

Provisional Information on Selected Notifiable Diseases in the United States and on

Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended June 4, 1955

For the current week, a total of 251 cases of <u>poliomyelitis</u> was reported as compared with 246 and 241, respectively, for the preceding 2 weeks. For the corresponding week of last year, the total was 224. Large increases over the numbers reported last week were noted in Texas (37 to 52 cases), California (28 to 39), and Florida (6 to 15). A substantial decrease occurred in Idaho—from 22 cases last week to 4 for the current week. New York State and Louisiana also reported decreases from the previous week, from 18 to 11 and 11 to 6 cases, respectively. year," which began about April 1, is 1,476, as compared with the corresponding figure of 1,357 for 1954. The current total exceeds the 5-year (1950-54) median by 632 cases. For the difference between the reported cases in each State and their respective 5-year medians, see the accompanying map.

Although the incidence of poliomyelitis has been higher in the country as a whole since April 1, there has been little evidence of any unusually high concentration of cases in local areas, if size of the populations in the various areas or usual seasonal occurrence is taken into consideration. About four-fifths of all cases reported in California have been in the southern third of

The cumulative total of poliomyelitis cases for the "disease



the State where a higher incidence is expected at this season of the year. In Idaho, cases have been reported in small numbers in more than a third of the counties. More than a half of all cases reported in Illinois since April 1 have been in the highly urbanized counties in the northeastern part of the State. In New York State, more than a half of the cases have been reported in the metropolitan area of New York City, and only scattered cases have been in other parts of the State. Three parishes of Louisiana have reported the majority of cases, and these have sizable urban populations. Four counties of Texas, in which the largest cities are located, have also reported more than half of those reported in the State since April 1. In the extreme southern part of Texas the number of cases has been substantial, but not of epidemic proportions.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Diphtheria

The Kentucky Department of Health reports an outbreak of

diphtheria in Meade County. Since the middle of April, 13 cases and 3 deaths have occurred. Those affected have been unimmunized preschoolchildren. The patients have been extremely ill and one died 26 hours after first developing symptoms. The bacteria involved are the same as those found in an outbreak in the county last fall. It is estimated that 10 to 15 percent of the population in Meade County is carrying the organism.

Anthrax

Dr. E. J. Witte, Division of Veterinary Public Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health, reports a case of anthrax in a person employed in a plant as a wool scourer. While on the job, he comes into intimate contact with raw wool. The wool processed 2 or 3 days before the man became ill, was obtained from 4 foreign sources. The patient first noticed a small lesion on his left forearm. Two days later he showed it to an office worker who advised treatment at a hospital where his condition was diagnosed as anthrax.

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Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

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

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				F1	rst 22 wee	ks	Since a	Since seasonal low week			
DISEASE	Ended June 4, 1955	Ended June 5, 1954	Median 1950- 54	1955	1954	Median 1950-54	1954-55	1953-54	Median 1949-50 to 1953-54	seasonal low point.	
Anthrax062	11	1	1	15	9	18	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	
Botulism049.1		- 1		5	6		(²)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Brucellosis (undulant fever)044	32	35		³ 506	654			·			
Diphtheria055	17	23	32	635	771	1,291	1,852	2,116	3,473	July 1	
Encephalitis, infectious082	29	39	20	560	595	431	29	39	20	June 1	
Hepatitis, infectious,		ł					1	200			
and serum092,N998.5 pt.	516	797		18,023	27,218						
Malaria110-117	10	8		113	179	1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	
Measles085	18,046	24,886	18,894	439,274	498,049	383,267	495,024	532,363	412,657	Sept. 1	
Meningococcal infections057	60	56	79	1,932	2,321	2,321	3,024	3,643	3,643	Sept. 1	
Policyelitis080	251	224	133	42,540	2,910	2,162	41,476	1,357	844	Apr. 1	
Psittacosis096.2	511	35		⁶ 150	320		(2)	(²)	(²)	(²)	
Rabies in man094				3	2	2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Rocky Mountain spotted fever104A	12	15	15	56	70	64	(2)	(²)	(2)	(2)	
Scarlet fever and streptococcal				21			1				
sore throat050,051	2,703	3,140	1,974	90,993	93,213	66,079	128,384	127,847	82,401	Aug. 1	
Smallpox084	-		- 1		-	5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(2)	
Trichiniasis128	3	4		71	124		(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Tularenia059	9	6	9	241	255	291	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Typhoid fever040	21	36	36	7572	690	657	7265	284	284	Apr. 1	
Typhus fever, endemic101		9		39	68		(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	
Whooping cough056	1,522	838	868	30,272	23,569	24,126	47,554	33, 326	38, 332) Oct. 1	
Rebies in animals	65	146	136	2,666	3,683	3,577	4,019	5,454		0ct. 1	

