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Health & Human Services Agency News Releases

[News Release - 021508: Syphilis and Other STDs](#)

Feb. 15, 2008: HHSA today urged the public to protect themselves against Syphilis, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, some of the most common sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

[News Release - 021508: Update on Measles Outbreak](#)

Feb. 15, 2008: HHSA has confirmed that two more children have tested positive for measles, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to eight.

[News Release - 021508: Measles Update](#)

Feb. 15, 2008: HHSA has confirmed that five more children have tested positive for measles, or have clinical symptoms of the disease and are linked to the original case.

[News Release - 021408: Chicken Pox at School](#)

Feb. 14, 2008: HHSA reports that six students at Los Coches Creek Middle School in the Cajon Valley Union School District have been diagnosed with chicken pox.

[News Advisory - 021308: STDs](#)

Feb. 13, 2008: HHSA officials will inform the general public of an increase in syphilis cases and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), urge people to protect themselves, and recommend that residents get tested for STDs.

[News Release - 021308: Update on Measles Outbreak](#)

Feb. 13, 2008: The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has confirmed a sixth case of measles related to last week's outbreak. Four additional suspect cases are being investigated.

[News Release - 021208: Measles Outbreak](#)

February 12, 2008: HHSA has confirmed that an 11-month old child is infected with measles.

[News Release - 021108: Measles Outbreak](#)

Feb. 11, 2008: HHSA is waiting confirmation on a fifth case of measles related to last week's outbreak. Five additional suspect cases are being investigated.

[News Release - 020608: Measles Outbreak](#)

Feb. 6, 2008: HHSA has confirmed an additional case of measles at San Diego Cooperative Charter School.

[News Release - 020408: Staph Cases](#)

Feb. 4, 2008: HHSA is working closely with the San Diego Wild Animal Park to investigate three confirmed cases of MRSA (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus), a type of staph infection that is resistant to certain antibiotics.

[News Release - 020408: Measles](#)

Feb. 4, 2008: HHSA is working with San Diego Cooperative Charter School officials to notify parents and students of a cluster of measles. Two siblings attend the charter school; a third sibling is also infected.

[News Release - 011408: Emergency Rooms](#)

Jan. 14, 2008: HHSA is recommending that the public seek routine medical attention from their primary care providers or at urgent care centers, leaving emergency departments for severely ill individuals.

[News Release - 011408: E. Coli](#)

Jan. 14, 2008: HHSA reports that a San Diego County teenager was sickened by E. coli 0157:H7 after consuming beef that is part of the recently announced national recall of beef products.

[News Release - 011108: Meningococcal Disease](#)

Jan. 11, 2008: HHSA is working with Cajon Valley Union School District officials to notify parents and staff who were possibly exposed to meningococcal disease at Flying Hills Elementary School in El Cajon.

[News Release - 120707: Chicken Pox at School](#)

Dec. 7, 2007: HHSA reports that eight students at St. Patrick Elementary School in Carlsbad have been diagnosed with chicken pox.

[News Release - 120407: Chicken Pox at School](#)

Dec. 4, 2007: HHSA reminds parents to make sure their children have two doses of chicken pox vaccine, after five students at Fuerte Elementary School in El Cajon District are diagnosed with chicken pox.

[News Release - 101907: TB at Bar](#)

Oct. 19, 2007: HHSA reports that an individual who worked at the Hi Ball Bar, Chula Vista, had TB between July 1, 2007 and Oct. 10, 2007.

[News Release - 101507: Chicken Pox](#)

Oct. 15, 2007: HHSA is working with Carlsbad Unified School District officials to notify parents that their children enrolled at Calavera Hills Middle School may have been exposed to chicken pox.

[News Release - 101007: Chicken Pox](#)

Oct. 10, 2007: HHSA is working with Santee School District officials in their effort to notify parents of students who were possibly exposed to chicken pox (varicella).

[News Release - 100307: TB Downtown](#)

Oct. 3, 2007: HHSA is working to notify patrons of several downtown facilities who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis.

