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PROVISIONAL INFORMATION ON SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 23, 1963

INFLUENZA – One or more outbreaks of influenza-like disease have now been reported from 30 States and the District of Columbia. States reporting outbreaks for the first time this week include Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississispi, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Influenza A_2 virus has been isolated or confirmed by serologic titer rise as the causative agent of one or more outbreaks in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Virginia. The pattern of spread of disease continues to show evidence of a westerly course. (See map, page 62). However, the occurrence of influenza-like illness in Mid-

dle Western States is presently showing a scattered geographic distribution, with major portions of many of these States still unaffected. The West Coast and Rocky Mountain States continue to report no more than the usual seasonal evidence of acute respiratory disease.

The number of pneumonia-influenza deaths reported weekly for 108 cities has remained above the epidemic threshold since the week ending January 12, and this week demonstrates a continued rise. Total deaths among those age 65 and older shows an excess of 4,218 since the beginning of the year. (See page 63).

The following reports are from areas of the country currently experiencing new or widening outbreaks of influenza-like disease.

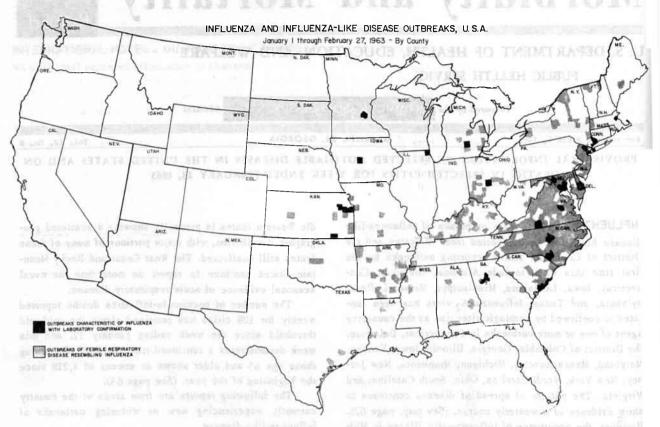
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 Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES

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

Table 2. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

Anthrax: Botulism: Malaria: N.Y1, N.C2, Calif1 Plague:	Cum. - 17	Psittacosis: Ill1, Calif1 Rabies in Man: Smallpox:	Cum. 13
		Typhus, murine:	2



Alabama – Outbreaks of influenza-like illness were reported from 5 widely separated counties during the week ending February 23. Case reports for that week totaled approximately 8,800 as compared to previous weekly totals averaging 150. Illness has caused temporary school closings in two counties thus far. Laboratory studies are in process.

(Reported by W. H. Y. Smith, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Bureau of Preventable Diseases, Alabama State Health Department).

Arkansas - Respiratory disease outbreaks were reported from 16 of the State's 75 counties during the past week. Twenty percent absenteeism was noted in elementary and high schools in Union County on the Louisiana border. Excess absenteeism with school closings were observed in at least 3 other counties as well. The epidemic illness was clinically compatible with influenza in most areas, although laboratory confirmation is not available.

(Reported by J. T. Herron, M.D., State Health Officer, and William L. Bunch, Jr., M.D., Director, Division of Communicable Disease Control, Arkansas State Health Department.)

Connecticut – An outbreak of respiratory illness consistent with influenza occurred in early February among elderly patients in a convalescent home in the western part of the State. Paired sera obtained from 4 patients during the outbreak showed significant rises in influenza A_2 antibody titer. Despite increased respiratory disease incidence in other areas of the State, laboratory evidence of A_2 influenza infection has not been demonstrated in these areas.

(Reported by Dr. James C. Hart, Director, Division of Preventable Diseases, Connecticut Department of Health.)

Georgia – Influenza A_2 virus has been recovered from 3 cases seen during recent outbreaks in the Atlanta area. Serologic evidence implicating the Asian virus has been obtained in 1 additional case in this population. Community-wide outbreaks were reported from 2 additional counties (Screven and Douglas) during the past week. Laboratory specimens have been obtained from these areas and are currently being processed in the State laboratories.

