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## Provisional Information on Selected Notifiable Diseases in the United States for Week Ended November 28, 1953

The incidence of scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat has been increasing for several months. However, the rate of increase has been slower, especially during the last 4 weeks, than that for the corresponding period of 1952. Beginning with the first week in August, the numbers of cases reported weekly, through October, were larger than the corresponding figures for last year. Since the first of November, a total of 7,805 cases has been reported as compared with 8,730 for a corresponding 4-week period of 1952. The cumulative total for the "disease year," which began about August 1st, is 21,766 as compared with 21,416 for the corresponding period of last year.

#### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

#### Botulism

Dr. R. L. Cleere, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Health, reports 3 fatal cases of botulism. According to information obtained, the vehicle of infection was home-canned beets, eaten the day before illness occurred. The illness began with unusually mild symptoms in 2 of the patients.

Mice injected with material from the home-canned beets died and protected mice did not. An autopsy on the dead mice showed findings compatible with botulism. The laboratory was unable to culture Clostridia from any home-canned food in the home.

Dr. R. F. Feemster, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, has supplied additional information on a case of psittacosis previously reported. The patient, an adult woman, while purchasing parakeets from a store noticed that 1 bird in the cage fell dead. One of the 2 birds taken home subsequently died and was disposed of without examination. The other was sent to the Public Health Service Laboratory in Montgomery, Ala., where the psittacosis virus was isolated from the bird. About 2 days after the patient became ill, 2 of her children, aged 9 and 6, were ill with fever, and 2 other children, aged 4 and 2, were said to have milder symptoms. A quarantine was imposed on the 3 birds remaining in the store, 1 of which subsequently became ill. All have been released by the store and sent to a laboratory

Although psittacosis has not been on the list of diseases which States are requested to report weekly by telegram, notifications of 44 cases in humans have been made in telegraphic reports for this year. Epidemiologic information on 48 cases has been received, 28 of which are on cases not included in the weekly report. The epidemiologic investigations indicate that one-fourth of the cases occurred in persons either operating or employed in aviaries or pet shops. The aviaries include those classed as private. Eight cases occurred in employees of a poultry processing plant, and 1 was a nurse investigator, who carried a parakeet in her car following investigation of a case.

Dr. S. G. Osgood, Oregon State Board of Health, gives information on 7 cases of gastro-enteritis among persons who ate barbecued ham in a restaurant. On November 16, a man purchased a pound of ham at the restaurant and took it home. That evening

4 members of his family ate the meat. He and his daughter became ill with vomiting and diarrhea about 3 hours later, but the other members of the family, who ate only small portions of the ham, did not become ill. The next day 5 other cases were reported in persons who ate ham at the restaurant. The symptoms and incubation period were similar to those previously reported. Although one and two-thirds hams were served during these 2 days, no other cases from this source have come to the attention of the Board of Health. Sixty hams, all of the precooked type, had been served prior to this time without any reported ill effects. The remaining third of the ham served November 17 was sent to the laboratory which reported the presence of hemolytic staphylococci (coagulase positive). Specimens of pork and beans taken from the restaurant were found to be negative on culture. The restaurant in question had installed an infra-red cooking apparatus about 2 weeks prior to this episode. Ham, beef, and pork were barbecued under infra-red lamps on a rotating spindle. After cooking, the meat was kept warm under a separate battery of lamps, which at the time of examination did not appear to supply sufficient heat. The general sanitation of the restaurant was good and there were no signs of infection among the food handlers. It was reported that additional cases of gastro-enteritis had occurred in the area during the first 2 weeks of November. None of these were associated with the ham or the restaurant, but 4 patients had symptoms similar to those attributed to the barbecued ham.

Dr. W. C. Levy, District Health Officer, New York State Department of Health, reports an outbreak of gastro-enteritis among 150 persons who ate a Sunday dinner. The meal was served at noon, and on the following morning the victims became ill with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, lasting from 1 to 5 days. Of 38 persons contacted, 29 were reported to have become ill from 1 to 3 days after eating the meal. The vehicle of infection was not found.