[News Advisory - 100307: West Nile virus cases](#)

Oct. 3, 2007: Six new cases of locally acquired West Nile virus and one non-locally-acquired case have been verified, HHSA announced Oct. 3.

[News Release - 092107: West Nile virus cases](#)

Sept. 21, 2007: HHSA reports five locally acquired cases of West Nile virus.

[News Advisory - 091707: Bats](#)

Sept. 17, 2007: HHSA reminds the public to stay away from bats to prevent possible exposure to rabies.

[News Advisory - 090707: West Nile virus](#)

Sept. 7, 2007: HHSA reports that an individual suspected last week of having locally-acquired West Nile virus has been confirmed to have the disease.

[News Release-090607: Meningitis Case Isolated](#)

The San Diego County HHSA (Health and Human Services Agency) has been notified of a single case of viral meningitis in Julian. The individual is a student at Julian High School.

[News Release - 090407: West Nile virus](#)

Sept. 4, 2007: HHSA reports the first confirmed locally-acquired case of West Nile virus for this year.

[News Release - 083107: Heat Precautions](#)

Aug. 31, 2007: HHSA urges the public to exercise caution when engaging in outdoor activities during the upcoming holiday weekend, as high temperatures are expected.

[News Release - 082407: Back to](#)

Aug. 24, 2007: August is National Immunization Awareness Month, a good opportunity to remind parents to get their children immunized as part of the back-to-school process.

School Immunization

[News Release - 082407: Rabid Bats](#)

Aug. 24, 2007: HHSA reports three recent exposures of humans to bats that tested positive for rabies since Aug. 10.

[News Release-082307: Inmate TB Case](#)

August 23, 2007: The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working closely with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to notify individuals released from custody who were exposed to an inmate who was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

[News Release - 082307: West Nile Case](#)

Aug. 23, 2007: HHSA reports the first confirmed case of West Nile virus for this year, an 85-year-old Los Angeles County man who did not contract the disease here.

[News Release - 082107: San Pasqual Ag Grant](#)

Aug. 21, 2007: The San Pasqual Academy has received a \$299,640 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that will allow the school's innovative agriculture program to expand.

[News Release - 081507: Lead Testing](#)

Aug. 15, 2007: In the wake of the recent recall of toys due to concerns about lead paint, HHSA reminds parents to remove toys related to the recall from the home and to get their children tested for lead poisoning.

[News Release - 081407: TB at Casino](#)

Aug. 14, 2007: HHSA has notified Sycuan Casino administration that a patron who rode the Bingo bus-South Bay was recently diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

[News Release - 081407: Heat Precautions Urged](#)

August 14, 2007: With temperatures expected to peak in the 100s in desert areas this week, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reminds the public to be aware of the potential hazards of exposure to excessive heat.

[News Release - 081407: TB at TRACON](#)

Aug. 14, 2007: HHSA is working with the Federal Aviation Agency to notify employees at the San Diego TRACON air traffic control station of a contract employee in the building who was recently diagnosed with active TB.

[News Release- 081307: Agency Named Model Community](#)

Aug. 13, 2007: HHSA is one of five jurisdictions named a "model community" demonstrating best practices in collaboration between public health and emergency medical providers.

[News Release - 080607: TB at Casino](#)

Aug. 6, 2007: HHSA has alerted the management of the Campo Kumeyaay Nation about a case of TB in a Golden Acorn Casino patron.

[News Release - 073007: ILS Website Launch](#)

July 30, 2007: HHSA was a partner in developing Fostering Change, a new website designed to help former foster youth, which was launched Monday, July 30.

[News Release - 072707: Botulism](#)

News Release: HHSA reports that a 51-year-old San Diego County woman has a confirmed case of botulism, which may be related to a recent recall of canned food products.

[News Release - 071307: TB Mesa College](#)

July 13, 2007: HHSA is working with Mesa College officials to alert classmates and faculty who were possibly exposed to TB.

