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## International Notes

# Smallpox Surveillance — Worldwide

October 26, 1978, marks the first anniversary of the last case of endemic smallpox. The last known case occurred in Merka, Somalia. The recent laboratory-associated outbreak in Birmingham, United Kingdom, has not altered plans of the World Health Organization (WHO) for final certification of global eradication. Intensive surveillance continues in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Djibouti, and the Yemen Arab Republic with plans for Certification Commissions in the fall of 1979.

A reward of \$1,000 has been established by the Director-General of WHO for the first person who reports an active case of smallpox resulting from person-to-person transmission and confirmed by laboratory tests (1).

Reference

1. Resolution WHA 31.54, World Health Assembly, 1978

## Epidemiologic Notes and Reports

# Isolation of Organisms Resembling Legionnaires' Disease Bacterium — Georgia

Organisms resembling the Legionnaires' disease bacterium (LDB) have been isolated from water obtained from the evaporative condensor at a country club in Atlanta, Georgia, by intraperitoneal inoculation of guinea pigs. The organism shows typical appearance on F-G agar, is positive by direct immunofluorescence, and has a characteristic cellular fatty acid profile on gas chromatographic analysis. DNA relatedness studies are pending. From July 2-7, 1978, a cluster of 3 confirmed and 5 presumptive cases of Legionnaires' disease occurred among member golfers (1). The water sample was obtained on August 23. The output vent of the evaporative condensor faces the tenth tee of the golf course, approximately 150 feet away. Decontamination of the evaporative condensor has been attempted, and post-decontamination water samples are presently being tested for the bacterium. Reported by WR Elsea, MD, Fulton County Dept of Health; J McCroan, PhD, State Epidemiologist, Georgia Dept of Human Resources; Bacteriology Div and Pathology Div, Bur of Laboratories, Bacterial Diseases Div, Bur of Epidemiology, CDC.

Editorial Note: This is the fourth isolation of an organism resembling LDB from a cooling tower or evaporative condensor at the site of an outbreak (2-4). Epidemiologic analysis indicates that the golfers may have been exposed to airborne LDB coming from the evaporative condensor. Laboratory evaluation of chemical agents that might be effective in decontamination or preventive maintenance of evaporative condensors and cooling

Legionnaires' Disease Bacterium - Continued

towers has been initiated by CDC, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers.

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## Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning - Washington

During the last 2 weeks of September 1978, Washington State reported its first case since 1942 of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) involving native shellfish. In 2 separate incidents, a total of 4 people required hospitalization after eating mussels and developing the typical symptoms of PSP—paresthesia of the lips, tongue, face, and extremities; nausea; vomiting; dysphonia; dysphagia; and some muscle incoordination. All the patients recovered.

Investigation of both incidents showed that the parties had collected and eaten mussels from Whidbey Island, Island County, Washington. Collection of mussels from North Bluff Beach and near the town of Clinton, the sites involved, revealed levels of 1,415 micrograms and 2,821 micrograms of PSP toxin per 100 grams of meat, respectively. The maximum allowable PSP toxin in commercial shellfish in Washington is 80 micrograms per 100 grams of meat.

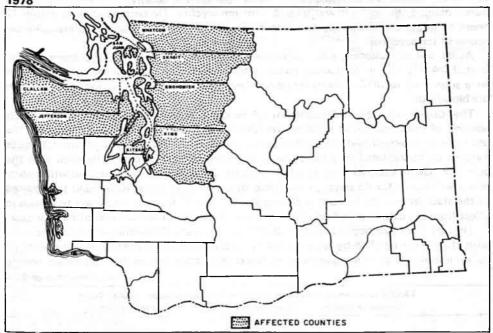
PSP surveillance conducted by local health departments and the Office of Environmental Health Programs, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), was expanded and intensified. PSP toxin levels as high as 30,360 micrograms have since been found in shellfish from Whidbey Island. Toxic levels of PSP have also been noted in shellfish from the beaches of Clallam, King, Kitsap, Jefferson, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties (Figure 1). Thus far the southernmost area of toxic levels has been the northern tip of Vashon Island, south of Seattle in King County. Toxic levels of PSP have not been recorded this far south in Washington before. Local health departments have closed all beaches to private shellfish harvesting, and the Office of Environmental Health Programs has closed the beaches to commercial shellfish harvesting in the affected areas. They will remain closed until further notice.

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Editorial Note: PSP is caused by a neurotoxin produced by Gonyaulax catanella, a dinoflagellate associated with so-called "red tides." Termed saxitoxin, this neurotoxin is very stable and is not destroyed by freezing or by the routine cooking of shellfish. Saxitoxin is thought to block the propagation of nerve and muscle action potentials by interfering with sodium permeability. The neurotoxin is ingested and concentrated in the tissues of the filter-feeding bivalve mollusks, without any apparent effect on the shellfish (1).

There is a standardized mouse bioassay procedure for demonstrating and quantitating the toxin in shellfish. Although there is no readily available diagnostic test for clinical Shellfish Poisoning — Continued

FIGURE 1. Washington counties associated with toxic levels of PSP\* toxin in shellfish, 1978



<sup>\*</sup>paralytic shellfish poisoning

specimens, this assay has also been used to demonstrate toxin in specimens of vomitus. Diagnosis is usually made on clinical and epidemiologic grounds.

Treatment consists of gastric lavage, if vomiting has not occurred, and a cathartic or enema in severe cases to help remove any unabsorbed toxin from the digestive tract. Extremely severe cases may require temporary respiratory support. Spontaneous recovery can usually be expected after 24 hours. There is no specific treatment to neutralize the toxin.