¹Reported in New Hampshire. ²Frequencies are too small. ³Addition: Kansas, week ended May 28, 2 cases. ⁴Deductions: Mississippi, week ended May 21, 1 case; Indiana, week ended May 14, 1 case. Addition: New Mexico, week ended May 1 case

28, 1 case. ⁵Illinois, 5 cases; Wisconsin, 3; Virginia, 2; and Minnesota, 1. ⁷Deduction: Mississippi, week ended May 21, 1 case. ⁶Addition: Washington, week ended May 28, 1 case.

NOTE. - No report for the current week has been received from Vermont.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF MORBIDITY DATA

These provisional data are based on reports to the Public Health Service from health departments of each State and Territory and of one possession. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. Cases of anthrax, botulism, psittacosis, rabies in man, and smallpox are not shown in table 2, but a footnote to table 1 shows the States making the reports. In addition, when diseases of rare occurrence (cholera, dengue, plague, relapsing fever—louse borne, typhus fever—epidemic, and yellow fever) are reported, they will be noted at the end of table 1.

Symbols.-- 1 dash [-]: no cases reported; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, ALASKA,
HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED JUNE 5, 1954 AND JUNE 4, 1955

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¹Includes cases not specified as civilian or military.

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MIDDLE ATLANTIC	3,994	6,936	- 7	8	25	7	5	1	4	1	4	2
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New Jersey	1,560	1,629	1	2	5	1	-		-	1	3	2 -
Pennsylvania	1,119	2,376	5	3	9	1	-		· -	-	-	1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	5,417	4,600	17	9	24	23	9	7	6	8	1	-
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Indiana	208	604	1	2	2	3	1	2	-	-		-
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Missouri	187	67	2	-	4	4	1	3	3	-	-	1
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Washington	464	575	1	1	2	1		-		1		1
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²Includes cases not specified by type, category number (080.3).

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The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 108 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 3 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 with a weekly average of 50 deaths, the number of deaths occurring in a week may be expected to vary by chance alone from 36 to 64 ($d \pm 2$ Id, 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 3. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION

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

	22d week ended	21st week ended	22d week median 1952-54	Percent change, median to current week	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 22 WEEKS			
AREA	June 4 1955	May 28, 1955			1955	1954	Percent change	
TOTAL: 107 REPORTING CITIES	9,116	9,869	9,380	-2.8	227,272	223,195	+1.8	
New England(14 cities)	605	632	663	-8.7	15,831	15,069	+5.1	
Middle Atlantic(17 cities)	2,707	3,000	2,679	+1.0	67,894	66,180	+2.6	
East North Central(18 cities)	2,081	2,193	2,000	+4.1	49,506	49,074	+0.9	
West North Central(8 cities)	642	639	639	+0.5	15,088	15,521	-2.8	
South Atlantic(9 cities)	665	741	691	-3.8	17,035	17,176	-0.8	
East South Central(8 cities)	421	450	410	+2.7	10,390	10,298	+0.9	
West South Central(13 cities)	690	717	755	-8.6	17,592	16,922	+4.0	
Mountain(8 cities)	224	240	217	+3.2	5,428	5,127	+5.9	
Pacific(12 cities)	1,081	1,257	1,077	+0.4	28,508	27,828	+2.4	

