



Ebb & Flow

Health & Human Service Tidings

Fall 2018

Recent Memos for Providers

06.12.2018 - Four Important Health Alerts: This memo included four different alerts: 1) CDC Recommendations for Managing and Reporting Shigella Infections with Possible Reduced Susceptibility to Ciprofloxacin 2) NC Public Health Memo on Vitamin K-Dependent Coagulopathy Associated with Synthetic Cannabinoid Use 3) CDC Health Advisory on Outbreak of Life-threatening Coagulopathy Associated with Synthetic Cannabinoids Use 4) CDC Health Advisory on Outbreak of Hepatitis A Virus (HAC) Infections among Persons Who Use Drugs and Persons Experiencing Homelessness

06.20.2018 - Measles Case in NC: This was a memo from NC Public Health regarding a Measles case that was diagnosed in Wake County. It included general recommendations, diagnosis and vaccination information.

06.30.2018 - Legionnaires' Disease: This was a memo from NC Public Health regarding national and state increases in Legionnaires' disease. The information included background, diagnosis and prevention recommendations, and reporting requirements.

07.17.2018 - Hepatitis A: This memo was from NC Public Health regarding increase in Hepatitis A cases nationwide. The information included important actions for clinicians, reporting and laboratory testing procedures in North Carolina.

07.31.2018 - Vitamin K-Dependent Coagulopathy Associated with Synthetic Cannabinoids Use: This memo was from NC Public Health and CDC. The information included background information, recommendations for patients who may present with signs and symptoms, reporting requirements and recommendations for the public.

08.16.2018 - Ebola Virus Disease Update: This memo was from NC Public Health which included background information, treatment recommendations, and testing information.

08.30.2018 - Vitamin K-Dependent Coagulopathy Associated with Synthetic Cannabinoids Use: This was an update from the July memo. The alert included information from NC Public Health and CDC. The memo included background information, recommendations for patients who may present with signs and symptoms, reporting requirements and recommendations for the public.

Are you receiving our Blast Faxes? If not, please contact Kelly Nettnin at 252.475.5036 or kelly.nettnin@darenc.com to update your contact information. Blast Faxes are also now available on our new website. Visit darenc.com/providers to see all recent information pertinent to our medical community.

Thanksgiving Basket Programs Accepting Applications & Sponsors

Please share this information if you feel you may have patients who could benefit from the Thanksgiving Basket Programs. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and include monetary and basket donations.

Hatteras Island

Individuals interested in making a monetary gift can mail checks to: Fessenden Center, PO Box 859, Buxton, NC 27920. Anyone interested in basket sponsorship information can contact April Bodiford at 252.475.5650.

Participants interested in applying for the Thanksgiving Assistance Program can pick up and return applications at Dare County Department of Health & Human Services in Frisco from October 1, 2018 until November 9, 2018. Anyone with questions about the application process can contact Jessica Nonnemacher at 252.475.9320.

Northern Beaches

Individuals interested in making a monetary gift can mail checks to: Thanksgiving Program, PO Box

1666, Manteo, NC 27954. Anyone interested in basket sponsorship information can contact Christine Dorsey at 804.564.1273.

Participants interested in applying for the Thanksgiving Assistance Program can pick up and return applications at Dare County Department of Health & Human Services in Manteo at the Social Services Division Campus from October 1, 2018 until October 31, 2018. Anyone with questions about the application process can contact Leigh Bracy at 252.475.5566.

Coming Soon: Angel Tree Programs

We also help with Angel Gift Programs for the Northern Beaches and Hatteras Island, please be on the lookout for those details, which will be released mid October. For more information, call Leigh Bracy at 252.475.5566.

Dare Hospice Helps Families with Grief

Our Dare Hospice program is committed to helping our patients and members of the Dare County Community deal with grief. Families of patients who pass away while receiving Dare Hospice services receive bereavement mailings for up to thirteen months. The mailings are designed to provide comprehensive follow up and aid to families in understanding the grief process.

The commitment goes further and extends into our community. Dare Hospice, in partnership with other community businesses and organizations, hosts an Annual Memorial Service each December. The event is for anyone in Dare County who has experienced a loss during the year. This year's Community Memorial Services will

be held on December 2, 2018 at Festival Park in Manteo from 2-4 pm.

Dare Hospice in partnership with Interfaith Community Outreach also provides a Grief Support Group open to all county residents. Individuals interested in participating can show up to group on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Baum Center. Group sessions are facilitated by two licensed professional counselors.

Please feel free to share this information with patients or colleagues you believe could benefit from our Grief support services. For more information, call Jodie at 252.475.5057

Communicable Disease	Qrt 1 2018	Qrt 2 2018	Qrt 3 2018
AIDS	0	0	0
Campylobacter	0	1	1
Chlamydia	32	32	20
E.Coli (Shiga toxin- Producing)	0	1	1
Gonorrhea	12	3	6
Haemophilus influenza	0	0	0
Hepatitis B —chronic	1	2	2
Hepatitis C—acute	0	1	0
Hepatitis C—chronic	15	18	12
HIV	0	0	0
Latent TB infection	2	1	1
Lyme disease	3	0	1
Meningitis	1	0	0
NGU	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	2	2	3
Syphilis (primary)	0	3	1
TB	0	0	0
Vibrio vulnificus	0	0	0

Family System Workshop at the Coastal Studies Institute 10 FREE Professional CEUs

Friday, November 2, 2018 • 5:30 pm—8:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday , November 3 & 4, 2018 • 9:00 am—4:00 pm

This program provides family members and loved ones with skills and tools necessary to begin their own healing process and develop their own resiliency. This program is an intensive weekend that includes experience with group work, lectures and presentations addressing various dynamics.

RSVP Required: Shelley Callahan
shelleyc@theblanchardinstitute.com • 704.228.1097

Who reports communicable disease cases and to whom?

Physicians, school administrators and child care operators, medical facilities and operators of restaurants and other food or drink establishments (G.S. § 130A-135 through 130A-139) must report cases or suspected cases of reportable diseases to their local health department, which in turn reports this information to the N.C. Division of Public Health (NCDPH) (G.S. § 103A -140). Laboratories may report to the local health department, except in the case of syphilis results, which the laboratories must report directly to the Communicable Disease Branch or the nearest regional office (10A NCAC 41A .0102). In North Carolina, hospital emergency department visits also are reported to the NCDPH, which in turn provides the data, as authorized by North Carolina law and in accordance with HIPAA regulations, to the CDC (G.S. § 130A-480). Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are reported directly by healthcare facilities to the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), which then provides the data to N.C. DPH. Reportable diseases are monitored by DPH's Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit (CDSU) and Medical Consultation Unit (MCU).



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