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Provisional Statistics for Specified Notifiable Diseases in the United States for Week Ended September 27, 1952

The number of poliomyelitis cases reported for the current week is 16 percent below the 4,191 (corrected figure) cases reported last week. The decrease this week probably marks the turning point of the incidence this year. Decreases were noted in all regions of the country. Although the largest relative decreases were in the South Central States, the largest numerical decrease was in the East North Central States where the largest number of cases have occurred. During the last 25 years, for which weekly figures have been received, the peak incidence has been reached 9 times on the second week of September, 2 times on the third week in September, and only twice, later than the third week in September. In four instances the peak was reached earlier than the last week in August, once in 1949 when it was reached the second week in August. The cumulative total for the "disease year", which began about the first of April, is 37,826 compared with 32,106 and 19,207 for 1949 and 1951, resepctively.

In Hawaii there were no poliomyelitis cases reported for the current week. This is the first week in about 5 months that Hawaii has not experienced at least 1 case. Since the first of January through September 22 a total of 135 cases, with 13 deaths, have been reported. Cases began to appear late in February and the incidence reached its peak in June when 44 cases were reported for the month. As of this week only 2 cases have been reported for September.

For the current week 27 cases of infectious encephalitis were reported in California. The total to September 20 was 630 cases, with 45 deaths. Of that total, the onsets of 531 were in July and August. During the period May 1 to September 23, a total of 359 cases have been reported in horses.

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Typhoid fever

Dr. D. S. Fleming, Minnesota Department of Health, reports 7 cases of typhoid fever, which occurred following a neighborhood picnic where a "pot luck" supper was served to 28 persons. Two children and 5 adults became ill 12 to 28 days after the picnic. Four cases were confirmed bacteriologically and 2 were mild and were not hospitalized. The probable source was a 73-yearold woman, a previously unidentified carrier, who furnished sandwiches and creamed potatoes. The latter was considered the probable vehicle of the infection. The creamed potatoes were prepared about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the picnic by slicing warm potatoes and adding a cream sauce made from condensed milk, flour, butter, and seasoning. The suspected carrier denied a past history of typhoid fever. However, a history of illness last year, diagnosed as atypical pneumonia, was obtained. S.typhi was isolated from 2 feces specimens from the suspected carrier. These organisms as well as those isolated from 4 patients were all phage type A.

Rabies in man

Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Public Health, reports that on Saturday, August 23, a 28-yearold white man became ill with characteristic symptoms of rables. He died 3 days later in a hospital in Knoxville. The brain was examined by a pathologist at the hospital. Negri bodies were found on examination of smears and sections taken from the brain, (Animal inoculation was not reported.) Three weeks previous to his death the victim was bitten by a dog, and the dog is still alive. There is no other history of a dog bite.

Dr. John R. Pate, District of Columbia Department of Health. has reported an outbreak of diarrhea in which 5 premature infants were involved. Seven full-term infants were also exposed but have not developed any symptoms. The infection may have had its origin in an adult who had diarrhea, or in 2 nurses who were known to have had hemolytic streptococcal infections of the throat. Dr. Pate has also reported an outbreak in which staff members of an institution developed dysentery. Stool cultures from all of those ill revealed that 15 of the 25 had a shigella type of infection. The remaining 10 showed no pathogenic organisms. Since none of the patients in the institution were ill, investigation of the menus was confined to that of the staff. Ham or some uncooked food appeared to be likely vehicles of infection, but no food was available for examination. The laboratory examination of the food handlers has not been completed.

Infection hepatitis

Dr. W. L. Halverson, Director, California Department of Public Health, reports that the outbreak of infectious hepatitis in an institution, reported last week, is still under investigation. Three new cases were reported, including another employee in the laundry. Another outbreak of 48 cases occurred in another institution of 2,000 inmates. The investigation of this outbreak is not complete. Five cases of infectious hepatitis were reported in friends and relatives. The first case occurred when 2 visitors from another county were present. The other 2 cases developed in the household of the first case.

Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, Tennessee Commissioner of Health, reports that the investigation of the infectious hepatitis outbreak in a camp in Tennessee is still in progress. The latest finding is of interest. A fluorescent dye was placed in the commodes in three cabins located above a spring which is the source of the water supply for the camp. The dye appeared in the spring one hour and a half after being placed in the commodes. Undoubtedly a camper with a mild case of infectious hepatitis or a carrier of the virus was living in one of the cabins.