[News Release - 071207: Hantavirus](#)

July 12, 2007: HHSA and the County Department of Environmental Health Vector Control encourage the public to take precautions when entering enclosed spaces frequented by wild rodents, due to concerns about hantavirus.

[News Release - 070207: TB at Palomar Card Club](#)

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with the Palomar Card Club to notify patrons and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB). An employee has been diagnosed with TB.

[News Release - 062707: TB Case](#)

June 27, 2007: HHSA is working with Hoover High School officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to TB by a student who attended classes there.

[News Release - 062107: Chicken Pox Outbreak](#)

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with Poway Unified School District officials in their effort to notify parents of students who were possibly exposed to chicken pox. Ten students at Oak Valley Middle School have been diagnosed with chicken pox.

[News Release - 060507: Pertussis Escondido](#)

June 5, 2007: HHSA is working closely with San Pasqual High School in Escondido (not affiliated with San Pasqual Academy) after a student was diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough), a highly contagious disease that causes severe coughing.

[News Release - 060407: Public Health Officer](#)

June 6, 2007: HHSA is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Wilma Wooten as the Public Health Officer for the County of San Diego.

[News Release - 050807: Tickborne Illness](#)

May 8, 2007: HHSA and the County Department of Environmental Health warn about exposure to ticks.

[News Release - 053107: TB at Univ. of Phoenix](#)

May 31, 2007: HHSA and University of Phoenix officials are notifying 35 students and seven faculty members of their possible exposure to tuberculosis.

[News Release - 052507: TB Barona](#)

May 25, 2007: HHSA is working with Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino to notify individuals who may have been exposed to TB. A kitchen worker at the resort was diagnosed with TB.

[News Release - 052307: TB at School](#)

May 23, 2007: HHSA is working with Escondido Union School District officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to TB.

[News Release - 051007: TB Crawford High](#)

May 10, 2007: An individual who attended classes at the Crawford High Educational Complex's Law and Business campus was diagnosed with TB. HHSA is working with school officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff.

[News Release - 041107: New Public Health Officer](#)

April 11, 2007: Babatunde A. Jinadu, M.D. M.P.H., has accepted the position as County of San Diego Public Health Officer, HHSA has announced.

[News Release - 040907: TB Hospital](#)

April 9, 2007: HHSA is working with Palomar Hospital in Escondido to notify and test families who were in a hospital neonatal unit while a patient who had a less infectious form of TB was in the unit.

[News Release - 032907: Public Health Champions](#)

March 29, 2007: HHSA will recognize nine individuals and organizations that have made extraordinary achievements in public health at the Public Health Champions Awards ceremony April 6.

[Media Advisory - 032607: Meningococcal Disease](#)

March 26, 2007: The death of a 15-year-old Canyon Crest Academy student of Meningococcal disease is a cause for concern, although risk of infection is extraordinarily low. Press availability today from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

[News Release - 022207: Botulism](#)

Feb. 22, 2007: HHSA and the FDA urge consumers to avoid using Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley Wholesome Breakfast baby food due to the risk of contamination with Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium that can cause botulism.

[News Release - 021607: Salmonella](#)

Feb. 16, 2007: HHSA continues surveillance in the wake of a nationwide announcement of a recall of two different brands of peanut butter in 39 states, due to an association of illness with salmonella after consuming the product.

[News Release - 020907: Public Health Officer](#)

Feb. 9, 2007: Wilma Wooten, M.D., County of San Diego Deputy Public Health Officer is serving as interim Public Health Officer while a search for a new Public Health Officer is conducted.

[News Release - 020707: TB at Nail Salon](#)

Feb. 7, 2007: HHSA is taking steps to notify clients of a Chula Vista nail salon employee who was diagnosed with infectious TB.

[News Release - 012307: Camp Illness](#)

Jan. 23, 2007: The illnesses of a large number of Ramona School District sixth graders appear to be unrelated to a fellow student who was hospitalized with serious illness Sunday, Jan. 21 after attending sixth grade camp at Camp Cuyamaca last week.