Another type of shellfish poisoning, neurotoxic shellfish poisoning (NSP), is caused by the ingestion of shellfish contaminated with the toxin of *Gymnodinium breve*, a dinoflagellate found off the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of Florida. NSP presents with a similar, but generally milder syndrome than PSP.

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#### Psittacosis — Connecticut

A 49-year-old man became ill on March 9, 1978, with intense pain in the legs followed by severe chills and headaches and a temperature spike to 104 F (40 C). The pattern of fever was intermittent. Prior to admission to the hospital, he developed a cough, a splotchy rash over the face and neck, and intense pruritis over the legs.

He was admitted to the hospital on March 16 with a productive cough with hemoptysis, chest pain in the right lower quadrant, and diarrhea. Admission X rays showed patchy, abnormal densities in the basal segments of the right lower lobe consistent with pneumonia. No definite hilar adenopathy or pleural fluid was noted.

#### Psittacosis - Continued

Because the patient was a pet store owner who gave a history of recent contact with sick birds, psittacosis was suspected. After appropriate cultures and serologic studies were obtained, the patient was treated with tetracycline. He became afebrile within 12 hours of initiation of therapy and was discharged on March 22 to complete a 14-day course of tetracycline.

Acute and convalescent serum specimens submitted to the state laboratory demonstrated >4-fold rise in psittacosis group antibodies. Sputum and blood clot specimens were submitted to CDC. *Chlamydia psittaci* was isolated from the sputum but not from the blood clot.

The Connecticut State Department of Health's Preventable Diseases Division was notified of the presumptive diagnosis on March 17. The state veterinarian inspected the pet store in question and imposed a quarantine with the following guidelines: 1) birds were to be quarantined in a closed area free from contact or communication with the public or newly acquired birds or other animals; 2) birds were to be treated with appropriate antibiotics for 45 days; 3) any birds that died were to be frozen and transported to the state laboratory for further testing at CDC; and 4) the quarantine was to remain in effect from the date imposed until 60 days after the death of the last identified avian case.

The pet store had begun selling birds in early February. All people who had purchased birds there were notified by letter of their possible exposure to psittacosis and advised of its symptoms. A questionnaire was enclosed requesting information on illness among (Continued on page 423)

TABLE I. Summary — cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States (Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks.)

1,000	42nd WE	EK ENDING		CUMULATIVE, FIRST 42 WEEKS				
DISEASE	October 21, October 22, 1978 1977*		MEDIAN 1973-1977**	October 21, 1978	Octobe: 22, 1977*	MEDIAN 1973-1977**		
Aseptic meningitis	234	146	107	4,771	3,796	3,210		
Brucellosis	5	5	6	125	185	185		
Chickenpox	808	918	916	126,265	163,727	147,150		
Diphtheria	_	_	2	64	73	155		
Encephalitis: Primary (arthropod-borne & unspec.)	30	55	52	784	914	1,190		
Post-infectious	3	5	3	171	173	227		
Hepatitis, Viral: Type B	297	346	219	11.970	13,338	9,302		
Type A Type unspecified	627 170	650 155	709	23,457	24,779 7,093	28,108		
Malaria	14	14	13	584	450	348		
Measles (rubeola)	173	110	110	24,459	53.392	24.661		
Meningococcal infections: Total	32	25	24	1.931	1,419	1,178		
Civilian	31	24	24	1.906	1,409	1,153		
Military	1	1		25	10	25		
Mumps	143	297	418	14.026	17,104	46 405		
Pertussis	26	49		1.657	1.403			
Rubella (German measles)	63	60	101	16.783	18,995	15,223		
Tetanus	1	2	2	67	60	75		
Tuberculosis	553	557	588	23,954	24.350	25.280		
Tularemia	4	3	1	105	137	124		
Typhoid fever	15	12	9	409	321	340		
Typhus fever, tick-borne (Rky. Mt. spotted)	16	13	10	959	1,060	767		
Venereal diseases:								
Gonorrhea: Civilian	21.610	21,518	21.518	814.379	804.975	604,975		
Military	349	431	431	20.527	21,892	23,826		
Syphilis, primary & secondary: Civilian	351	415	520	17.266	16,561	19,585		
Military	5	8	8	246	246	282		
Rabies in animals	60	75	72	2,524	2,532	2,470		

TABLE II. Notifiable diseases of low frequency, United States

	CUM. 1978		CUM, 1978
Anthrax	5	Poliomyelitis: Total	3
Botulism (Utah 1)	62	Paralytic	1
Cholera (La. 2)	11	Psittacosis (Ark. 2)	87
Congenital rubella syndrome (Miss. 1)	25	Rabies in man	_
Leprosy (NYC 1, Va. 1)	126	Trichinosis (Fla. 1, Tex. 1)	45
Leptospirosis (Hawaii 3)	52	Typhus fever, flea-borne (endemic, murine)	34
Plague	III 7		

<sup>\*</sup>Delayed reports received for calendar year 1977 are used to update last year's weekly and cumulative totals

<sup>\*</sup> Medians for gonorrhea and syphilis are based on data for 1975-1977.

