

Outbreak Report for February 2012, West Virginia



During the month of February, 2012, there were 30 outbreaks reported in West Virginia. Of the 30 reported, 26 outbreaks (87%) were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters. Nineteen outbreaks were reported in healthcare facilities, six from schools, and one from a correctional facility.

Among healthcare-associated outbreaks, 17 were reported from long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and 2 from hospitals.

The rest of this report describes the types and settings of the outbreaks. All data provided is provisional as many of the outbreaks are under ongoing investigation.

Enteric disease outbreaks during the month of February, 2012 (n=19)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Acute Gastroenteritis	12	10 LTCFs Correctional Facility School	3 Not Done 7 Pending Not Done
Norovirus Gastroenteritis	7	5 LTCFs 2 Hospitals	Not Done Confirmed

Respiratory illness outbreaks during the month of February, 2012 (n=1)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	1	LTCF	Negative or non-contributory

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Rash outbreaks during the month of February, 2012 (n=3)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Scabies	1	School	Not Done
Varicella	1	School	Not Done
Fifth's Disease	1	School	Not Done

Outbreaks characterized as "other" during the month of February, 2012 (n=3)

Type of Outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	Laboratory Testing
Acute Conjunctivitis	1	School	Not Done
Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL) <i>E Coli</i> Urinary Tract Infection	1	LTCF	Confirmed
Streptococcal Pharyngitis	1	School	Confirmed

For information on outbreak guidelines or any disease or condition please visit our website at www.dide.wv.gov or call us (24/7/365) at (304) 558-5358 or toll free in West Virginia (800) 423-1271.

Remember that outbreaks should be reported immediately to local health department.

This report will be sent on a monthly basis. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.