[News Release - 012207: TB High School](#)

Jan. 22, 2007: HHSA is working with Hoover High School officials to notify classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to TB between Oct. 16, 2006 and Dec. 15, 2006.

[News Release-011107: TB](#)

HHSA and Sycuan Casino are taking steps to notify patrons of Sycuan Casino to be tested for possible exposure to tuberculosis.

[News Release - 010807: TB](#)

Jan. 8, 2007: HHSA is taking steps to notify clients of a San Diego-area barbershop where a worker was diagnosed with infectious TB.

[News Release - 122106: TB at Salon](#)

Dec. 21, 2006: HHSA is taking steps to notify clients of a San Diego-area hair salon worker who was diagnosed with infectious TB.

[News Release - 110206: Bat](#)

Nov. 2, 2006: HHSA is on the alert to determine if students, who spent the night in a specific cabin at Cuyamaca Outdoor School had any contact with bats periodically observed there since September.

[News Release - 101906: Rabid Bat](#)

Oct. 19, 2006: HHSA is working with an Oceanside elementary school after a student brought a dead bat to the classroom. The bat has tested positive for rabies.

[News Release - 092906: TB Mesa College](#)

Sept. 29, 2006: HHSA is working with Mesa College officials to notify a total of 72 classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to TB.

[News Release - 092806: TB](#)

Sept. 28, 2006: San Diego State University and HHSA are taking steps to notify classmates, faculty and staff of a 26-year-old international student who has been diagnosed with infectious TB.

[News Release - 092706: First Local West Nile Case](#)

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reports the first confirmed case of West Nile virus (WNV) for this year.

[News Release - 092206: Raw Milk](#)

Sept. 22, 2006: HHSA is monitoring for bacterial illness after the California Veterinarian ordered a recall of raw milk contaminated with E. coli, and three reported illnesses, one in San Diego County.

[News Release - 092206: Milk Update](#)

Sept. 22, 2006: HHSA Public Health Services has learned of a second child who has been sickened by E. coli O157:H7.

[091506 - Press Release: E. coli Warning](#)

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) today warns consumers not to eat pre-packaged fresh spinach because it may be linked to the multi-state outbreak of E. coli.

[News Release - 090806: Lyme Disease](#)

Sept. 8, 2006: The first case of Lyme disease for 2006 has been reported by HHSA, Public Health Services (PHS).

[News Release - 090106: Local Shigella Outbreak](#)

San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) officials are investigating what appears to be a food-borne outbreak of ten people with symptoms of Shigella.

[News Release - 081806: Oyster Warning](#)

Aug. 18, 2006: HHSA and the County Department of Environmental Health warn the public to be careful when eating raw oysters, as several people have fallen ill due to bacteria found in raw oysters.

[News Release - 081106: West Nile virus](#)

Aug. 11, 2006: HHSA reports that a San Diego County child has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV), but did not contract the illness locally.

[News Release - 081006: Toy Recall](#)

Aug. 10, 2006: HHSA warns parents who brought their children to County and city libraries for the Collaborative Summer Library Program to return the toys their children received as rewards due to lead content in the toys.

[News Release - 073106: County EMS Director Named](#)

Bruce E. Haynes, M.D., has accepted the appointment as the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director within the Health and Human Services Agency, effective August 15, 2006.

[News Release - 061506: Pertussis](#)

June 15, 2006: HHSA Public Health Services continues to warn local physicians and the public about the rise in pertussis throughout the county and nation, and recommends immunizations for adolescents and adults.

[News Release - 061506 - County Nurse Lauded](#)

SD County HHSA Nurse Linda Spaulding is recognized as the Psychiatric Nurse of the Year

[News Release - 061406: Tick-borne illness](#)

June 14, 2006: The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Vector Control warn against exposure to ticks.

[News Release - 061406: Hantavirus](#)

June 14, 2006: HHSA and the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Vector Control encourage the public to be vigilant about hantavirus, a virus carried by wild rodents.