(Reported by W. J. Murphy, M.D., Director, Epidemiology, Georgia Department of Public Health.)

lowa – On February 8 about 12 cases of influenzalike illness suddenly occurred in a State hospital and school in central Iowa. The illness was self-limited and did not spread to other patients in the institution which has a total population of 1,290. Three serum pairs from the cases showed a 4-fold or greater rise in influenza A_2 antibody titer. The institution has conducted an intensive influenza immunization program for the last few years, and it is believed that this program has been directly responsible for the failure of the illness to become more widespread. Other areas of the State have, to date, failed to show more than sporadic occurrences of febrile respiratory illness.

(Reported by Dr. Ralph H. Heeren, Director, Division of Preventable Diseases, Iowa State Department of Health.)

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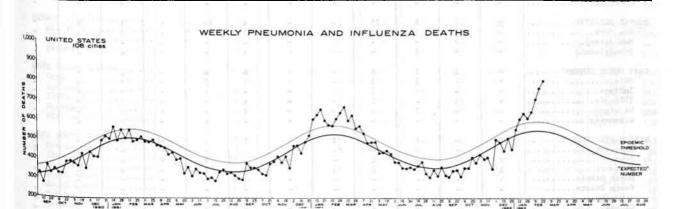
Kansas – Outbreaks of influenza-like illness continue in Douglas County. School absenteeism has risen as high as 14 percent in some instances. To date, six A_2 influenza isolates have been obtained from ill individuals in this county. Outbreaks of influenza-like disease have also been noted in 6 additional counties during the last week with school absenteeism running as high as 17 percent in some areas. Laboratory confirmation of A_2 influenza virus infection has been obtained in 3 separate instances in Chautauqua county. In general, high school students seem to be more severely affected than elementary school students in all areas.

(Reported by Dr. Don E. Wilcox, State Epidemiologist, Kansas State Board of Health.)

Kentucky – Extensive community-wide outbreaks continue to be reported from almost all parts of the State. Type A_2 influenza virus has been isolated in one case from the Louisville area.

(Reported by J. Clifford Todd, State Epidemiologist, Kentucky State Department of Health.)

(Continued on page 68)



PNEUMONIA-INFLUENZA MORTALITY – Excess pneumonia-influenza deaths in the 108 cities increased during the week ending February 23, 1963. The reported excess of 251 deaths is probably below the true number because of the February 22 holiday.

Since the week ending January 15, a total of 980 excess pneumonia-influenza deaths has been observed in the 108 cities. As shown below in the comments on deaths among those age 65 and older, pneumonia-influenza deaths reflect only part of the total mortality associated with the epidemic.

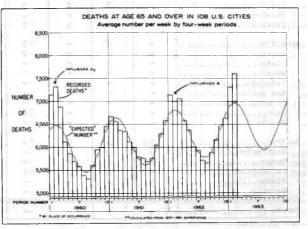
During the week ending February 23, significant increases in mortality occurred in New England, and East North Central divisions. A slight decrease was observed in the South and Middle Atlantic divisions.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS AMONG PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER IN 108 U.S. CITIES

The excess of 2,574 deaths among older persons during the second four-week period of 1963 may be compared to the excess of 772 deaths during the comparable period of the 1962 influenza B epidemic and to the excess of 3,320 deaths during the same period of the 1960 influenza A₂ epidemic.

For the first eight weeks of the three epidemic years, 1963, 1962, and 1960, excess deaths amounted to 4,218, 2 ,859, and 6,160, respectively.