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Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 4, 1955

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

CITY	22d week ended June	21st week ended May	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 22 WEEKS		CITY	22d week ended June	21st week ended May	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 22 WEEKS		
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NEW ENGLAND					WEST NORTH CENTRAL-Con.					
Boston	211	226	5,456	5,012	St. Louis	200	202	4,836	5,023	
Bridgeport	43	36	876	793	St. Paul	58	57	1,433	1,465	
Cambridge	24	32	647	660	wichita	29	36	831	901	
Hartford	37	36	1,050	1,014	SOUTH ATLANTIC			1		
Lowell	22	27	551	649	Atlanta	90	106	2,298	2,320	
Lynn	19	17	534	481	Baltimore	196	218	5,041	4,901	
New Bediord	48	38	1.017	1.024	Jacksonville	(52)	(52)	(1.087)	(1.104)	
Providence	42	65	1,474	1,377	Miami	41	53	1,117	1,518	
Somerville	13	8	357	330	Norfolk	15	16	705	664	
Springfield, Mass	43	29	946	884	Sevenneh	66	53	1,431	1,393	
Worcester	31	50	1,168	1,136	Тапра	56	56	1,274	1,235	
			_,	,	Washington, D. C	137	179	3,701	3,713	
MIDDLE ATLANTIC					Wilmington, Del	34	35	811	743	
Albany	38	55	1,053	1,000	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL					
Allentown	(30)	(30)	(822)	(760)	Birmingham	71	59	1,717	1,705	
Comden	129	156	3,049	3,078	Chattanooga	47	51	1,000	1,001	
Elizabeth	27	28	617	610	Knoxville	38	32	745	758	
Erie	36	41	811	747	Louisville	89	114	2,389	2,356	
Jersey City	60	68	1,623	1,604	Mobile	27	24	649	699	
Newark, N. J	104	94	2,302	2,235	Montgomery	20	30	589	589	
Paterson	30	1,353	878	870	Nashville	42	43	1,145	1,101	
Philadelphia	437	412	10,889	10,376	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL		1	1		
Pittaburgh	170	185	3,989	3,640	Austin	11	24	550	550	
Rochester, N. Y	82	104	2,091	2.091	Baton Rouge	17	15	483	479	
Schenectady	22	26	510	522	Delles	9	22	393	2 126	
Scranton	(31)	(26) (767)	(755)	El Paso	31	30	627	601	
Syracuse	52	62	1,223	1,248	Fort Worth	46	45	1,197	1,170	
Jtica	29	25	670	692	Houston	107	116	2,823	2,727	
Yonkers	24	14	622	609	Little Rock	49	27	971	895	
	1	1	1		Oklahoma City	57	53	1,257	1,265	
EAST NORTH CENTRAL					San Antonio	77	71	1,930	1,711	
Akron	58	61	1,208	1,254	Shreveport	34	31	887	829	
Canton	28	23	580	648		25	30	960	939	
Chicago	678	710	16,043	16,321	MOUNTAIN					
Cleveland	175	202	4,426	4.537	Albuquerque	23	24	531	578	
Columbus	116	121	2,454	2,266	Denver	10	10	305	270	
Dayton	65	59	1,465	1,434	0gden	22	7	239	224	
Detroit	294	293	7,230	6,972	Phoenix	27	20	558	501	
Flint	42	39	803	848	Pueblo	8	18	296	290	
Fort Wayne	29	27	733	579	Tucson	49	35	922	893	
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Milwaukee	134	133	2,742	2,754	Long Beach	16	22	410	397	
Peoria	24	33	646	676	Los Angeles	331	483	10,125	9,958	
South Bend	21	28	540	511	Oakland	90	95	2,004	2,122	
Youngstown	48	47	1,147	1,963	Pasadena	26	31	772	738	
					Secremento	95	90	2,133	2,202	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL					San Diego	77	4.5 80	1,121	1,030	
Des Moines	40	40	1,083	1,072	San Francisco	138	170	4,236	4;125	
Duluth	28	22	567	584	Seattle	113	104	2,948	2,722	
Kansas City, Kans		105	2 407	(710)	Tacoma	49	54	1,016	1,018	
Minneapolis	119	113	2,585	2,586		1 10	4.5	012	102	
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Psittacosis

