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Provisional Information on Selected Notifiable Diseases in the United States and on Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended February 11, 1961

Influenzo - Although epidemic influenza continues to occur in Great Britain (see International Notes, page 8), there have been no reports of influenza activity within the United States. The number of deaths due to influenza and Pneumonia are within normal limits for the season (see graph, page 2).

Hepatitis - Continues at high level of incidence; total reported cases this week (1,639) does not include figures from Tennessee, which reported 161 cases last week.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Hepatitis — Mississippi

Dr. Archie L. Gray, Secretary and Executive Officer, Mississippi State Board of Health, reports an outbreak of infectious hepatitis in Pascagoula, Mississippi traced to the consumption of raw oysters. Since January 1, a total of 32 cases has occurred in a population of approximately 17,500 persons. All but two were jaundiced. The incidence increased during the month to a peak of 12 cases in the week ending February 4. They were widely distributed

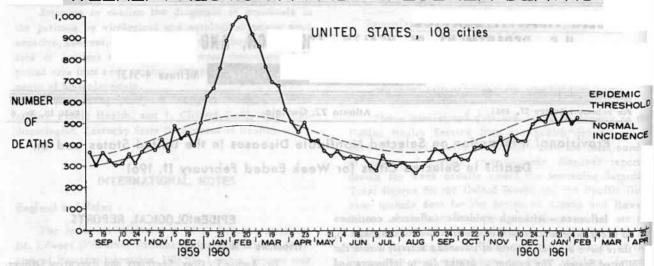
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Rabies in animals	72	94	94	326	469	535	902	1,449	1,449	Oct. 1	

Figures for current week exclude missing reports from Arizona and Tennessee (State holiday)

WEEKLY PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA DEATHS



The graph shows current pneumonia-influenza deaths reported weekly in 108 United States cities in comparison with the expected number of deaths.* No excess has occurred in recent weeks. Total deaths (see table 3) are also at normal levels. During the first six weeks of 1961 there has been a decrease of 4,872 deaths (or 6.1 percent) in 117 United States cities in comparison with deaths during the same period in 1960 when influenza epidemics were widespread.

(*The procedure for calculating expected levels is described in a mimeographed publication available on request to the Statistics Section, Epidemiology Branch, CDC).

throughout the city without apparent focal concentrations. Most of the cases were in adults, 24 of 32 being 15 years of age or older. Careful food eating histories revealed that 27 of the cases had eaten raw oysters from 20 to 40 days prior to onset. While oysters are a common article of food in this area, the eating of raw oysters is uncommon.

Attempts to trace the source revealed that 19 of the cases were associated with oysters packed in pint containers by one group of distributors who contributed only a small fraction of the total fresh oysters sold in the city. Investigation of the source of contamination of those oysters is in progress. There has been no evidence to incriminate oysters from other sources or other distributors. The outbreak has been studied and is under continuing study by State and local health department personnel of Mississippi as well as the Communicable Disease Center and the Division of Milk, Food, Interstate, and Community Sanitation of the U. S. Public Health Service.

Trichinosis - lowo

Dr. Ralph Heeren, Director, Division of Preventable Diseases, Iowa State Department of Health, reported an outbreak of 18 cases of trichinosis during December and January distributed among five counties and related to the consumption of uncooked home prepared pork sausage. The clinical manifestations varied from mild to severe and included nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, periorbital edema, headache, dizziness, disturbed vision, myalgia,

weakness, chills, fever and sweats. Eosinophilia ranged from 3 to 43 percent. The diagnosis was substantiated by serologic means. Nine cases were male and nine female, and ages ranged from 2 to 74 years. Five persons who ate small quantities of raw sausage which had been frozen for a period of two weeks did not become ill.

The sources of the pork and beef used in the sausage were three large packing companies. The meat, which was ground, seasoned, packed in natural casings, and smoked for six days, was then eaten uncooked between December 8 and 26.

The sausage samples examined at the State Hygienic Laboratory contained *Trichinella spiralis*, with the average number of parasites per gram of sausage varying from 0.4 to 4.6.