Dr. H. M. Erickson, Oregon State Board of Health, reports an outbreak of gastro-enteritis among 350 persons in an institution. It was estimated that not more than 40 inmates actually became ill from 7 to 15 hours after a noon meal. It was reported that this was a <u>Salmonella typhimurium</u> type of infection. As a matter of routine an inspection of the kitchen was ordered. The report was essentially negative. On the day of the outbreak a new operator was assigned to the dishwashing machine. It was functioning properly but the dishes were not rinsed thoroughly because of carelessness or lack of knowledge of operating the machine. The meal in question consisted of coffee, tea, and creamed beef on toast. The meat was cooked thoroughly at a moderately oven temperature for about 2 hours and added to the cream sauce shortly before serving time. The precedure at this institution is to cook exclusively for one meal and the food is not held for any appreciable time after it has been prepared. Food is not saved

for another meal nor are there any left overs.

Communicable diseases in other areas

According to information received from Provincial authorities, bubonic plague, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and tularemia have been discovered in 10 areas on the prairies of southern Alberta, Canada. Three collections from Lomond, Brooks, and Hanna this summer proved positive for bubonic plague. These are the first positive specimens since 1949. The infection was found in gophers and gopher Beas. The last human case of bubonic plague in Alberta occurred at Stanmore in 1937. Rocky Mountain spotted fever was

found in Redcliff and in areas south of the city and west of Calgary. A total of 4 positive collections was the largest since 1944. There has been 1 suspected human case. <u>Tularemia</u> has been discovered in several areas southeast of Calgary. One human case was reported in Foremost. This is the first case in that area in 3 years.

Three deaths from jungle yellow fever have been reported in Costa Rica during September. One death occurred north of Parrita in Puntarenas Province on the fourth, 1 in La Virgen Heredia on the Twelfth, and 1 in Repunta San Jose on the twenty-sixth.

Table 1.-- COMPARATIVE DATA FOR CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES

(Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

5100100	TOTAL WEEK		5-year median	Approxi- mate seasonal	SINCE S	VE TOTAL EASONAL WEEK	5-year median	CUMULATI FOR CA YE	5-year median	
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Anthrax062		1	1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(²)	26	47	41
Brucellosis (undulant fever)044	42			(2) (3)	(²) (²)	(2) (2)	(2)	1,641		
Diphtheria055	58	100	197	July 1	547	750	1,582	1,993	2,720	5,267
Encephalitis, acute infectious 082	53	30	32	(²)	(ž)	(è)	(²)	1,573	796	577
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and serum	297			(²)	(2)	(²)	(²)	311,859		l
Malaria110-117	168			(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	6,837		
Measles085	527	869	671	Sept. 1	2,460	3,431	2,320	653,184	472,341	472,341
Meningococcal infections057	71	56	54	Sept. 1	212	197	195	3,808	3,167	2,727
Poliomyelitis, acute080	3,538	1,405	1,528	Apr. 1	437,826	19,207	19,207	439,146	20,505	20,505
Rocky Mountain spotted fever104A	4	8	. 8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(²)	294	298	497
Scarlet fever and streptococcal							,			
sore throat050,051	901	491	584	Aug. 1	56,283	2,440	2,611	⁵ 83,677	55,571	58,412
Trichiniaeis128	11			(²)	(²)	(2)	(²)	277		
Tularem1a059	9	7	13	(2)	(2)	(²)	(2)	498	512	763
Typhoid fever040	59	71	80	Apr. 1	1,523	1,287	1,823	1,922	1,679	2,241
Typhus fever, endemic101	5			Apr. 1	105			135		
Whooping cough056	671	987	1,421	Oct. 1	50,845	75,389	94,799	36,660	53,7 75	62,923
Rabies in animals	103	125		(²)	(²)	(²)	(2)	6,072	5,418	

¹Smallpox: Montana, 1 case.

NOTE.—Cases of specified notifiable diseases occurring in outlying possessions for current week (corresponding week of 1951 shown in parentheses) follow:

Alaska: Meningococcal infections, - (1); policyelitis, - (2); whooping cough, 6 (21).

Havaii: Measles, 4 (44); malaria, 1.

Puerto Rico: Diphtheria, 8 (9); measles, 25 (28); typhoid fever, -(1); whooping cough, 13 (8); malaria, 1; rabies in animals, 1.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF DATA

These provisional data are based on reports from State and territorial health departments to the Public Health Service. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. When the diseases with low frequencies (botulism, cholera, dengue, plague, rabies in man, smallpox, typhus fever—epidemic, and yellow fever) are reported, they will be noted under the table above.