TABLE III. Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 21 1078 and October 22 1077 (42nd week)

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	ASEFTIC	BRU-	-14			ltm e	ENCEPHALI	TIS	HEPATI	ris (VIRAI	), BY TYPE		
REPORTING AREA	MENIN- GITIS	LOSIS	CHICKEN- POX	DIPHT	HERIA		imary	Post-in- fections	В	A	Unspecified	MAL	ARIA
	1978	1978	1978	1976	CUM. 1978	1978	1977*	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	CUM. 1978
UNITED STATES	234	5	808	-	64	30	55	3	297	627	170	14	584
NEW ENGLAND	3	_	153	_	_		2	-	2	11	12	4-	28
Maine	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1
N.H.	_	_	3	_	_	_	_			2	-	_	4
Vt. † Mass.	2	_	55	_	_		1		_	4	9	_	7
R.I.	_	_	38	_	_	_		-	-	-	-	-	5
Conn.	1	-	21	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3	-	11
MID. ATLANTIC	76		47	-	1	1	4	1	63	49	27	7	125
Upstate N.Y.	34 7		15	_	1	1	( <u> </u>	1	9 15	12	8 5	3	18 55
N.Y. City N.J.	13	_	NN	_			2	_	23	10	á	2	24
Pa. †	22	-	23	-	-	-	2	-	16	18	6	2	28
E.N. CENTRAL	42	_	291	_	_	а	21	_	44	86	12	_	39
Ohio t	-	_	3	-	-	3	9	-	7	14	-	-	5
Ind.	7	-	-	_		2	5	-	4	1	8	_	3
III. Mich.	7 16	_	42 120	_	_	- 1	4 2	-	20	21 40	2 2	_	14 15
Wis.†	12	=	126	-	-	2	ì	-	4	10	-		2
W.N. CENTRAL	9	ı	79	_	2	2	3	_	33	92	9	_	22
Minn.	-	-	-	-	_	-	1	-	7	32	2	-	4
lowa	-	1	41	-	-	2	-	_	. 3	3	1	_	_
Mo.	3	-	1	_	1 -		?	_	15	23	5	_	8
N. Dak. S. Dak.	_	_	<u>:</u>	_	_	_	_	_	1	8		_	1
Nebr.	ι	_		_	1	_	-	-	3	10	-		4
Kans.	5	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	1	-	5
S. ATLANTIC	41	1	82	-	-	7	13	2	49	98	23	4	103
Del.	1	_	- 5	_	_		_	_	2	8	_	1	1 23
Md. † D.C.	7	_	-	_	_	1_	1	_	13	2	_	2	4
Va.†	6	_	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	5	_	20
W. Va.	1	-	24	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	1
N.C.	11		NN	= 1		3	1	_	8	13	3	_	10
S.C. Ga.	1	- 1	3	_	_		_	_	5 5	6 18	_	1	9
Fla.	14	-	48	-	-	-	11	2	12	41	15	-	31
E.S. CENTRAL	11	_	1	_	-	6	_	_	22	42	10	_	6
Ky.	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	2
Tenn.	4	-	NN	-	-	4	-	-	12	13	8	_	1
Ala. Miss.	4	_	1	_	_	1			5 2	13 14	1 -	Ξ	1 2
W.S. CENTRAL	18	2	39			4	4	_	18	80	29	11-21	26
Ark.	- 10	_	-	_	1	-	-	_	2	2	3	_	1
La.	3	_	NN	-		4	2	-	2	16	3	-	3
Okla.	. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	3		_
Tex.	12	2	39	-	-	-	5	_	11	56	20	-	22
MOUNTAIN Mont.	6 1	1	31 5	_	4	= =	_		11	41 1	15	-	7
Idaho		1	í	_	_	_	_	_	_	2	_	_	-
Wya.	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Colo.	4	-	22	-	2	-	I -	-	7	7	4	_	4
N. Mex. Ariz.	=	_	NN	_	1			_	3	20	2 5		1
Utah	1	_	-	_	:	_	_	-	-	5	4	-	_
Nev.	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	2		-	1
PACIFIC	28	1 -	85		56	2	8	-	55	128	33	3	228
Wash.1 Oreg.	2		71	_	52	_	_	_	3 2	15 23	5 1	_	7
Calif. †	19		_	_	1	1	8	-	47	88	23	3	188
Alaska	1	_	10	-	3	ì	-	_	2	2	3	-	4
Hawaii	3		2	-	_	-	-	-	ì	-	ì	-	20
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Guam t Pac. Trust Terr.	NA -	NA -	NA 1	- NA	_	NA -	NA.		N A	NA -	NA 3	NA -	-
P.R. †		-	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
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NN: Not notmable. NA: Not available.

NA: Not Malaria: Wash. +1.

TABLE III (Cont.'d). Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 21, 1978, and October 22, 1977 (42nd week)

