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Carson City Health Officer Report

18Nov2021

Carson City Board of Health (BOH) Meeting 02Dec2021

Health Officer Activities (since 15Sep2021)

- Attended Advocates to End Domestic Violence and SARA Center Opening, 10/7
- Letter to Nevada Legislative Committee on Health Care re: SB 209 (see attached)
- Nevada Health Officers' meeting with state epidemiologist presenting, 10/11
- Quad-County Coalition meeting, 10/20
- Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force (CCBHTF) meeting: 10/20 Emergency Op's, Housing, Youth, Jail - case management, community referral planning with regards to re-entry, MOST info
- Toured Carson City Jail with forensic psychologist Joseph McEllistrem, PhD; met FASTT and Charlene Foerschler, APRN, FNP, 11/2
- Nevada Health Officers' meeting with discussion re: Covid testing and potential new antiviral therapies, 11/8
- Quad-County Coalition meeting and Radiation Hazard lecture, 11/17
- CCBHTF meeting: presentation by Nevada Dementia Friendly Initiative re: community resources in Northern Nevada, 11/17

Clinical Oversight and Policy Input

- Review of Rutgers' "Diagnosis and Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) in Adults" with subsequent discussion with lead LTBI public health nurse and adjustment to clinic protocol, 10/27
- Several Public Health Nurse consults re: LTBI patients' evaluations and subsequent treatment

Training and Education

- Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) Conference re: Seafood production and safety, 10/13
(Note recent local problem with raw oysters at two restaurants)
- Completed 2-day FEMA G205 Course on Recovery From Disaster sponsored by Nevada State Department of Emergency Management, 10/14 & 10/15
- Average 4 hours per month reviewing CDC, Nevada State DHHS, Carson City Public Information Officer (PIO) releases and medical journals regarding Public Health issues



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See attached:

- CDC's COVID-19 Quarantine vs. Isolation handout
- publichealthcollaborative.org info re: Pandemic fatigue and Trust in public health officials
- Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) Weekly Wrap-Up
- Radiological Protection Principles and Initial Response/Scene Size Up
- Nevada Dementia Support Toolbox

General Information for the Carson City Board of Health

TB data from 2020 data reveal a substantial decline in the number of reported cases of TB disease in the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has probably affected reported TB incidence in the United States in several ways, including a combination of TB under-diagnosis and a true reduction in incidence. CDC is conducting additional analyses to better understand how the 2020 TB data compare with previous years.

Key Data Points:

- The reported number of TB cases in the United States declined from 8,904 TB cases in 2019 to [7,174 TB cases](#) in 2020, a 19.4% decrease.
- The national TB incidence rate decreased from 2.7 cases per 100,000 persons in 2019 to [2.2 cases per 100,000 persons in 2020](#). Seven states and the District of Columbia reported TB disease incidence rates higher than the national average TB disease incidence rate.
- As in past years, cases of TB disease were not evenly distributed across the United States. [Four states](#) account for slightly more than half (50.3%) of all reported U.S. TB cases: California, Texas, New York (including New York City), and Florida.

In 2020, people from racial and ethnic minority groups and non-U.S.–born persons continued to be disproportionately affected by TB disease in the United States, highlighting the persistent health disparities and inequities among people with TB disease. To eliminate TB disease, we must diagnose, treat, and prevent TB disease even as the response to COVID-19 continues, especially among groups at increased risk of TB disease. Timely diagnoses of TB disease saves lives and prevents spread in our communities.

CNN Investigation:

Tens of millions of filthy, used medical gloves imported into the US

By [Scott McLean](#), [Florence Davey-Attlee](#), [Kocha Olarn](#) and Tim Lister, CNN

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A months-long CNN investigation has found that tens of millions of counterfeit and second-hand nitrile gloves have reached the United States, according to import records and distributors who bought the gloves -- and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Criminal investigations are underway by the authorities in the US and Thailand.

Experts describe an industry riddled with fraud, with one of them -- Douglas Stein -- telling CNN that nitrile gloves are the "most dangerous commodity on Earth right now."

"There's an enormous amount of bad product coming in," Stein says, "an endless stream of filthy, second-hand and substandard gloves coming into the US of which federal authorities, it seems, are only now beginning to understand the enormous scale."

Yet, despite the potential risk to frontline healthcare workers and patients, US authorities have struggled to get a handle on the illicit trade -- in part because import regulations for protective medical equipment were temporarily suspended at the height of the pandemic -- and remain suspended today.