

Outbreak Report for March 2012, West Virginia

During the month of March, 2012, there were 19 outbreaks reported in West Virginia. All 19 reported outbreaks were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters. Eleven outbreaks were reported in healthcare facilities, six from schools, one from a restaurant, and one from a correctional facility.

Among healthcare-associated outbreaks, 10 were reported from long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and one from a hospital.

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 March, 2012 (n=7)

Type of outbreak by Clinical Diagnosis/ Etiologic agent	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Acute Gastroenteritis	4	3 LTCF	2 Not done 1 Negative
		Restaurant	Not done
Norovirus Gastroenteritis	3	LTCFs	Confirmed

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

Type of outbreak by Clinical Diagnosis/ Etiologic agent	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Influenza Like Illness	1	LTCF	Negative
Influenza A H3 & <i>Streptococcal</i> Pharyngitis	1	School	Confirmed
Influenza A H3	1	LTCF	Confirmed
Influenza A & B	2	Schools	Rapid test positive
Lower Respiratory Illness/ Human Metapneumovirus	1	LTCF	Confirmed

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Rash outbreaks during the month of March, 2012 (n=4)

Type of outbreak by Clinical Diagnosis/ Etiologic agent	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Scabies	2	Schools Correctional Facility	Not done
Fifth's Disease	2	Schools	Not done

Outbreaks characterized as "other" during the month of March, 2012 (n=2)

Type of outbreak by Clinical Diagnosis/ Etiologic Agent	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Klebsiella Pneumonia</i> (CRKP)	2	LTCF Hospital	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. For specific information on Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) please visit our website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/AtoZ/Pages/MDRO.aspx>

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.