DESCRIPTING ADDA	М	EASLES (RUI	BEOLA)	MENING	OCOCCAL IN TOTAL	FECTIONS	м	UMPS	PERTUSSIS	RUB	ELLA	TETANUS
REPORTING AREA	1978	CUM. 1978	CUM. 1977*	1978	CUM. 1978	CUM. 1977*	1978	CUM. 1978	1978	1978	CUM. 1978	CUM. 1978
UNITED STATES	173	24,459	53,392	32	1,931	1.419	143	14,026	26	63	16,783	67
NEW ENGLAND	4	1,985	2,500	1	104	58	4	753	2	2	750	2
Maine	-	1,315	170	_	8	3	**	492	Ξ.		153	_
N.H.t	2	49	511	-	7	3	-	15	-	_	102	_
Vt.	2	33	294	-	2	6	-	5	_	-	27	2
Mass.		253	628	1	41	17	1	90	2	2	222	-
R.I.		3.29	64 833	_	1 B 2 B	2 21	3	42		_	42	_
Conn.	_	325	033	_	28	21	-	109	-	-	204	-
MID. ATLANTIC	13	2.199	8,374	5	320	183	13	651	11	10	3,020	5
Upstate N.Y.	8	1,407	3,826	2	102	43	8	215	4	- 5	530	
N.Y. City	3	360	737	-	73	49	1	153	4	4	139	
N.J.	-	74	197	-	60	44	-	139	-	1	1.609	
Pa.	2	358	3,614	3	85	48	4	145	3	-	742	3
E.N. CENTRAL	49	11.033	11,398	3	206	160	52	5,698	5	15	8,421	3
Ohio	1	491	1,858	_	70	58	4	987	í	3	1,375	í
Ind.	-	199	4,336	-	37	10	-	321	_	_	593	1
III.	4	1,149	1,781	-	30	36	20	1,888	1	-	1.712	1
Mich.†	43	7,711	983	3	58	42	23	1,417	1	10	3,195	-
Wis.t	1	1,483	2,440	-	11	14	5	1.085	2	2	1,546	-
W.N. CENTRAL	1	399	9,479	6	70	60	9	1,955	2	5	680	6
Minn.	_	3 9	2,624	4	19	19	_	21	_	_	128	1
lowa	-	55	4,295	-	5	9	1	137	2	1	61	
Mo.†	1	15	1.044	2	29	21	1	1.171	-	1	108	
N. Dak.	-	196	24	-	3	1	-	15	-	-	82	
S. Dak.	_	- 5	67	_	3	4	-	. 7	-	-	111	1
Nebr.† Kans.	-	90	214	_	11	2 5	7	25 579	_	- 3	34 156	
S. ATLANTIC Del.	56	5,143 7	4,637 22	8	480	316	22	843	2	13	1,042	17
Md.	_	51	372	1	16 33	22 21	_	56 70	_	2	35	2
D.C.	-		14		2		_	2	_	_	i	_
Va.t	5	2.834	2,730	1	56	27	_	172	1	_	247	1
W. Va.	1	1,955	248	1	14	9	1	177	_	3	325	-
N.C.	l	121	65	2	95	66	2	71	1	9	189	3
S.C.	1	199	153	-	28	34	-	17	-	-	29	
Ga. Fla.	48	33 943	768 265	1 2	52 184	47 90	1 18	69 209	-	1	27 183	7
								237			103	,
E.S. CENTRAL	-	1,389	2,034	4	158	145	16	1.163	2	1	505	
Ky. Tenn.		119 955	1,191 727	-	30	29	11	203	1	1	131	2
Ala.	_	99	78	1	41 46	36	1	452	1	-	202	
Miss.		226	38	3	41	53 27	2 2	425 93	_	_	22 150	1
W.S. CENTRAL	32	1,136	2,109	1	282	280	14	1,729	-	3	943	
Ark. La.	_	16 343	29 75	-	22 117	15	_	602	-	_	58	l .
Okla.	_	14	61	_	16	127 14	_	65	_	1	486 13	
Tex.	32	763	1,944	1	127	124	14	1,058	_	2	386	3
MOUNTAIN		25.2					_					
MOUNTAIN Mont.	1	25? 105	2,532 1,162	1 -	43	35 4	2	420 145	1	1	208	3
Idaho	_	133	161	_	4	5		20		_	15	1
Wya.	_		19	_		2	_	1	_	_		
Cola.	-	31	503	-	3	ī	_	95	1	_	48	
N. Mex.	-	-	257	-	8	9	-	16	-	_	3	- 2
Ariz.	-	51	317		15	10	1	18	-	-	94	-
Utah Nev.†	1	44 20	20 93	1	6 4	3	1	117 8	-	1	31	1
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PACIFIC	17	923	10,329	3	268	182	11	814	<b>1</b>	13	1.214	
Wash.	6	210	542	-	44	24	1	190	-	3	117	1
Oreg.		149	366	-	29	18	1	109	-	-	120	
Calif. Alaska	11	552 1	9,326	2	134	109	9	480	1	9	957	
Hawaji		12	35	1	8	29	_	9 26	-	1	12	
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Guam Pac. Trust Terr.	N A	24	9	-		1	NA	38	NΔ	N A	4	
P.R.†	2	23	NA 990	1	1 7	NA	2	6	_	_	- 2	
	6.	201	770	_	- 1	1	15	1,323	_	_	16	7

NA: Not available.

\*Delayed reports received for 1977 are not shown below but are used to update last year's weekly and cumulative totals.

\*The following delayed reports will be reflected in next week's cumulative totals: Measles: N.H. +3, Mich. -3, Wis. -6, Va. -1; Men. inf.: Nev. +1; Mumps: P.R. +9, Pertussis: Mo. +1, Nebr.: +1; Tetanus: Mo. +1.

TABLE III (Cont.'d). Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending October 21, 1978, and October 22, 1977 (42nd week)