[News Release - 040506: Public Health Champions](#)

April 5, 2006: Ten individuals and organizations that have made extraordinary achievements in public health will be recognized April 7 for their contributions and efforts at the Public Health Champion Awards ceremony during Public Health Week 2006.

[News Release - 021006: TB Warning](#)

Feb. 10, 2006: The Sycuan Casino and San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) advise anyone who spent significant time at the Sycuan Casino between Oct. 1 and Nov. 27, 2005, to be evaluated for exposure to tuberculosis.

[News Release - 020106: EMS Medical Director](#)

Feb. 1, 2006: Bruce E. Haynes, M.D., has accepted an appointment as the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director (interim) within the Health and Human Services Agency, effective Feb. 3, 2006.

[News Release - 122205: EMS Medical Director](#)

Dec. 22, 2005: Samuel Stratton, M.D. has accepted an appointment as the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director within the Health and Human Services Agency, effective Feb. 1, 2006.

[News Release - 101405: Priority Flu Shots](#)

Oct. 14, 2005 - HHSA urges people at risk for complications from the flu to get a flu shot now. Those not at risk are encouraged to wait until Oct. 24 for their shots.

[News Release - 082605: Tularemia in San Diego](#)

Aug. 26, 2005 - HHSA reports a case of tularemia in San Diego County. Tularemia is very rare and usually is not very serious.

[News Release - 082605: First Local Case of WNV](#)

Aug. 26, 2003 - HHSA Reports the first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus that may have been acquired in San Diego County.

[News Release - 072605: TB Test Recommendation](#)

July 26, 2005 - HHSA advises anyone who spent significant time at the Casino Pauma between Jan. 1 and May 7, 2005 to be evaluated for exposure to tuberculosis.

[News Release - 042905: New EBT Cards](#)

Apr. 29, 2005 - As of May 1, welfare checks will be a thing of the past, as HHSA converts public assistance benefit payments to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.

[News Release - 021805: AIDS Sample Not from SD](#)

Feb. 18, 2005 - HHSA was informed that a sample of a new strain of AIDS did NOT come from a San Diego resident.

[Media Advisory - 021405: Possible New AIDS Strain](#)

Feb. 14, 2005 - HHSA is holding a Press Availability to discuss local implications of a possible drug resistant, aggressive form of HIV

[News Release - 021405: Possible New AIDS Strain](#)

Feb. 14, 2005 - HHSA learned that a possible rare form of the HIV virus being studied by scientists may have a San Diego connection.

[News Release - 011005: Flu Shots Available](#)

Jan. 10, 2004 - HHSA lifts remaining flu shot restrictions, following recent State Department of Health Services Order.

[News Release - 112404: Wildfire Recovery](#)

Nov. 24, 2004 - Successful wildfire recovery project wraps up - mental health services were provided to hundreds of wildfire victims over one-year period.

[News Release - 112204: Flu Vaccine for Sale](#)

Nov. 22, 2004 - Local healthcare providers may purchase adult flu vaccine through the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency.

[News Release - 111704: Additional Flu Vaccine](#)

Nov. 17, 2004 - The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency received 24,000 additional doses of adult flu vaccine from the State today.

[News Release - 102904: West Nile Virus Case](#)

October 29, 2004 - HHSA reports a human case of West Nile virus in San Diego County.

[News Release - 102604: Flu Vaccine Dist. Update](#)

October 26, 2004: HHSA has revised its vaccine redistribution strategy that will help direct the limited flu vaccine supply to those who need it most.

[News Release - 101504: Flu Vaccine Distribution](#)

October 15, 2004 - The Agency, CHIP, and health care providers have created a vaccine redistribution strategy that will help direct the limited flu vaccine supply to those who need it most.

[News Release - 100804: State Flu Order](#)

October 8, 2004 - HHSA will follow the State Public Health Officer's order to limit flu shots to individuals at high risk from developing complications from flu.