Symbols. -- | dash [-]: no cases reported; asterisk [*]: disease stated not notifiable; parentheses, [()]: data not included in total; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

²Not computed.

SAddition: Utah, week ended September 20, 3 cases.

⁴Deductions: Georgia, week ended September 13, 3 cases; North Carolina, week ended July 5, 1 case. Addition: South Carolina, week ended September 20, 1 case.

⁵Addition: Wisconsin, week ended September 20, 5 cases.

Table 2.—CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

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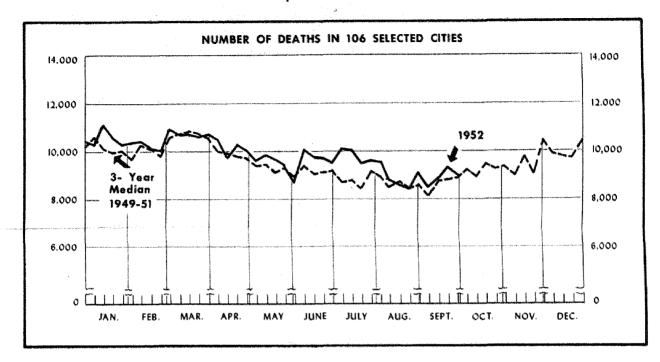
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Portland, Oreg	-	-	- 1	-	2		3] []	_	-	_	-	4	_
Sacramento															
San Diego	_	_	_	S	1	2	12	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	-
Seattle															
Snokane	-	-	-	-	2	1	20 3	-	-	-	1	_	-	-	-
Tacoma	-	_	-	-	1	-	3	_	"	_	_			ļ	
Honolulu	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-

Provisional Statistics for Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended September 27, 1952



The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 106 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, and, for comparison, the median of the number of deaths reported for the corresponding weeks of the three previous calendar years. (The median is the central one of the three values arranged in order of magnitude.) If a report is not received from a city in time to be included in the total for the current week, an estimate is made to maintain comparability for graphic presentation.

The figures reported represent the number of death certificates received in the vital statistics offices during the week indicated, for deaths occurring in that city. 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.

While week-to-week changes in the total number of deaths reported for all major cities generally represent a change in mortality conditions, this may not be true for variations in weekly figures for each city. For example, in a city where 50 deaths are the weekly average, the number of deaths occurring in a week may be expected to vary by chance alone from 36 to 64 (d \pm 2 $\forall d$, where d represents the average number of deaths per week).

The number of deaths in cities of the same size may also differ because of variations in the age, race, and sex composition of their 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 4.—DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION
(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Exclusive of fetal deaths)

(PACE) PRINCE DE L'ANGELLE	39th week ended	38th week ended	39th week	Percentage difference between		LATIVE NUMBE LRST 39 WEEK	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Sept. 27, 1952	Sept. 20, 1952	median 1949-51	current week and median	1952	1952 1951 Per-	
TOTAL: 105 REPORTING CITIES	8,962	9,229	8,855	+1.2	381,711	375,962	+1.5
New England	559 2,544 1,946 671 743 418 590 228 1,263	623 2,784 2,042 701 706 350 627 210 1,186	618 2,701 1,984 663 641 363 606 207 1,097	-9.5 -5.8 -1.9 +15.9 +15.2 -2.6 +10.1 +15.1	25,638 114,797 83,302 28,569 30,034 16,571 26,985 8,762 47,033	26,037 113,070 82,932 27,661 28,105 16,400 27,320 8,175 46,262	-1.5 +1.5 +0.4 +3.4 +6.9 +1.0 -1.2 +7.2

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Table 5.—DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