	TUBE	RCULOSIS	TULA- REMIA		HOID VER	(Tick-	S FEVER barne)			AL DISEASES (				RABIES (in Animals)
REPORTING AREA		CUM.	CUM.		CUM.	+	ASF)		GONORRHEA	CUM.		PHILIS (Pri.	& Sec.)	
	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	1978	1977*	1978	1978	1977*	1978
INITED STATES	553	23,954	105	15	409	16	959	21,610	814,379	804,975	351	17,266	16,561	2,5
NEW ENGLAND	9	773	2	-	76	-	13	431	20,882	21,680	6	475	658	
faine	2	59	-	-	-	-	-	54	1.692	1,571	-	7	23	
I.H.	1	15	-	-	5	-	-	33	968	886	-	5	4	
/t.		31	_	_	1	-	_	8	512	546	-	3	6	
Aass.	6	454 53	_	_	58	-	5	159	9,146	9,236	4	291	461	
1.1.	NA.		2	-	4 9	_	1 7	36	1,490	1,730	2	20 149	8	
Conn.	NA	161		_	9		,	142	7,074	7,711	2	149	156	
IID. ATLANTIC		3,999	5	2	49	4	55	2,420	87,754	84,304	68	2,256	2,338	
Jpstate N.Y.	21	633	4	-	6	3	31	297	14,785	14,431	4	157	217	
N.Y. City	36	1,457	1	1	32	_	4	822	33,241	32,715	52	1,562	1,470	
N.J.	32	845		1	5	1	12	504	16,461	15,224	7	277 260	300 351	
Pa.	19	1,064	_	_	-	_	8	807	23,267	21,934	,		351	
E.N. CENTRAL	84	3,765	1	1	37	2	47	3,341	125,999	127,008	43	1,958	1,717	1
Ohio	23	679	1	-	6	-	21	865	32,591	33,723	9	353	397	
nd.	14	440		-	. 2	-	1	391	13,221	11,919	-	135	132	
II.	20	1,420	_	ı	16	2	25	1,087	39,808	40,729	28	1,240	901	
Vich.†	20 7	1,045	- 2	7.5	13	<u></u>	_	814	29,200	29,369	3	177	198	
Nis.	,	181	-	_	-	-	-	184	11,179	11,268	3	53	89	
W.N. CENTRAL	24	770	21	2	19	-	40	1,345	41,505	42,138	6	380	369	9
Minn.	5	137	-	_	7	_	-	211	7,059	7,638	2	135	116	
owa		86	. 1	-	3	_	1	175	4,597	4.922	_	38	35	
Mo.	17	334	17	_	4	-	20	597	18,305	17,368	2	121	143	
V. Dak.	-	31	-	-	_	-	1	23	750	789	-	3	3	
S. Dak.	-	61 21		ī	1	-	6	55 51	1,425	1,261	1	. 3		
Nebr.† Kans.	2	100	3	1	4		5	233	2,990 6,380	3,656 6,504	1	14	25 38	
S. ATLANTIC Del.	144	5,155 46	9	3	57 3	5	519 5	5,102 72	198,123	198,239 2,684	117	4,568 10	4,570	
Md.	24	773	5	_	าน์	_	105	568	25,429	24,484	3	334	286	
D.C.	5	251		_	î	_	101	291	13,143	13,071	Ā	354	468	
Va.†	18	544	4	_	5	2	109	450	19,083	20,826	6	380	454	
W. Va.	- 5	200	_	_	5	_	11	86	2,741	2,590	2	18	3	
N.C.	19	804	_	_	2	3	189	895	28,000	29,816	10	476	633	
S.C.	11	447	-	3	8	_	54	527	19,586	18,506	3	236	201	
Ga.	23	706	-	-	4	-	45	1,128	38,451	38,388	39	1,140	1,015	
Fla.	38	1,384	-	-	18	77	-	1.094	48.882	47,874	45	1,620	1.491	
E.S. CENTRAL	49	2,286	6	_	8	4	178	1,323	69,088	71,431	19	914	638	1
Ky.	16	521	2	_	2	_	42	263	9,153	9,639	4	120	81	
Tenn.	13	703	3	-	3	_	110	549	25,573	28,781	2	312	199	
Ala.	11	561	1	_	ž	2	13	207	19,582	19,309	8	159	141	
Miss.	9	501		_	ī	2	13	304	14,780	13,702	5	323	217	
N.S. CENTRAL	63	2,802	50	_	36	1	93	3,501	110,033	101,129	49	2,787	2,379	7
Ark.t	13	326	36	- I	7	1	14	384	8,131	7,766	49	61	57	,
La.		486	6	_	3	_	1	603	18,000	15,091	8	596	567	
Okla.	8	276	5	_	ź	1	54	242	10,300	9,753	-	80	63	
Tex.	33	1,714	3		24		24	2,272	73,602	68,519	40	2,050	1,692	
4011574151		4.05			10			71.7	20.742	33 .04		270	244	
MOUNTAIN Mont	13	695 51	8	_	19		10	71 7 82	30,742 1,762	32,486	10	372 A	344	
viont. daho		27	2	_ = =	5	_	3	31	1,272	1,490	_	13	11	
Wyo.	_	14	2	_		_	í	26	755	764	_	13	11	
Colo.†	T -	74	-	_	4	_	2	186	8,534	8,480	3	116	106	
N. Mex.	1	117	_	_	2	_		228	4,442	4.793	3	74	71	
Ariz.	10	320	1	-	3	-	1	37	7.847	8,980	_	81	128	
Utah		32	3	_	í	_	_	52	1,677	1,929	_	12	8	
Nev.	1	60	-	-	1	-	1	75	4,453	4,323	4	60	14	
PACIFIC	59	3,709	3	7	108	_	4	3,430	130,253	126,560	33	3,556	3,548	
Wash.	NA NA	244	-		7		î	331	10,686	9,711	NA NA	176	208	
Oreg.		145		_	i	_	2	214	8,938	8,749	6	134	117	
Calif.	48	2,814	3	7	92	_	ī	2,725	104,256	101,272	25	3,200	3,168	
Alaska	-	59			-	-		80	4,063	4,162	1	10	23	
Hawaii	11	447	*	-	8	-	-	74	2.310	2,666	i	36	32	
Guam†	NA	50	_	NA	-	NA	_	NA	173	173	NA		2	
Pac. Trust Terr.	1	6	J -	-		194			20	NΑ	_	-	N/A	1
P.R.	-	302	-	-	3	-	_	82	1,806	2,572	16	405	432	
V.I.†		4	-	_	2	_		10	161	172	_	14		

NA: Not available.

\*Delayed reports received for 1977 are not shown below but are used to update last year's weekly and cumulative totals.

\*The following delayed reports will be reflected in next week's cumulative totals: TB: Mich. -1, Va. -13, Ark. -1, Guam +1; Tularemia: Colo. +1; GC: Nebr. -3 civ. +3 mil., Guam +6 civ., V.I. +1 civ.; Syphilis: Nebr. -2, V.I. +1; An. rabies: Colo. +1.