Dr. D. S. Fleming, Minnesota Department of Health, reports a case of psittacosis in a 53-year-old man. The patient had no cough, but had a fever and tired easily. A chest X-ray showed patchy infiltration in both lungs. Complement fixation tests on blood specimens were positive for psittacosis. The probable source of infection was a parakeet from Chicago. This bird was killed and sent to a laboratory for examination, but the report is not yet available.

Dr. W. R. Giedt, Washington State Department of Health, has reported a case of psittacosis in a person whose onset of illness was last December. The patient lives in a mountainous area practically inaccessible during the winter months. The only history obtainable was that of having cleaned wild ducks and geese in the fall and winter months. It is possible that this was the source of infection. A complement fixation test on a blood specimen collected in December yielded a titer of 1:64. On May 23, 1955, repeat complement fixation tests done in two different laboratories were positive for the disease in titers of 1:32 and 1:16, respectively.

Dr. Mason Romaine, Virginia Department of Health, reports 3 cases of psittacosis. Two were in children who caught a stray parakeet 6 weeks ago. It died shortly after its capture, and a little later a parakeet, owned for several years, died. Both birds were buried, but no examinations were made. The children became ill with a respiratory infection, and X-ray pictures suggested psittacosis. No specific tests for psittacosis were made. The other case was in a person who owned 2 parakeets. The patient developed an upper respiratory illness following the illness and death of the birds. The diagnosis was confirmed by complement fixation tests.

Streptococcal_sore throat

Dr. A. C. Hollister, Jr., California Department of Public Health, reports an outbreak of streptococcal infection among 17 employees of a restaurant. Within a week 4 cases were reported. Throat cultures were taken from the remaining 13 asymptomatic employees as well as from those who were ill. Of these, 9 had positive cultures for beta hemolytic streptococcus. Only 1 of several individuals who received antibiotics prior to throat cultures had a positive culture.

Gastro-enteritis

Dr. H. H. Dyer, West Virginia Department of Health, reports an outbreak of gastro-enteritis among women who attended card parties at a restaurant. There were 2 parties of 8 women each and members of both groups became ill from 3 to 7 hours after eating dinner. The illness was characterized by cramps, weakness, nausea, dizziness, and vomiting. Each person ordered from the menu which carried a variety of different foods. However, each had a choice between mashed potatoes and gravy, and French fried potatoes. An investigation revealed that all who had eaten potatoes and gravy became ill, while those who had eaten French fries remained well. The gravy had been prepared several hours earlier than the other foods and was improperly handled. Laboratory examination 1 sample of gravy showed many nongas formin. staphylococci-probably S. albus.

The Los Angeles C: break of gastro-enteritis among 18 persons in a private residence. Of these, 9 became ill with cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea from 6 to 30 hours after eating cake with a butter-cream frosting. The cake was made at alocal bakery and was not refrigerated after being picked up earlier in the day. Laboratory tests on a sample of cake were negative for pathogenic organisms.

Dr. J. D. Purvis, Pennsylvania Department of Health, reports that 5 persons became ill after eating in a club where about 200 persons are fed each day. Hollandaise sauce, on laboratory examination, yielded a pure culture of coagulase positive staphylococcus.

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