[Media Advisory- 100504: Flu Vaccine](#)

October 5, 2004 - Dr. Nancy Bowen, County Public Health Officer, will be available to the media to discuss flu vaccine availability for the upcoming flu season.

[News Release - 100404: Local Hantavirus Case](#)

October 1, 2004 - The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency reports the second locally acquired human case of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in San Diego County.

[News Release - 082704: First Human West Nile Case](#)

August 27, 2004 - HHSA is announcing the County's the first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus this year.

[News Release - 082704: WNC case not from SD Cnty](#)

August 27, 2004 - HHSA has determined that the County's the first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus this year was NOT locally acquired.

[News Release - 081104: Raw Shellfish Warning](#)

August 11, 2004 - HHSA reports three cases, and warns against possible infection caused by a virus commonly found in raw shellfish during the summer time.

[News Release - 070604: Possible Human WNV Case](#)

July 6, 2004 - HHSA reports on preliminary testing for the possible first human case of West Nile Virus ever, in San Diego County. Results from confirmatory tests are expected after 4 p.m. today.

[News Release - 070604: Negative WNV](#)

July 6, 2004 - HHSA received confirmation from the California Department of Health Services, that test results for a possible locally acquired, human case West Nile Virus are negative.

[Media Release - 061804: Hantavirus](#)

June 18, 2004 - The Health and Human Services Agency reports the first locally acquired human case of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in San Diego County.

[News Release - 012104: Flu Update](#)

Jan. 21, 2004 - This final scheduled weekly flu update reports a total of 22 influenza-related deaths this season.

[News Release - 011404: Flu Update](#)

Jan. 14, 2004 - Although hospital emergency department visits are down, to date there have been 19 influenza-associated deaths, ranging in age from 16 to 98 years of age.

[News Release - 010704: Flu Update](#)

Jan. 7, 2004 - The HHSA reports additional deaths blamed on influenza-like illness, with decreased emergency department visits.

[News Release - 123103: Flu](#)

Dec. 31, 2003 - The Health and Human Services Agency reports additional influenza-associated deaths, and a decreased percentage of people with influenza-like symptoms at local emergency departments.

Update

[News Release - 122403: Flu Update](#)

Dec. 24, 2003 - Influenza-associated illness claims another life and drives more patients to emergency departments, according to the County's Health and Human Services Agency.

[News Release - 121903: Flu Plan Implemented](#)

Dec. 19, 2003 - County and hospitals implement plan to address increased demand during flu season.

[News Release - 121703: Flu Update](#)

Dec. 17, 2003 - The Health and Human Services Agency reports there has been another death associated with flu, and an increased percentage of people with flu-like symptoms at local emergency departments.

[News Release - 121003: Flu Update](#)

Dec. 10, 2003 - The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency reports an increased number of people with flu-like symptoms in local emergency departments.

[News Release - 112603: Emergency Food Stamps](#)

Nov. 26, 2003 - Firestorm Victims have two days left to take advantage of Emergency Food Stamp program.

[News Release - 112003: Salmonella Update](#)

Nov. 20, 2003 - The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency reports 40 confirmed cases of salmonella infection, stemming from a restaurant in Escondido.

[News Release - 111903: Disaster Aid Extension](#)

Nov. 19, 2003 - The Disaster Food Stamp program for fire victims has been extended until November 29, with applications available at San Diego County Family Resource Centers and Local Assistance Centers.

[News Release - 111703: Fire Cleanup Caution](#)

Nov. 17, 2003 - Protective equipment recommended when cleaning fire sites, urges the San Diego County HHSA, including a number of recommendations from Cal/OSHA.

[News Release - 111303: Volunteer for Flu Shots](#)

Nov. 13, 2003 - San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency to test mass vaccination response on November 18, with Operation Safeguard. All adult participants will receive a free flu shot.

[News Release - 110703: Flu Vaccine at Fire Ctrs](#)

Nov. 7, 2003 - HHSA Provides Flu Vaccine to clinics that lost their flu vaccine after power outages caused by last week's firestorms.