## TABLE IV. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,\* week ending October 21, 1978 (42nd week)

		ALL CAUS	ES, BY AG	E (YEARS)				100	ALL CAU	SES, BY AG	E (YEARS)		
REPORTING AREA	ALL AGES	≥65	45-64	25-44	<1	P&I** YOTAL	REPORTING AREA	ALL AGES	≥65	45-64	25-44	<1	P & 1' TOT/
NEW ENGLAND	659	453	144	21	24	22	S. ATLANTIC	1.015	594	279	69	38	4
Boston, Mass.	188	127	45	3	8	7	Atlanta, Ga.	142	77	35	8	17	
Bridgeport, Conn.	46	30	11	-	3	2	Baltimore, Md.	167	93	45	19	2	
Cambridge, Mass.	17	10	6	-	-	-	Charlotte, N.C.	67	40	17	6	3	
all River, Mass.	24	21	2	1	_	I -	Jacksonville, Fla.	60	41 33	16	3	1	
lartford, Conn.	48	35	8	2	2	1	Miami, Fla. Norfolk, Va.	51 58	29	14	3	4	
.owell, Mass. .ynn, Mass.	15 28	11	3	1	_	1	Richmond, Va.	77	43	20	9	3	
New Bedford, Mass.	32	27	6	2	_	_	Savannah, Ga.	38	18	14	ź		
New Haven, Conn.	45	28	10	ŝ	1	3	St. Petersburg, Fla.	a7	71	13	= =	1	
rovidence, R.I.	71	44	17	4	4	3	Tampa, Fla.	55	32	16	3	1	
Somerville, Mass.	4	2	2	-	-	-	Washington, D.C.	159	84	55	12	3	
Springfield, Mass.	50	36	12	-	1	4	Wilmington, Del.	54	33	15	2	3	
Waterbury, Conn.	37	24	12	-	-	-							
Norcester, Mass.	54	39	6	2	5	1	- 0 05N <del>7</del> 041		201	• • • •			-
							E.S. CENTRAL	684	394	190	42	29 5	3
MID. ATLANTIC	2,662	1 450	686	160	84	123	Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn.	102 46	54 31	33 11	- 4	3	
Albany, N.Y.	45	24	16	160	4	3	Knoxville, Tenn.	41	31	7	1	1	
Allentown, Pa.	30	14	10	4	-	2	Louisville, Ky.	131	72	32	12	á	
Buffalo, N.Y.	111	69	27	6	5	7	Memphis, Tenn.	155	86	48	9	3	
Camden, N.J.	45	29	14	_	í	2	Mobile, Ala.	64	34	19	3	5	
Elizabeth, N.J.	22	16	5	1	-	-	Montgomery, Ala.	44	28	10	4	1	
Erie, Pa.	26	20	3	3	-	1	Nashville, Tenn.	101	58	30	4	3	
Jersey City, N.J.	45	23	15	5	2	-							
Newark, N.J.	68	31	23	7	4	3	}						
N.Y. City, N.Y. Paterson, N.J.	1.402	886	347	94	39	46	W.S. CENTRAL	1,151	631	316	81 4	72 5	3
Philadelphia, Pa.	33	18	99	5	1	. 2	Austin, Tex.	47 36	27 19	12	3	1	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	336 101	187	26	22 3	14	17	Baton Rouge, La. Corpus Christi, Tex.	45	27	7	5	3	
Reading, Pa.	34	23	10		í	3	Dallas, Tex.	188	92	56	16	14	
Rochester, N.Y.	115	89	20	3	2	14	El Paso, Tex.	44	27	10	1	2	
Schenectady, N.Y.	26	19	7	_	_	2	Fort Worth, Tex.	73	48	21	3	_	
Scranton, Pa.	34	23	8	- 1	2	1	Houston, Tex.	217	112	65	17	13	
Syracuse, N.Y.	101	65	28	1	2	4	Little Rock, Ark.	71	37	18	6	9	
Trenton, N.J.	43	26	12	4	-	7	New Orleans, La.	125	58	45	10	10	
Utica, N.Y.	18	15	3	-	-	3	San Antonio, Tex.	144	80	37	12	7	
Yonkers, N.Y.	27	19	6	_	_	2	Shreveport, La. Tulsa, Okla.	54 107	32 72	12 24	2	5 3	
E.N. CENTRAL	2,379	1.421	606	169	96	75							
Akron, Ohio	84	52	24	5	1	2	MOUNTAIN	533	323	139	33	19	1
Canton, Ohio	34	21	9	á	_	ī	Albuquerque, N. Mex.		30	21	3	-	
Chicago, III.	555	294	149	53	34	19	Calo, Springs, Calo.	29	21	4	2	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	144	86	43	6	4	5	Denver, Colo.	88	58	19	6	3	
Cleveland, Ohio	176	102	54	13	4	3	Las Vegas, Nev.	59	29	22	3	1	
Columbus, Ohio	136	89	27	7	3	9	Ogden, Utah	23	18	3	1	1	
Dayton, Ohio	106	71	23	7	3	3	Phoenix, Ariz.	132	70	40	12	5	
Detroit, Mich.	302	171	83	29	11	4	Pueblo, Colo.	23	17	6		- 1	
Evansville, Ind.	42	33	9	-	-	1	Salt Lake City, Utah	40	26	6	4	4	
Fort Wayne, Ind.	50	24	14	5	5	4	Tucson, Ariz.	82	54	18	2	3	
Gary, Ind.	13	7 33	3	2	3	1							
Grand Rapids, Mich. Indianapolis, Ind.	156	90	42	11	7	2	PACIFIC	1.747	1.120	404	117	57	4
Madison, Wis.	49	35	9	2	2	4	Berkeley, Calif.	17	12	2	3	-	
Milwaukee, Wis.	156	101	36	7	5	7	Fresno, Calif.	57	37	12	3	3	
Peoria, III.	46	23	12	3	6	3	Glendale, Calif.	31	27	4	-	_	
Rockford, III.	52	42	6	2	1	1	Honolulu, Hawaii	61	31	16	11	-	
South Bend, Ind.	49	36	12	1		-	Long Beach, Calif.	93	60	27	4	1	
Toledo, Ohio	102	68	21	4	2	_	Los Angeles, Calif.	596	414	109	36	19	- 2
Youngstown, Ohio	81	43	22	7	5	2	Oakland, Calif. Pasadena, Calif.	62 29	37 23	18	1	3 2	
							Portland, Oreg.	129	84	30	8	5	
N.N. CENTRAL	811	517	188	38	41	28	Sacramento, Calif.	70	35	26	5	2	
Des Moines, Iowa	52	32	15	4	1	1	San Diego, Calif.	186	94	56	24	5	
	33	22	d	2		2	San Francisco, Calif.	144	98	34	4	1	
Duluth, Minn.	51	30	16	1		-	San Jose, Calif.	63	42	14	3		
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans.	113	73 19	19	4	12	3	Seattle, Wash.	144	87 21	39 8	8	7 2	
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo.	3 1		7	1	1	1	Spokane, Wash.						
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr.	31		1.9	3	5	2	L Tacoma Wach				1	2	
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn.	76	48	18 25	3	7	2	Tacoma, Wash.	30	18	7	1	3	
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr.	76 93	48 56	25	3	7	_	Tacoma, Wash.	30	18	,	1	3	
Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn. Omaha, Nebr.	76	48				2 - 6 6		11,641			729	460	4;