1987		WEEK	4 Week	Weekly		
	2-2	2-9	2-16	2-23	Total	Average
Observed	7,530	7,824	7,601	7,458	30,413	7,603
Expected	6,955	6,963	6,964	6,957	27,839	6,960
Excess	575	861	637	501	2,574	643



⁽See table, page 67)

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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES FOR WEEKS ENDED

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Bridgeport, Conn	14	30	22	29	Atlanta, Ga Baltimore, Md	228	75	58 225	170	
Cambridge, Mass	17	18	22	13	Charlotte, N.C	21	18	10	19	
Fall River, Mass	18	21	23	31	Jacksonville, Fla	35	37	37	13	
Hartford, Conn	24	38	44	27	Miami, Fla	41	60	51	52	
Lowell, Mass	14	19	23	17	Norfolk, Va	19	32	30	43	
Lynn, Mass	11	20	13	18	Richmond, Va	74	82	71	55	
New Bedford, Mass	23	18	24	24	Savannah, Ga	12	17	15	19	
New Haven, Conn	42 43	29 35	27	25	St. Petersburg, Fla	68	72	59	81	
Providence, R.I	43	13	52	48	Tampa, Fla	28	43	53	46	
Somerville, Mass	41	36	42	38	Washington, D.C	116	135	131	101	
Waterbury, Conn	20	18	24	16	Wilmington, Del	22	43	43	29	
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and the second s					Birmingham, Ala	66	62	47	69	
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Albany, N.Y	32	44	34	25	Knoxville, Tenn	21	21	24	15	
Allentown, Pa	28	24	18	21	Louisville, Ky	84	76	71	42	
Buffalo, N.Y	116	90	94	97	Memphis, Tenn.	86	66	78	65	
Camden, N.J	26	28	33	25	Mobile, Ala	31	15	20	23	
Elizabeth, N.J	21	20	25	24	Montgomery, Ala	20	18	19	19	
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Philadelphia, Pa	352	361	188	547	Baton Rouge, La Corpus Christi, Tex	14 17	19 11	14	15	
Pittsburgh, Pa	126	115	81	155	Dallas, Tex	81	77	17	80	
Reading, Pa	16	19	17	24	El Paso, Tex.	24	15	15	12	
Rochester, N.Y	73	69	71	80	Fort Worth, Tex.	51	46	47	53	
Schenectady, N.Y.,	10	12	15	15	Houston, Tex.	114	86	96	85	
Scranton, Pa	20	21	28	47	Little Rock, Ark	24	47	38	30	
Syracuse, N.Y	39	41	60	43	New Orleans, La	103	133	92	84	
Trenton, N.J.	23	32	34	29	Oklahoma City, Okla	42	44	52	49	
Utica, N.Y.	12	28	22	20	San Antonio, Tex	78	54	52	70	
Yonkers, N.Y	16	37	35	20	Shreveport, La	35	25	39	37	
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Chicago, Ill	459	442	492	491	Colorado Springs, Colo	25 7	25	22	24	
Cincinnati, Ohio	128	97	135	119	Denver, Colo	81	90	65	79	
Cleveland, Ohio	121	112	128	128	Ogden, Utah	10	9	7	10	
Columbus, Ohio	69	75	78	60	Phoenix, Ariz	54	62	42	65	
Dayton, Ohio	57	59	56	58	Pueblo, Colo	6	16	12	10	
Detroit, Mich	199	235	198	222	Salt Lake City, Utah	30	28	29	24	
Evansville, Ind	26	36	30	20	Tucson, Ariz	28	28	17	30	
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Fort Wayne, Ind	26	35	21	30	PACIFIC:				C. States	
Gary, Ind Grand Rapids, Mich	19	17	10	16	Berkeley, Calif	18	16	6	15	
Indianapolis, Ind	29	37	33	26	Fresno, Calif.	31	26	30	28	
Madison, Wis	105 10	96	74	97	Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii	21	48	25	20	
Milwaukee, Wis	94	88	22	96		18	19	19	15	
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Rockford, Ill	14	27	15	8	Oakland, Calif.	84	367	313	275	
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Youngstown, Ohio	45	36	34	29	Sacramento, Calif	41	39	37	35	
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WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					San Francisco, Calif	134	126	126	119	
Des Moines, Iowa	40	44	41	32	San Jose, Calif	20	17	18	22	
Duluth, Minn	21	22	18	15	Seattle, Wash	88	101	115	86	
Kansas City, Kans	29	31	32	19	Spokane, Wash	42	27	36	40	
Kansas City, Mo	119	119	113	83	Tacoma, Wash	28	33	35	21	
Lincoln, Nebr	19	22	26	14			1	-	1	
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(Tables 4(A), 4(B), 4(C), and 4(D) will be published in sequence covering a four-week period.)⁰

