

Infectious Disease Task Force Meeting Summary
October 19, 2011, 9:00 am to 10:30 am
625 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa, CA

Present:

Ann Cadgene, Colleen Assavapitkul, Joe Clendenin, Katherine Minthorne, Kathleen Mosher, Leslie Fisher, Laurel Warner, Lucinda Gardner, Marion Johnston, Mark Netherda, Rachel Stevenson, and Ruth Lincoln

Action Items:

- Mark will look into active surveillance guidance for Carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.
- Mark will forward the "Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE): Detection and Control" slide set to the group.
- Piper will send Marin/Sonoma Mosquito Tick-Borne Disease Annual Report to Mark.
- Mark will meet with Epi, Lab and Animal Control and discuss drafting an updated local Rabies Control policy.
- Ruth Lincoln will find out what course of action was taken at AH CVN.
- Mark to contact the Sonoma County Lab to see what type of testing we are using for STEC.
- Disease control considering an HUS alert.
- Mark will work on process of notifying doctors about Health Alerts.

A. Influenza Update - Mark Netherda

a. Current Activity

- i. Season starts in the 40th week of the year and ends ~3/31/2012.
- ii. Percent positive is currently < 1% and activity is considered sporadic.
- iii. Kaiser SR began testing on 10/5/2011 Kaiser and 3 cases have been detected to date; two adults and 1 child.

b. Masks for Healthcare workers

- i. The Health Officer of Sacramento County has signed a declaration requiring healthcare workers to wear masks. Additional CA Counties have signed similar declarations. Sonoma County is considering its own declaration.
- ii. The group discussed initiating masking based on a percent positive rate.
- iii. Mark clarified that the masks were not N95 masks.
- iv. Members brought up the following issues:
 1. How to handle non-compliance.
 2. The role of non-acute care facilities.
 3. Consistency throughout all facilities
 4. Promoting respiratory hygiene prior to detected cases. Mark mentioned that there is no evidence based study to support this.

c. Vaccine for Healthcare workers

- i. Other states have implemented a "No shot, no work" policy and have locked out non-compliant employees.
- ii. Ruth Lincoln commented that this topic was discussed at a recent meeting of regional AH IPCs. The general sense was that punitive or progressive discipline would be very difficult to enforce by nursing managers/supervisors. It also presented a challenge time-wise with meet and confer required prior to employee time-clock lock-out or progressive discipline. She offered to check and see what course of action was taken at AH CVN.
- iii. JCHO requires that if you received your vaccination that a marker is placed on your name tag.

d. Flu Shot Saturday

- i. Public Health has scheduled one location for Flu Shot Saturday on 12/3/2011. It will be held at Empire College, Santa Rosa from 9 am to 3 pm.

e. International News

- i. In Australia, a cluster of Oseltamivir A (H1N1 2009) resistant influenza has been detected.
- ii. In Indonesia, Egypt, and Vietnam, there are confirmed cases of Avian Influenza A (H5N1) in humans.

B. Vaccine Preventable Disease

- a. Tdap Report - the majority of students in Sonoma County received vaccine, final numbers are pending.

- b. Pertussis – cases continue to be reported, though numbers are down. In 2011, Sonoma County has the second highest rate of Pertussis in CA.
- c. Mumps – U C Berkeley has reported (25) cases, but there hasn't been an update for two weeks. Sonoma County has had no positive reports.

C. What's "Hot" in Disease Control

- a. HUS Cluster (ECO157) - cases
 - 1. Three cases of HUS reported in recent weeks. PFGE results are pending to determine if cases are truly a cluster.
- ii. Communicable Disease Fact Sheets
 - 1. FAQ's are now posted on the Public Health Website.
- iii. Commission of Aids Service Award
 - 1. The BOS recognized recipients of the AIDS Service Awards and the re-naming of the award to "the Marshal Kubota AIDS Service Award", in honor of the many years of service Dr. Kubota provided to HIV/AIDS patients in Sonoma County.
 - 2. World's Aid Day is December 1, 2011.
- iv. DAAC Grant Award
 - 1. Board of Supervisors approved a \$15,000 award to DAAC to provide targeted testing.
- v. 2012 Quarterly Report
 - 1. New in 2012 to provide updated information to local health partners.
- vi. West Nile Virus – a mosquito pool in Sonoma has been confirmed positive for West Nile Virus in SWSR. For repellent updates and EPA resistant repellents, visit:
 - 1. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/RepellentUpdates.htm>
 - a. Cases in California – 115 including 5 deaths
 - b. Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or PMD

**NEXT MEETING:
 Infectious Disease Task Force
 December 14, 2011, 9 AM – 10:30 AM
 North City View Room
 625th Street, Santa Rosa**

Resources

- S:\PH\PHP\Committees\Infectious Disease Task Force\2011\101911
 - Avian Influenza A (H5N1 in humans.pptx
 - Potential HUS Cluster.pptx
 - PROEDR Gram negative bacilli multidrug resistance - Netherlands (02) (SH).txt
 - PROEDR Influenza (50) Australia (NS) H275Y mutation cluster.txt
- Website:
 - West Nile Virus:
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/RepellentUpdates.htm>