The California Department of Public Health reports 2 outbreaks of gastro-enteritis—1 in a private family and the other in a private school. In the private home all the food was prepared by the hostess and was well cooked. The food was prepared after 1:00 p.m. and served at 5:30. None of it was allowed to remain at room temperature for more than 2 hours. Of 12 persons eating the food, 10 became ill from 10 to 40 hours later. The symptoms were sudden onset of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, sweating, fever, muscle cramps, and dizziness. Specimens of meat loaf and chocolate cake were examined at the laboratory but no pathogenic organisms were found. Laboratory tests on specimens submitted by 6 patients and the food handler proved negative.

In the California school, 25 persons became ill following either lunch or supper. The first children affected became ill with vomiting at 9:00 p.m. They had not eaten at the school. Others began vomiting later during the night. In all instances, each ill child vomited only once, went back to sleep, and awoke the next morning feeling well. Apparently there was no diarrhea. The vehicle of infection was not determined. Laboratory examination of specimens submitted by 5 patients and 2 food handlers did not reveal the agent of infection.

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)

DISEASE	TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDED		5-year median	Approxi- mate seasonal	SINCE S	VE TOTAL EASONAL WEEK	5-year median 1947-48	CUMULATI FOR CAL YE	5-year median 1948-	
	Nov. 28, 1953	Nov. 29, 1952	1948- 52	low week ended	1952-53	1951-52	through 1951-52	1953	1952	52
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Diphtheria	49 12	68 22	116 22	July 1	21,094 (1)	1,352 (1)	2,414 (1)	<sup>2</sup> 2,126 1,043	2,733 1,836	5,423 915
Hepatitis, infectious, and serum092,N998.5 pt. Malaria110-117	6 <b>34</b> 20	383 17		(1) (1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	29,229 1, <b>3</b> 89	14,880 7,498	
Measles085 Meningococcal infections057	2,573 70	2,206 86	2,206 64	Sept. 1 Sept. 1	16,852 883	14,670 849	14,670 719	427,530 4,648	655,898 <b>4,35</b> 8	572,953 3,400
Policmyelitis, acute080 Rabies in man094 Rocky Mountain spotted fever104A	397	633	524  2	Apr 1 (1) (1)	332,972 (1) (1)	54,039 (1) (1)	30,164 (1) (1)	<sup>9</sup> 34, 486 13 290	55,232 17 310	31,357  451
Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat050,051	1,945	2,201	1,276	Aug. 1	<sup>4</sup> 21,766	21.416	10.535	4121,373	97,281	67,715
Smallpox084 Trichiniasis128	3	9		(1) (1) (1)	(1) (1) (1)	(1) (1) (1)	(1) (1) (1)	16 <b>34</b> 7	15 336	29
Tularemia059 Typhoid fever040	12 25	3 32	10 <b>3</b> 5	(1) Apr. 1	(1) 1,849	(1) 1,898	(1) 1,959	488 2,132	573 2,279	802 2,395
Typhus fever, endemic101 Whooping cough056	1 597	1 552	1,307	Apr. 1 Oct. 1	180 6,744	139 5,597	9,786	218 33,114	166 41,348	61,988
Rabies in animals	139	104		( <sup>1</sup> )	(1)	(1)	(±)	6,748	7,003	

Not computed.

NOTE. - Dengue, Texas, 1 case.

#### 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 which rarely occur (cholera, dengue, plague, typhus fever—epidemic, and yellow fever) are reported, they will be noted under the table above.

Symbols.—1 dash [-]: no cases reported; asterisk [\*]: disease stated not notifiable; parentheses, [( )]: data not included in total; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Deduction: North Carolina, week ended October 31, 1 case.

\*\*Deduction: North Carolina, week ended September 26, 1 case.

\*\*Additions: New Jersey, week ended November 21, 2 cases; North Carolina, week ended October 31, 1 case.