<sup>\*</sup>Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.
\*\*Pneumonia and influenza

## Psittacosis - Continued

family members or their pet birds. Through this procedure, 2 ill birds were subsequently identified and tested. *C. psittaci* was recovered from the tissues of 1 bird, a grey cockatiel that had experienced several episodes of respiratory illness between February 7 and March 13. No *Chlamydia* organisms were cultured from the second bird, a parakeet. Members of the family that owned the infected bird had experienced mild illness following the bird's death, but serologic tests for psittacosis performed on them were negative. No additional cases in humans were identified as a result of this investigation.

Review of records revealed that parakeets were purchased from 3 local Connecticut dealers who were properly certified and had no illness in their birds, and that all the other birds were purchased from a large wholesaler in New Jersey. The pet store owner received from the New Jersey distributor on February 27 a shipment of birds that contained an ill albino cockatiel. He had treated this bird for a "cold" prior to onset of his own symptoms. Although this bird, which had recuperated, was among those treated during the quarantine, no serum samples were collected. The quarantine was removed from this pet store on May 16.

During the investigation, the Connecticut Department of Health submitted 6 dead birds to CDC for attempts at isolation of *C. psittaci*. As noted previously, one of these 6 was positive. No serum specimens were taken from well birds.

When notified on March 29, the New Jersey Department of Health began an investigation of the New Jersey wholesaler's facility. Serum specimens from 18 of 250 birds and from 6 employees were examined. Although 4 birds and 1 employee had complement fixing antibody titers >1:32 for psittacosis, there were no reports of human or avian illness. The facility was quarantined, with the option to treat or sacrifice the birds, and health authorities in cities and states that received or shipped the birds from January to April were notified. In view of the expense involved in implementing the quarantine and treating all the birds, the wholesaler chose to destroy all suspect animals. Following thorough cleaning of the wholesale facility, the quarantine was lifted on April 27.

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Editorial Note: The results of this investigation are typical of recent investigations of human psittacosis traced to pet birds. Generally, a large number of people are potentially exposed, and birds from many sources are found mixed together in the pet shop and wholesale facilities. Extensive investigation is required to trace potential contacts and sources, and, in many cases, poor record-keeping by dealers makes tracing of sources and contacts impossible. Finally, the quarantine and treatment requirements constitute a considerable economic hardship for the dealers.

The number of reported cases of psittacosis in humans has risen from 35 in 1973 to 93 in 1977. Sixty percent of last year's cases are known to have had contact with pet caged birds.

# **Current Trends**

# Primary and Secondary Syphilis — United States, August 1978

Reported primary and secondary syphilis cases numbered 1,875 in August 1977 and 1,880 in August 1978, representing an increase of 0.3%. During the first 8 months of 1978, some 13,798 such cases were reported—2.0% more than the number reported during the same period in 1977.

## Syphilis — Continued

Although 32 areas reported an increase in the number of cases occurring in 1978 compared to 1977, 5 areas accounted for most of the increase. Twenty-seven areas reported fewer cases in the first 8 months of 1978 compared to the same period in 1977 (Table 1). Reported early latent (less than 1 year's duration) syphilis cases numbered 11,152 during January-August 1978, up 1.3% over the number reported during January-August 1977.

Reported by the Veneral Disease Control Div, Bur of State Services, CDC.

