



Ebb & Flow

Summer 2024

Health & Human Services Tidings

Recent Memos to Providers

May 29, 2024

The North Carolina Division of Public Health issued a memo advising that healthcare providers maintain an increased suspicion for MERS-CoV in anyone presenting with respiratory symptoms after recent travel to countries in and near the Arabian Peninsula including travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) for Hajj, an annual Islamic pilgrimage.

May 13, 2024

The North Carolina Division of Public Health has worked with local health departments to investigate recently reported cases of pertussis (whooping cough) among several communities in North Carolina.

April 23, 2024

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to alert clinicians about risks of counterfeit or mishandled botulinum toxin injections.

April 8, 2024

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians, state health departments, and the public of a recently confirmed human infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) virus in the United States following exposure to presumably infected dairy cattle.

March 18, 2024

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and public health officials of an increase in global and U.S. measles cases and to provide guidance on measles prevention for all international travelers aged ≥ 6 months and all children aged ≥ 12 months who do not plan to travel internationally.

March 12, 2024

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services released an updated COVID-19 treatment provider memo regarding EUA-labeled Paxlovid no longer being authorized for use and affordable access to Paxlovid for patients through PAXCESS. This memo provides key messages, how to provide treatment to patients, and an overview of treatment options to healthcare providers for outpatient treatment of COVID-19.

March 1, 2024

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an updated Respiratory Virus Guidance. As the threat from COVID-19 became more similar to that of other common respiratory viruses, CDC issued Respiratory Virus Guidance rather than additional virus-specific guidance.

Are you receiving our Blast Faxes?

If not, please contact Michelle Wagner, Public Health Educator, at Michelle.Wagner@darenc.gov or 252.475.5067.

Blast Faxes are also available on our website. Please visit www.darenc.gov/providers to see all recent information shared with our medical providers.



Heat-Related Illnesses Educational Website & Cool Zones Established

This summer we have created an educational website on heat safety and illness. The site also promotes Dare County Cool Zones, which are a network of free, air-conditioned settings (such as libraries or community centers) across Dare County that allow respite for older adults, persons with disabilities, outdoor workers, or anyone looking to escape the extreme heat during the summer. Visit:

DareNC.Gov/HeatSafety

Reminding Patients about Recreational Water Illnesses this Summer

Healthcare providers play a crucial role in educating patients about the risks of recreational water illnesses and how to prevent them. By discussing the symptoms and prevention strategies for common recreational water illnesses (RWI), doctors can empower patients to make informed decisions about their water activities and protect their health. It is essential for healthcare professionals to emphasize the importance of staying informed and taking precautions to avoid potentially serious illnesses that can be contracted through recreational water activities. Our department has tried to make this task easier for you by creating a comprehensive website that provides information on prevention and types of RWIs. Visit: DareNC.Gov/RWI

2024 Reportable Diseases

Communicable Disease	2024 Q1	2024 April	2024 May
AIDS	0	0	0
Campylobactor	0	0	1
Chlamydia	23	7	5
E.Coli	0	0	0
Gonorrhea	1	2	1
Group A Streptococcus	4	2	0
Haemophilus influenzae	0	1	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	0
Hepatitis B- acute	0	0	1
Hepatitis B- chronic	0	0	0
Hepatitis C- acute	0	0	0
Hepatitis C- chronic	6	4	10
HIV	0	0	0
Latent TB infection	3	2	0
Lyme Disease	0	1	0
Meningitis	0	0	1
Mumps	0	0	0
Pertusis	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	0	1
Shigellosis	0	0	0
TB	1	0	0
Vibrio	0	0	0

Special Medical Needs Registry

Dare County has a significant population with "special needs," normally defined as "...individuals who would need assistance with medical care or personal care during evacuations and sheltering because of physical or mental impairments." Special consideration must be given to this population's needs during an emergency. Please remind any of your patients who may be considered to have "special needs" to participate in the voluntary Special Medical Needs Registry. Visit: DareNC.Gov/SpecialNeeds

Hepatitis C Treatment Now Offered

Our team now offers Hepatitis C treatment and case management services. Referral forms can be found by visiting our providers website. Visit: DareNC.Gov/Providers



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Ebb & Flow is a quarterly newsletter for local healthcare providers. Our goal is to share pertinent information with you. If you have any suggestions for topics to be covered please contact: Kelly Nettnin Fleming, Health Education & Outreach Supervisor

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