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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 28, 1953

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

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Maine	-	-	10	5	42	3	-	1	3	5	23	16
New Hampshire	-	- 1	6 1		16	3 3	-	-	7 2	1	6	11 5
Vermont	-	-	19	28	5	11	4		14	5	68	38
Rhode Island	-	-		-	1	1	Ī	1	ī		9	9
Connecticut	-	-	1	1	2	21	1	1	5	3	26	46
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	-	-	143	53	319	166	19	8	60	61	153	233
New York	-	-	131	40	186	32	8	5	53	41	83	133
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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES: SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 28, 1953

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

AREA	Brucellosis (undulant fever) (044)	Diphtheria (055)	Encephalitis, acute infectious (082)	Hepatitis, infectious, and serum (092, N998.5 pt.)	Меввјев (085)	Meningococcal infections (057)	Pollomyelitis, acute (080)	Rocky Mountain spotted fever (104A)	Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat (050,051)	Trichiniasis (128)	Tularemia (059)	Typhoid fever (040)	Typhus fever, endemic (101)	Whooping cough (056)	Rabies in animals
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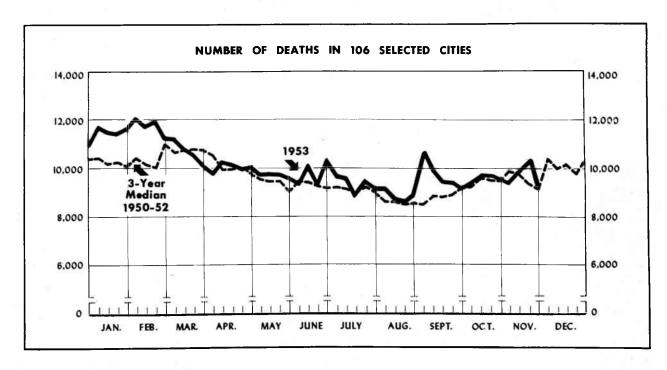
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## Provisional Statistics for Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended November 28, 1953



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  $\pm$   $2\sqrt{d}$ , 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)

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	47th week ended	46th week ended	47th Week	Percentage difference between	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 47 WEEKS				
GEXTWALTC DIVISION	Nov. 28, 1953	No▼. 21, 1953	median 1950-52	current week and median	1953	1952	Percentage difference		
TOTAL: 105 REPORTING CITIES	9,266	10.357	9,087	+2.0	469,981	458,022	+2.0		
New England(14 cities)	651	693	619	+5.2	31,151	30,725	+1.4		
Middle Atlantic(17 cities)	2,935	<b>3</b> ,116	2,763	+6.2	140,399	137,437	+2.1		
East North Central(18 cities)	1,999	2,329	2,009	-0.5	103,953	100,753	+3.1		
West North Central(8 cities)	589	724	644	-8.5	34, 124	32,504	+5.0		
South Atlantic(9 cities)	671	792	697	-3.7	36,049	36,086	-0.1		
East South Central(7 cities)	446	397	374	+19.3	20,754	19,727	+5.2		
West South Central(13 cities)	676	801	700	-3.4	35,922	34,413	+4.4		
Mountain(7 cities)	210 1,089	237	218	-3.7	11,016	10,512 55,865	+4.6 +1.3		
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Table 5. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 28, 1953