[News Release - 110703: Salmonella Outbreak Update](#)

Nov. 7, 2003 - As of today, HHSA reports 24 confirmed cases of salmonella infection, up from 12 cases reported on Nov. 4, and 33 more probable cases.

[News Release - 110503: Transportation Option](#)

Nov. 5, 2003 - Seniors and disabled fire victims who need transportation to Local Assistance Centers can call HHSA Aging & Independence Services for help.

[News Release - 103103: Disaster Food Stamps](#)

Oct. 31, 2003 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the issuance of "Disaster Food Stamps" for fire victims in San Diego County.

[News Release - 102903: Aftermath Anxiety](#)

Oct. 29, 2003 - San Diego County Mental Health offers advice for coping after the fire disaster.

[News Release - 103003: Displaced Foster Families](#)

Oct. 30, 2003 - County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency offers assistance to foster families displaced or otherwise affected by wildfires.

[News Release - 103003: Rabies Warning](#)

Oct. 30, 2003 - To guard against rabies, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency warns against handling or approaching bats and other wild or unfamiliar domestic animals.

[News Release - 102203: E.coli](#)

Oct. 22, 2003 - HHSA reports 40 probable cases of E. coli 0157 in San Diego County to date.

[News Release - 102303: E.coli](#)

Oct. 23, 2003 - Additional schools may have received suspect lettuce mix, which was recalled during the week of October 6, 2003, for possible E. coli 0157 contamination. To date, there are 40 probable cases of E. coli reported in San Diego County.

[News Release - 102403: E.coli](#)

Oct. 24, 2003 - HHSA reports 41 probable cases of E. coli 0157 in San Diego County; the latest, a second student from the Alpine School District. Most reported cases involve Pat & Oscar's restaurants.

[News Release - 102103: E.coli](#)

Oct. 21, 2003 - HHSA reports 38 cases of probable E. coli in San Diego County to date.

[News Release - 102003: E.coli](#)

Oct. 20, 2003 - HHSA reports 37 cases of probable E. coli in San Diego County to date.

[News Release - 101003: E. coli](#)

Oct. 10, 2003 - To date, HHSA reports 28 probable cases of E.coli 0157 in San Diego County. Investigation continues.

[News Release - 100903: E. coli](#)

Oct. 9, 2003 - To date, 22 probable cases of E.coli 0157 have been reported to the HHSA. Investigation continues, no longer counting Orange County cases.

[News Release - 101603: E.coli](#)

Oct. 16, 2003 - HHSA continues to investigate, but reports no new suspected cases of E-coli to date.

[News Release - 101703: E.coli](#)

Oct. 17, 2003 - To date, HHSA reports 37 probable cases of E-coli. Affected age range: 17 months - 84 years.

[News Release - 101503: E.coli](#)

October 15, 2003 - HHSA reports 34 cases of probable E. coli 0157 in San Diego County.

[News Release - 101403: E. coli](#)

Oct. 14, 2003 - HHSA reports 34 probable cases of e-coli in San Diego County, with 2 additional Pat and Oscar's restaurants involved: the Encinitas and Mira Mesa locations.

[News Release - 101303: E.coli](#)

Oct. 13, 2003 - HHSA reports 33 probable cases of E.coli in San Diego to date.

[News Release - 100703: E. coli](#)

Oct. 7, 2003 - The County is investigating several cases of E. coli, a bacteria that can cause abdominal cramping, bloody diarrhea, vomiting and nausea

[News Release - 100803: E. coli](#)

Oct. 8 2003 - HHSA continues to investigate a surge in E. coli cases as well as the possible source of the infection; sixteen cases of potential E. coli have been reported in San Diego County.

[News Release - 081903: West Nile Virus](#)

Aug. 19, 2003 - A probable case of "imported" West Nile Virus was discovered in a man visiting San Diego County.

[News Release - 081403: Viral Meningitis](#)

Aug. 14, 2003: 70% increase in viral meningitis in San Diego County from this time previous year; prevention steps.