Correction - Hale County, Texas, Diphtheria Epidemiological Report (Vol. 10, No. 1): Only 10 isolates from diphtheria cases occurring in the county have thus far been typed. Of these, one was mitis, and the other nine were intermedius. All isolates from Plainview have been of the latter type.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

England and Wales

Epidemic influenza this week accounted for 1,219 deaths, almost doubling the total of last week (699), while (Continued on page 8)

Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED FEBRUARY 13, 1960 AND FEBRUARY 11, 1961

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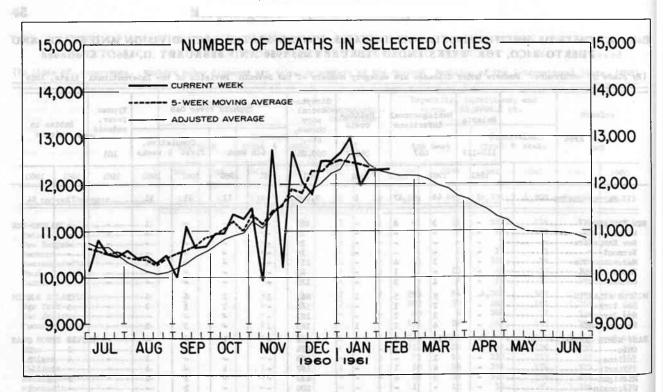
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The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 117 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, a 5-week moving average of these figures plotted at the central week, and an adjusted average for comparison. For each region the 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 set 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

	6th week ended Feb. 11, 1961	5th week ended Feb. 4, 1961	Adjusted average, 6th week 1956-60	Percent change,	Cumulative, first 6 weeks			
Area				adjusted average to current week	1961	1960	Percent change	
TOTAL, 117 REPORTING CITIES	12,318	12,275	12,228	+0.7	74,526	79,398	-6.1	
New England(14 cities)	791*	734	735	+7.6	4,608	5,187	-11.2	
Middle Atlantic(20 cities)	3,320*	3,611	3,339	-0.6	20,956	21,090	-0.6	
East North Central(21 cities)	2,708	2,479	2,618	+3.4	15,674	17,390	-9.9	
West North Central(9 cities)	946	809	898	+5.3	5,022	5,385	-6.7	
South Atlantic(11 cities)	1,045*	1,069	1,060	-1.4	6,657	6,942	-4.1	
East South Central(8 cities)	565	586	554	+2.0	3,465	3,598	-3.7	
West South Central(15 cities)	1,116	1,145	1,107	+0.8	6,654	7,194	-7.5	
Mountain(8 cities)	383	379	367	+4.4	2,272	2,361	-3.8	
Pacific(15 cities)	1,444*	1,463	1,550	-6.8	9,218	10,251	-10.1	

^{*}Includes estimate for missing reports.

Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES

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

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Boston, Mass.	260	276	1,613	1,746	St. Louis, Mo	282	249	1,501	1,679
Bridgeport, Conn	45*	35	264	282	St. Paul, Minn	84	73	426	513
Cambridge, Mass.	41	26	189	224	Wichita, Kans	52	40	285	290
Fall River, Mass.	28	26	154	208	TABLE T SUBSTITUTE TO STATE OF THE STATE OF	Tentre	ETERO:	refreeded 9	
Hartford, Conn.	51	49	303	350	SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Marian al a	1,100,771
Lowell, MassLynn, Mass	19	33	149	161	Atlanta, Ga	127	155	814	815
New Bedford, Mass	30 25	21 23	142 174	172 192	Beltimore, Md	259	251	1,594	1,774
New Haven, Conn.	55	45	298	334	Jacksonville, Fla	42* 51	39 50	236 415	298 423
Providence, R.I.	74	53	391	471	Miami, Fla.	74	76	456	540
Somerville, Mass	15	12	75	112	Norfolk, Va	52	51	307	330
Springfield, Mass	56	50	320	369	Richmond, Va	93	80	557	554
Waterbury, Conn	27	24	169	171	Savannah, Ga	41	43	252	249
Worcester, Mass	65	61	367	395	St. Petersburg, Fla	(95)	(76)	(500)	(508)
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Albany N. N.			16-4		Washington, D.C	207	220	1,308	1,274
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Erie, Pa.	43	41	249	233	Knoxville, Tenn.	46	31	201	220
Jersey City, N.J	64	99	479	498	Louisville, Ky	123	121	739	769
Newark, N.J.	117	116	673	630	Memphis, Tenn	131	140	763	709
New York City, N.Y	1,687*	1,761	10,555	10,408	Mobile, Ala	43	41	265	285
Paterson, N.J.	48	40	252	269	Montgomery, Ala	35	27	217	247
Philadelphia, Pa	560	598	3,339	3,199	Nashville, Tenn	64	65	372	458
Pittsburgh, Pa	125	264	1,217	1,497	A MILETON DA				
Reading, Pa.	28	26	150	155	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				0.00
Rochester, N.Y.	106	104	670	719	Austin, Tex	48	29 29	231	261
Scranton, Pa.	27	24	152	160	Baton Rouge, La.	30 28	26	215 167	188 204
Syracuse, N.Y	46	42	248	271	Corpus Christi, Tex	130	137	803	836
Trenton, N.J.	58 45	66 51	376	426	Dallas, Tex	45	37	252	306
Utica. N.Y	28	31	282 204	250 188	Fort Worth, Tex	89	76	417	453
Yonkers, N.Y	38	24	214	202	Houston, Tex	163	221	1,163	1,209
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Akron, Ohio	76	52	384	378	Oklahoma City, Okla	89	85	536	556
Canton, Ohio	38	29	192	248	San Antonio, Tex	100	125	672	805
Chicago, Ill	810	817	4,766	5,409	Shreveport, La	67	42	331	332
Cincinnati, Ohio	183	142	1,025	1,133	Tulsa, Okla	85	63	382	428
Cleveland, Ohio	214	195	1,323	1,556	ADA THERE IN SERVICE IN MY	mac/	70 mm 9	-20-4K000	
Columbus, Ohio	114	122	728	813	MOUNTAIN:				THAT
Detroit, Mich.	103	97 310	2 085	2 477	Albuquerque, N. Mex	32	34	197	214
Evansville, Ind.	363 43	310	2,085	2,477 227	Colorado Springs, Colo	18	16	106	121
Flint, Mich.	43	43	268	261	Denver, Colo	109	118	703	832
Port Wayne, Ind.	46	37	255	260	Ogden, Utah	12	15	86	114
dary, Ind	36	25	192	203	Phoenix, Ariz.	96	93	541	464
Grand Rapids, Mich.	56	35	277	203	Pueblo, Colo.	19	16	96	86
	163	131	913	874	Salt Lake City, Utah	57	48	301	321
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	89	110	622	733	Honolulu, Hawaii	27	41	254	25
Youngstown, Ohio	51	66	348	381	Long Beach, Calif	55	57	376	37
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EST NORTH CENTRAL:				21	Oakland, Calif	98	105	658	650
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	31	23	171	193	Portland, Oreg	96	99	609	68
Kansas City, Kans	42	40	252	237	Sacramento, Calif	58*	91	416	46.
Lincoln Nebr	158	126	837	(170)	San Diego, Calif.	102	73	549	68
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in the comparable week last year, only 36 deaths were attributed to influenza. These figures are from the Weekly Influenza Statement (No. 6) issued by the British Ministry of Health. Increases in the number of deaths due to pneumonia and bronchitis are also noted; the number of deaths due to pneumonia, influenza, and bronchitis this week totaled 5,168 as compared with 1,423 in the comparable week last year.

Dr. Edward O'Rourke, Epidemiological Consultant, Division of Foreign Quarantine, USPHS, London, reports that seventy-five percent of the deaths this week occurred in persons 65 years and older. He also reports that isolations continue to show the presence of A2 influenza virus in England; but there has been no evidence of epidemic influenza on the European Continent.

Venezuela

A report from WHO indicates the presence of plague infested rats in an area of one thousand square kilometers located south of Caracas which has been endemic for rodent plague. No human cases have been reported.

QUARANTINE MEASURES

Immunization Information for International Travel - 1960 edition

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The following corrections should be made to the list of Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers in Section 6, page 69:

City	Center	Clinic Hours	Fee
Tennessee	Davidson County Department of	Wednesday	Yes
Nashville	Public Health, 311-23rd	by appoint-	1163
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CUBA - SMALLPOX VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

All travelers arriving from Cuba after January 14, 1961, will be required to show evidence of valid vaccination for smallpox. The application of this quarantine regulation to travelers from Cuba was announced January 10 by Dr. Leroy Burney, Surgeon General.

Areas exempt from quarantine are: Canada, the Canal Zone, the West Coast of Lower California, and the islands of Greenland, Iceland, the Bahama, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands, St. Pierre, Miguelon, Aruba, Curacao, and Jamaica.

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 Hawaii. 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, louse borne epidemic typhus, and yellow fever) this is noted below table 1.

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