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

CITY	47th 46th CUMULATIVE NUMBER week ended ended				CITY	47th week ended	46th week ended	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 47 WEEKS		
	Nov. 28, 1953	Nov. 21, 1953	1953	1952		Nov. 28, 1953	Nov. 21, 1953	1953	1952	
NEW ENGLAND	1.7				WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Con.					
Boston	222	239	10,531	10,354	St. Paul	76	61	2,976	2,81	
Bridgeport	45	38	1,575	1,588	Wichita	32	32	1,859	1,83	
Cambridge	24	27	1,290	1,364	SOUTH ATLANTIC			'		
Fall River	27	29	1,314	1,247						
Hartford	43	45	2,120	2,083	Atlanta	93	124	4,825	4,73	
Lynn	14 20	29 19	1,180	1,124 988	Baltimore	189	231	10,462	10,80	
New Bedford	22	20	1,072	1,058	Miami	19	32	1,343	1,30	
New Haven	55	32	2,037	2,010	Norfolk	40 26	65 33	2,728	2,47	
Providence	68	71	2,810	2,915	Richmond	63	63	1,480 2,996	1,46 3,13	
Somerville	6	18	693	731	Tampa	55	46	2,447	2,48	
Springfield, Mass	28	42	1,819	1,731	Washington, D. C	161	160	8,227	8,18	
Waterbury	30	20	1,205	1,132	Wilmington, Del	25	38	1,541	1,50	
Worcester	47	64	2,465	2,400	EAST SOUTE CENTRAL	_		-,	_,	
MIDDLE ATLANTIC					Birmingham	74	69	3,371	3,25	
Albany	39	41	2,115	1,932	Knoxville	45	49	2,109	2,06	
Buffalo	133	146	6,645	6,379	Louisville	33 130	<b>43</b> 88	1,537	1,49	
Camden	31	27	1,682	1,674	Memphis	96	76	4,939 4,920	4,63 4,36	
Elizabeth	32	20	1,277	1,337	Mobile	25	31	1,469	1,47	
Erie	24	43	1,597	1,520	Montgomery	(27)	(26)		(1,24	
Jersey CityNewark, N. J	82 73	63	3,241	3,339	Nashville	43	41	2,409	2,44	
New York City	1,634	107	4,835 73,756	4,791 72,467	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL			-,	-,	
Paterson	33	47	1,806	1,758						
Philadelphia	456	506	22,617	21,849	Austin	24	13	1,167	1,08	
Pittsburgh	155	177	7,939	8,055	Baton Rouge	21	21	765	758	
Rochester, N. Y	93	104	4,379	4,243	Corpus Christi Dallas	12	12	773	813	
Schenectady	20	24	1,097	1,058	El Paso	93 <b>43</b>	97 36	4,425	4,092 1,220	
Syracuse	57	45	2,534	2,376	Fort Worth	43	63	1,337 2,618	2,48	
Trenton	30	74	2,177	2,024	Houston	116	115	5,686	5, <b>3</b> 3	
Utica	20	25	1,457	1,308	Little Rock	39	55	1,985	2,07	
Yonkers	23	23	1,245	1,327	New Orleans	133	165	7,318	7,01	
EAST NORTH CENTRAL			V		Oklahoma City	37	60	2,487	2,40	
					San Antonio	57	91	3,749	3,560	
Akron	50	44	2,621	2,562	Shreveport	29	41	1,831	1,77	
Canton	24	36	1,322	1,305	Tulsa	29	32	1,781	1,78	
Chicago	668	816	34,421	33,319	MOUNTA IN		1			
Cincinnati	130	131	6,955	6,534	Albuquerque	26	41	1,248	1,18	
ClevelandColumbus	198 88	227 108	9,589	9,582	Colorado Springs	8	8	611	61	
Dayton	60	72	4,8 <b>3</b> 2 2,880	4,607 2,772	Denver	88	104	4,983	4,70	
Detroit	263	335	14,686	14,345	Ogden	15	15	579	58	
Evansville	36	33	1,513	1,578	Phoenix	26	20	1,037	97	
Flint	44	37	1,690	1,584	Pueblo	12	7	636	57	
Fort Wayne	25	19	1,443	1,408	Salt Lake City	<b>3</b> 5	42	1,922	1,87	
Grand Rapids	36	33	1,810	1,721	Tucson	(8)	(6)	(243)	(22	
Indianapolis	96	127	5,230	5,130	PACIFIC			1		
Milwaukee	109	108	5,654	5,551						
Peoria	32	32	1,442	1,385	Berkeley	23	20	793	86	
South Bend	19	17	1,079	1,068	Long Beach	40 *22	39	2,136	2,12	
ColedoCoungstown	74	102	4,287	4,094	Oakland	322 93	<b>48</b> 8 78	20, 283 4, 330	19,88 <b>4,34</b>	
OTTER COMIT	47	52	2,499	2,208	Pasadena	32	41	1,592	1,47	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	_				Portland, Oreg	82	92	4,546	4,39	
					Sacramento	48	49	2,162	2,13	
Des Moines	42	60	2,303	2,295	San Diego	75	80	3,263	3,26	
uluth	20	21	1,237	1,180	San Francisco	168	171	8,686	8,76	
Ansas City, Kans		(30)	- 777	(1,642)	Seattle	133	134	5,365	5,13	
Kansas City, Mo	99	116	5,642	5,174	Spokane	39	42	1,950	1,92	
Minneapolis	117	133	5,866	5,392	Tacoma	34	34	1,507	1,55	
St. Louis	66 1 <b>3</b> 7	56 2 <b>4</b> 5	2,982	2,908	Honolulu	(33)	(36)	(1,487)	(1,48	
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