

Outbreak Report for January 2012, West Virginia

During the month of January, 2012, there were 36 outbreaks reported in West Virginia. Of the 36 reported, 34 outbreaks (94%) were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters. Twenty-four outbreaks were reported in healthcare facilities, four from communities, three from schools, one from a day care, and two from sports teams.

All healthcare-associated outbreaks were reported in long-term care facilities.

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 January, 2012 (n=23)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Acute Gastroenteritis	9	7 LTCFs 2 Schools	6 Not Done 1 Negative or non-contributory 2 Not Done
Norovirus Gastroenteritis	12	LTCFs	Confirmed
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> and Norovirus	1	LTCF	Confirmed
<i>Campylobacter</i> Gastroenteritis	1	Community	Confirmed

Respiratory illness outbreaks during the month of January, 2012 (n=6)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Pertussis	2	Communities	Confirmed
Lower Respiratory Tract Infection/ Pneumonia/ Human Metapneumovirus	2	LTCFs	Confirmed
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	2	LTCFs	1 Negative or non-contributory, 1 Not Done

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

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	1	Day care	Not Done
Impetigo	1	Sports Team	Not Done
Herpes Gladiatorum	1	Sports Team	Pending

Outbreaks characterized as “other” during the month of January, 2012 (n=2)

Type of Outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	Laboratory Testing
Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>	1	Community	Confirmed
Mumps	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.