252	276	El Paso, Tex	42	45	170	201
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Yonkers, N.Y	33	33	145	131	Houston, Tex	179	206	779	763
	35	48	152	138	Little Rock, Ark	60	67	242	285
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Cincinnati, Ohio	162	155	700	736	Tulsa, Okla	53	40	234	279
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	39	35	131	136	Pueblo, Colo	17	16	61	52.5
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	29	37	122	143	Glendale, Calif	(33)	(37)	(146)	(21
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					Oakland, Calif	124	97	455	45
Duluth, Minn.	60	54	203	220	Pasadena, Calif	30	29	121	18
Kansas City	25	30	117	123	Portland, Oreg	113	63	414	45
Kansas City, Mo.	41	37	170	163	Sacramento, Calif	50	65	267	30
Lincoln Wat	106	134	553	516	San Diego, Calif	113	86	374	49
Minneapolis, Minn.	(25)	(21)	(134)	(119)	San Francisco, Calif	230	240	923	93
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been reporting less than five years and hence are not included in Table 3.

Botulism - Minnesota (Follow-up Report)

In September 1960 (Volume 9, Number 38) the Minnesota Department of Health supplied preliminary information on two fatal cases of botulism. Death followed within two days after consumption of smoked fresh water fish marketed in vacuum packed plastic bags. In a follow-up letter, Dr. Karl R. Lundeberg, Commissioner of Health, Minneapolis, reports that the early impression, that the botulinus toxin responsible for the two deaths was either type A or B was erroneous. "Subsequent studies by Dr. C. E. Dolman, University of Vancouver, Dr. G. M. Dack, University of Chicago, and the Pure Food and Drugs Laboratory, Washington, demonstrated that this outbreak was due to botulinus toxin type E. Cl. botulinum, type E organisms were isolated from the smoked fish by Dr. Dolman. It is interesting to note that type E is reported to grow and elaborate toxin at considerably lower temperatures than the more common types, A and B. In these deaths, the question of refrigeration assumed special importance because it was claimed that refrigeration was continuously maintained up to the time of consumption of the fish even though the accident happened during a spell of unusually hot weather." These two cases are thought to represent the first report in the United States of botulism due to type E toxin ascribed to fresh water fish.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Influenza - Dr. Edward J. O'Rourke, Epidemiologic Consultant, Europe, U.S. Public Health Service, American Embassy, London, reports that influenza continues in Great Britain where cases are widespread in the Midland and Northwestern Regions and beginning to occur in London. Many isolations of the A, influenza virus strain have been made. England and Wales report 358 influenza deaths for the week ending January 21, 1961, which compares with 32 deaths for the corresponding week in 1960. Pneumonia and bronchitis deaths have remained above the 1960 levels for the past six weeks. Professor Patrick N. Meenan, University College, Dublin, has reported that influenza is widespread in Dublin and appears also, from preliminary information, to be occurring in all parts of that country. Viruses isolated from patients in the Dublin area are of the A2 strain. There is no reported influenza on the European Continent.

The WHO Weekly Epidemiological Record, Number 4. January 27, 1961 mentions a small outbreak of virus B influenza which occurred in December 1960, in a class of a primary school in Tokyo, Japan. An associated press release dated January 27, Tokyo, indicates that influenza outbreaks in that city have resulted in widespread closing of schools.

QUARANTINE MEASURES

Immunization Information for International Travel

No Changes Reported

SOURCE AND NATURE OF MORBIDITY DATA

These provisional data are based on reports to the Public Health Service from the health departments of each State and Puerto Rico. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. Total figures for the United States and the Pacific Division include data for the States of Alaska and Hawaji. Cases of anthrax, botulism, and rabies in man are not shown in table 2, but a footnote to table 1 shows the States reporting these diseases. When diseases of rare occurrence are reported by a State (cholera, dengue, plague, louse-borne relapsing fever, smallpox, louseborne epidemic typhus, and yellow fever) this is noted below table 1.

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