Totals for previous weeks include reported corrections.

4(A) Total Mortality, all ages......12,7554(B) Pneumonia-Influenza Deaths, all ages......7964(C) Total Deaths under 1 Year of Age......7014(D) Total Deaths, Persons 65 years and over.....7,458

NOTE: All deaths by place of occurrence.

Louisiana – Three Louisiana parishes reported influenza-like illness during the week ending February 16, with school absentee rates as high as 30 percent in some areas. Cases are described as typical of influenza. Laboratory studies are in progress.

(Reported by John M. Bruce, M.D., Chief, Section of Epidemiology. Louisiana State Board of Health.)

Michigan - The small industrial outbreak recently described in Lansing (MMWR Vol. 12, No. 7) has slowly spread to involve the surrounding city during the past week, although the extent of community involvement remains limited. The Detroit epidemic clearly appears to be waning. The epidemic has now progressed about halfway up the State's lower peninsula, with the western part of the State still free of outbreaks thus far.

(Reported by George H. Agate, M.D., Epidemiologist, Michigan Department of Health.)

Mississippi – Localized outbreaks were reported last week from three counties in the northwestern part of the State. Two of these areas are adjacent to sites of a similar epidemic illness in Arkansas and Tennessee. The illnesses were described as clinically compatible with influenza. Laboratory specimens are being obtained.

(Reported by Durward L. Blakey, M.D., Director, Preventable Disease Control, Mississippi State Board of Health.)

Missouri – Epidemic respiratory disease, compatible with influenza, has been reported from the city of St. Joseph in western Missouri, and at a military base in neighboring Jackson County. These areas lie adjacent to sites of laboratory confirmed influenza in eastern Kansas. Additional outbreaks, largely confined to school populations, have occurred in 2 other widely separated counties. Laboratory specimens are being collected.

(Reported by E. A. Belden, M.D., Communicable Disease Consultant, Missouri Department of Health.)

New Jersey – Influenza A₂ infection has been confirmed serologically in five patients from the city of Paterson in Passaic County. Limited, mild outbreaks of respiratory disease continue to be described in scattered areas. No abnormal school absenteeism has been reported. (Reported by W. J. Dougherty, M.D., Director, Division of Preventive Disease, New Jersey State Department of Healtb.)

Pennsylvania – Montgomery County, in southeastern Pennsylvania, has reported an outbreak of influenza-like illness thus far confined to school age children in a single community. School absenteeism reached 33 percent during the epidemic's peak period. Specimens have been obtained and are being processed.

(Reported by W. D. Schrack, Jr., M.D., Director, Division of Communicable Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health.)

South Carolina – An increased incidence of influenzalike illness has been reported among students at a medical school in Charleston. Serologic evidence of influenza A_2 infection has been obtained from 4 serum pairs obtained from ill individuals at the school.

(Reported by Dr. G. E. McDaniel, Director, Division of Disease Control, South Carolina State Board of Health.)

Texos – Three counties in southeastern Texas reported extensive community-wide outbreaks of influenzalike illness last week with excessive school absenteeism and school closings in several areas. The clinical syndrome is typical of influenza although confirmatory laboratory studies are still in progress.

(Reported by Dr. Van C. Tipton, Director, Communicable Disease Division, Texas State Department of Health.)

INTERNATIONAL NOTES – QUARANTINE MEASURES No additional pertinent information or changes.