TABLE 1. Summary of reported primary and secondary syphilis cases by reporting areas, August 1978 and August 1977 — provisional data

Reporting Area by HEW Regions	Asspost		Calendor Year Cumulation January-August		Reporting A.m. by	August		Calendar Year Commission Jos may August		Reporting Area by HEW Region	Asgust		Culondar Year Cumulative January-August	
	1978	1977	1978	1977	W. L	1978	1977	1971	1977	_	1978	1977	1978	1977
Connecticut	21	15	114	120	Illinois	15	9	103	109	Arizona	9	13	67	111
Maine	0	2	7	16	(Exrl. Chicago)					California	166	132	1,136	990
Mansachusets	30	47	228	393	Chicago	103	94	838	841	(Exd. LA & SF)		71		
New Fact, shire	0	0 1	5	4	Indiana	6	13	54	73	Los Angeles*	129	134	1,113	908
Rhode Island	0	0	16	8	(Excl. Indianapolis)					San Francisco*	51	73	413	571
Vermont	0	9	3	- 5	Indiar.apolis"	5	3	37	35	Hennaii	1	- 1	27	23
REGION I TOTAL	51	64	373	546	Michigan	18	27	154	182	Marvada	2	4	31	13
					Minnesota	11	10	122	93	REGION 1X TOTAL	358	357	2,787	2,616
New Jarray	3€	38	216	239	Ohio	43	45	288	334		1.1			
New York	10	15	138	183	Wisconsin	6	17	46	75	Alasta	1 1	1	8	20
(Excl. NYC.	1 1		- 1		REGION V TOTAL	207	218	1.642	1.542	Idaho	1	2	7	6
Mew York City	165	160	1,282	1.177				.,		Oregon	18	13	101	84
REGION II TOTAL	211	213	1.136	1,599	Arkansas	3	8	48	46	Washington	33	24	152	160
					Louisiana	81	86	474	165	REGION X TOTAL	53	40	268	270
Delaware	0	0	7	15	New Maxicu	6	18	66	65					
District of Columbia	37	38	281	389	Oklahoma	8	71	66	54	UNITED STATES	1			
Maryland	8	9	100	104	Texas	262	217	1.592	1.346	TOTAL	1,880	1,875	13,798	13.525
(Excl. Baltimore)					REGION VI TOTAL	360	336	2,246	1.976					
Raitimora	26	35	192	190			COST			Puerto Rico	65 !	63	346	413
Pannsylvania	9	14	73	106	Igwa	2	3	30	25	Virgin Islands	31	0	16	10
(Excl. Philadalphia)	1 1				Kansas	9	- 1	61	42	UNITED STATES.	- 1	- 1		
Philadal shia	27	18	133	166	Missouri	18.	22	91	111	INCLUDING	1 1			
Virginia	43	44	300	373	Nebraska	3	- 1	11	25	OUTLYING AREAS	1,948	1,938	14.164	13.94a
Hest Virginia	4	2	14	3	REGION VII TOTAL	32	27	193	203			.,	.,	,
PEGION III TOTAL	154	186	1,186	1,346							-			
					Colorado	17	14	76	87					
Alahoma	26	23	118	96	Mantana	11	ol	7	5					
Florida	131	139	1,281	1.263	North Dakota	0	1	2	3					
Georgia	71	105	536	532	South Dakota	0	2	2	4	Note: Cumulative total		evrised and	delayed r	eports
(Excl. Atlanta)		1.667			Utah	0	al	- 11	5	through previous	months.			
Atlanta*	44	53	356	235		1	o l	5	2	Source: CDC 9.98, HE	W BUE C	nc nec 1	VO Contro	Decision
Kentucky	15	12	95	62	REGION VIN TUTAL	19	17	103	106	Atlanta, Georgi		J., 1433,	. D Obilito	- S.VINO
Mississipoi	Z3 1	19	250	174						ALLEIG, CHORD				
Horth Carolina	67	56	381	577										
South Carolina	21	18	186	173				A 150						
Tennessee	37	18	241	149										
REGION IV TOTAL	435	443	3 444	3,321										

<sup>\*</sup>County data

# Epidemiologic Notes and Reports

# Fatal Measles — United States, 1978

CDC has received details of 6 fatal measles cases through the first 40 weeks of 1978 (Table 2). The patients, who came from 4 states\* and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, ranged in age from 11 months to 22 years. Three of the 4 from the continental United States who died were adolescents; 1 was a young adult. At least 3 of the 6 patients had encephalitis; 3 of 6, including 2 pre-school children, had respiratory involvement. Two of the patients had apparent underlying illness. Four of the 6 cases occurred during large measles outbreaks.

A history of vaccination with live measles vaccine at or after 1 year of age could not be documented for any of the 6 cases: 3 were definitely unvaccinated, 1 had been vaccinated prior to 1 year of age but had not been revaccinated, and 2 had uncertain vaccination histories.

<sup>\*</sup>Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

#### Fatal Measles - Continued

TABLE 2. Epidemiologic features of 6 fatal measles cases, United States\*, 1978

Age (years)	Sex	Complication	Underlying condition	Vaccine history
13	M	encephalitis	none	unvaccinated
22	F	pneumonia	splenectomy	uncertain
16	F	encephalitis	none	unvaccinated
13	M	encephalitis	none	live, <1 year
3	F	respiratory distress	none	uncertain
<1	F	pneumonia	malnutrition	unvaccinated

<sup>\*</sup>including Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

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Editorial Note: The presence of respiratory and/or neurologic complications in all 6 cases and the existence of underlying disease in 2 of the 6 is characteristic of recent measles fatalities (1).

The older age of these patients as compared to earlier cases (1) parallels the recently noted upward shift in age distribution of reported measles cases (2). This relative increase in adolescent measles is of some concern because the risk of encephalitis increases with age (3).

The absent or uncertain history of live measles vaccine after 1 year of age in these patients is similar to that reported in a 1975 Colorado survey of complicated or fatal measles cases (4).

Use of measles vaccine over the last 15 years has significantly reduced mortality from measles in this country (1). The anticipated further improvement in measles control (5) will provide a still greater decline in these preventable deaths.

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