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

CITY	39th week ended	38th week ended	CUMULATIV FOR FIRST		CITY	39th week ended	38th week ended	CUMULATIVE FOR FIRST	
	Sept. 27, 1952	Sept. 20, 1952	1952	1951		Sept. 27, 1952	Sept. 20, 1952	1952	1951
NEW ENGLAND					WEST NORTH CENTRAL-Con.				
Boston	187	203	8,555	8,742	St. Paul	59	62	2,352	2,452
Bridgeport	29	26	1,342	1,316	Wichita	42	36	1,537	1,532
CambridgeFall River	19 27	24 31	1,147	1,186	SOUTH ATLANTIC			1 1	,
Hartford	37	47	1,048 1,727	1,115 1,651		0.5		7 017	
Lovell	20	so	956	1,114	Baltimore	95 192	99 250	3,841 9,114	3,277
Lynn	12	20	835	833	Charlotte	SS	52	1,099	8,53
New Bedford	16	22	892	945	Miami	62	44	2,098	1,059 1,96
New Haven	44	35	1,664	1,671	Norfolk	38	30	1,208	1,18
rovidence	59	61	2,426	2,439	Richmond	60	53	2,619	2,44
Somerville	6 31	16	610	648	Тамра	54	50	2,115	1,94
pringfield, Mass	23	42 32	1,448 923	1,445	Washington, D. C	197	120	6,693	6,48
/aterbury/	49	44	2,067	920	Wilmington, Del	23	38	1,242	1,20
or cercel			2,00	2,010	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL				
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	j				Birmingham	71	58	2,703	2,86
lbany	36	50	1,588	1,622	Chattancoga	39	38	1,742	1,71
uffalo	124	136	5,295	5,439	Knoxville	29	33	1,249	1,27
anden	33	37	1,395	1,314	Memphis	107	85 73	3,863	3,64
Clizabeth	26	30	1,146	1,083	Mobile	38	23	3,719	3,67
r10	25	33	1,273	1,245	Montgomery	(20)	(24)	1,201 (1,024)	1,17 (99
Jorsey City	56 76	71	2,798	2,696	Nashville	45	40	2,094	2,06
ew York City	1,348	93 1,479	4,085 60,475	3,829 58,538	West South Central			,	-,
aterson	33	45	1,458	1,415					
hiladelphia	419	416	18,314	19,106	Austin	18	27	897	1,05
ittsburgh	134	162	6,850	6,623	Corpus Christi	21 18	12	610	58
lochester, N. Y	84	70	3,515	3,493	Dallas	66	86	639 3,451	56 3,41
chenectady	55	55	889	849	El Paso	23	26	1,054	1,11
lyracuse	49 37	55 40	2,014 1,698	1,919	Fort Worth	50	42	2,067	2,16
tics	21	22	1,108	1,646 1,236	Houston	96	110	4,494	4,39
onkers	21	23	1,096	1,017	Little Rock		(39)		(1,70
Olimos 5			-,		New Orleans	129	127	5,868	5,91
EAST NORTH CENTRAL					Oklahoma City	48	57	2,024	2,03
kronssssssssssssssssss	51	59	2 742	1,915	San Antonio	58 35	52 45	2,901	3,10 1,51
anton	28	29	2,142 1,087	1,102	Tulsa	28	32	1,508	1,44
hicago	662	671	27,421	27,784				-,000	,
incinnati	129	131	5,453	5,563	MOUNTAIN				
leveland	185	180	7,948	7,843	Albuquerque	24	19	989	1,00
olumbus	79	72	3,837	3,732	Colorado Springs	18	12	503	46
ayton	51	61	2,291	2,220	Denver	95	.90	3,930	3,74
etroit	273	311	11,776	12,022	Ogden	13 16	9 23	492 799	436 69-
vansville	26 28	34 32	1,309 1,312	1,167 1,204	Pueblo	20	17	472	38
ort Wayno	24	25	1,146	1,204	Salt Lake City	42	40	1,577	1,44
rand Rapids	48	26	1,418	1,447	Tucson	(3)	(3)	(189)	(20
ndianapolis	86	103	4,264	4,145				1	
ilwaukee	102	119	4,602	4,324	PACIFIC			1	
soria	27	22	1,158		Berkeley	20	22	721	67
outh Bend	18	30	907	960		47	42	1,772	1,67 16,58
Coledo	81	74	3,396	3,516	Los Angeles	584	430	16,830	3,53
oumge town	48	63	1,835	1,653	Oakland	73 33	96	3,737 1,250	1,20
WEST NORTH CENTRAL					Portland, Oreg	113	93	3,728	3,77
	51	43	1,921	1,804	Sacramento	40	45	1,773	1,67
es Moines	31	34	992	971	San Diego	76	67	2,758	2,47
ansas City, Kans	37	28	1,351	1,376	San Francisco	123	167 128	7,307 4,264	7,41 4,31
ansas City, No	92	96	4,325	4,200	SeattleSpokane	90 39	43	1,592	1,61
inneapolis	100	140	4,420	4,297	Tacoma	25	22	1,301	1,32
maha	64	55	2,468	2,201	Į.	1 .		1	(1,18
t. Louis	195	207	9,223	8,828	Honolulu	(24)	(33)	(1,257)	(1,10

Symbols.-parentheses [()]: data not included in table 4; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.