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GLOBAL

Panflu update

The recent World Health Organization (WHO) report of confirmed human cases of avian influenza (H5N1) was released on September 10. Globally, 36 cases have been reported, with a resulting 28 deaths (77.7% case-fatality rate). The latest 2 lab-confirmed cases were from Indonesia (both died). Last year 88 cases were reported to the WHO (59 deaths, 67% case-fatality rate). Since 2003, 15 countries have reported 387 cases and 245 deaths.

World Rabies Day 2008

This Sunday is World Rabies Day 2008. Visit the following website for further information: <http://www.worldrabiesday.org/>



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SPOTLIGHT: CHILD SAFETY FAIR (OCTOBER 18)

Chickahominy Health District and Community Partners from Charles City, Hanover, Goochland, and New Kent are hosting a Child Safety Fair October 18, 2008 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the front parking lot of Hanover Health Department, 12312 Washington Highway Ashland, VA. All are invited to attend.

365-4313, Goochland (804) 556-5843, or New Kent (804) 966-9640. Please feel free to pass this on to your patients or clients.



Topics presented will include: bike safety, finger printing, car seat safety, fire safety, vaccine safety, early intervention, and many more. For more information please contact the health department for your community: Charles City (804) 829-2490, Hanover (804)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

What we are seeing in

Chickahominy:

Aug '08 Reported Diseases

- 3 Salmonellosis cases (not linked, ages 1-74)
- 1 *H. influenzae*, invasive in a 82 year old female
- 1 probable case Rocky Mountain spotted fever in a 66 year old female
- 1 Streptococcus pneumoniae, inv. infection in a 5 week old male
- 1 Campylobacteriosis case in a 32 year old female
- 1 Giardiasis case in a 18 year old male
- 4 Varicella infections (ages 5-10)
- 6 MRSA, invasive infections (ages 54-79)

Rabies vaccine shortage and animal bite prevention

The current rabies vaccine shortage reminds us of the need to stress animal bite prevention as much as possible to the members of our community. Here are some common safety tips to reduce animal bites and/or exposures:

- Do NOT approach an unfamiliar dog, cat or any wild animal.
- If you are threatened by a dog, remain calm. Don't scream or run. Avoid direct eye contact.
- Do NOT attempt to touch or feed ANY stray cat, dog or wild animal.
- If a bite occurs wash the wound thoroughly with soap and lots of water. Then seek medical attention immediately.

Report any bite to the local health department or animal control office (*this includes bat exposures in the house*).