

# 2018 Ebola Virus and Emerging Infections Summit: VDH Updates

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# Summary:

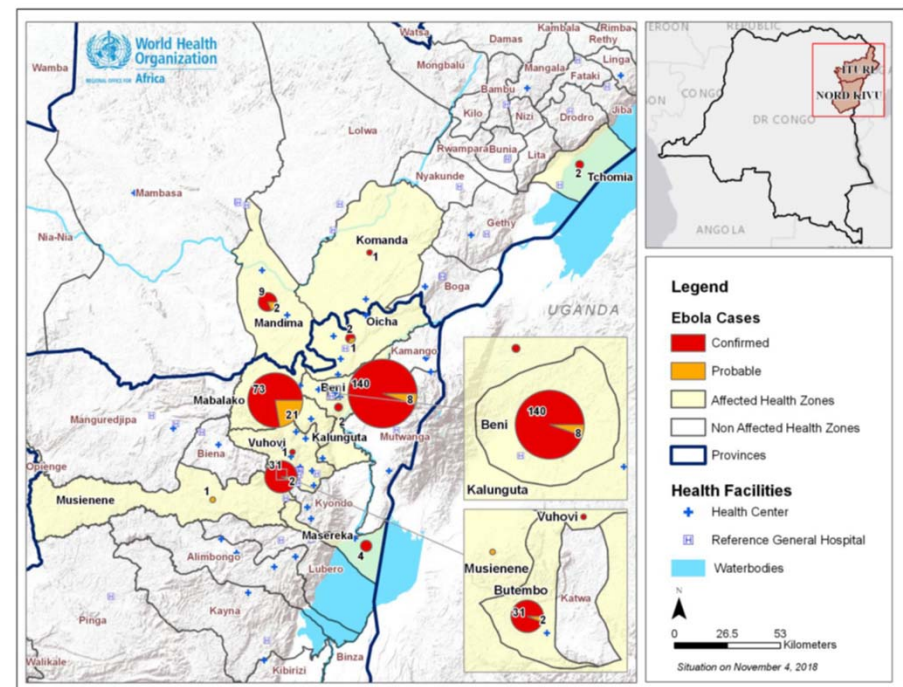
- Ebola update from DRC and what it means for us
- Public Health and Healthcare Roles
- Emerging Infections to consider

# Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Ebola outbreak declared on 8/1/18 in the North Kivu province; spread to Ituri province

As of 11/6/18:

- 308 cases reported (273 confirmed, 35 probable)
- 191 deaths (156 confirmed, 35 probable)
- Case fatality ratio = 62% (186/300)



# Challenges in the DRC During EVD Outbreak Response



- Intense insecurity and humanitarian crisis complicating response efforts
- Risk of outbreak spreading across borders (Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan)
- Potential risk factors for transmission (high regionally, low globally)
- DRC responding to other outbreaks (cholera, vaccine-derived polio, measles, monkeypox)

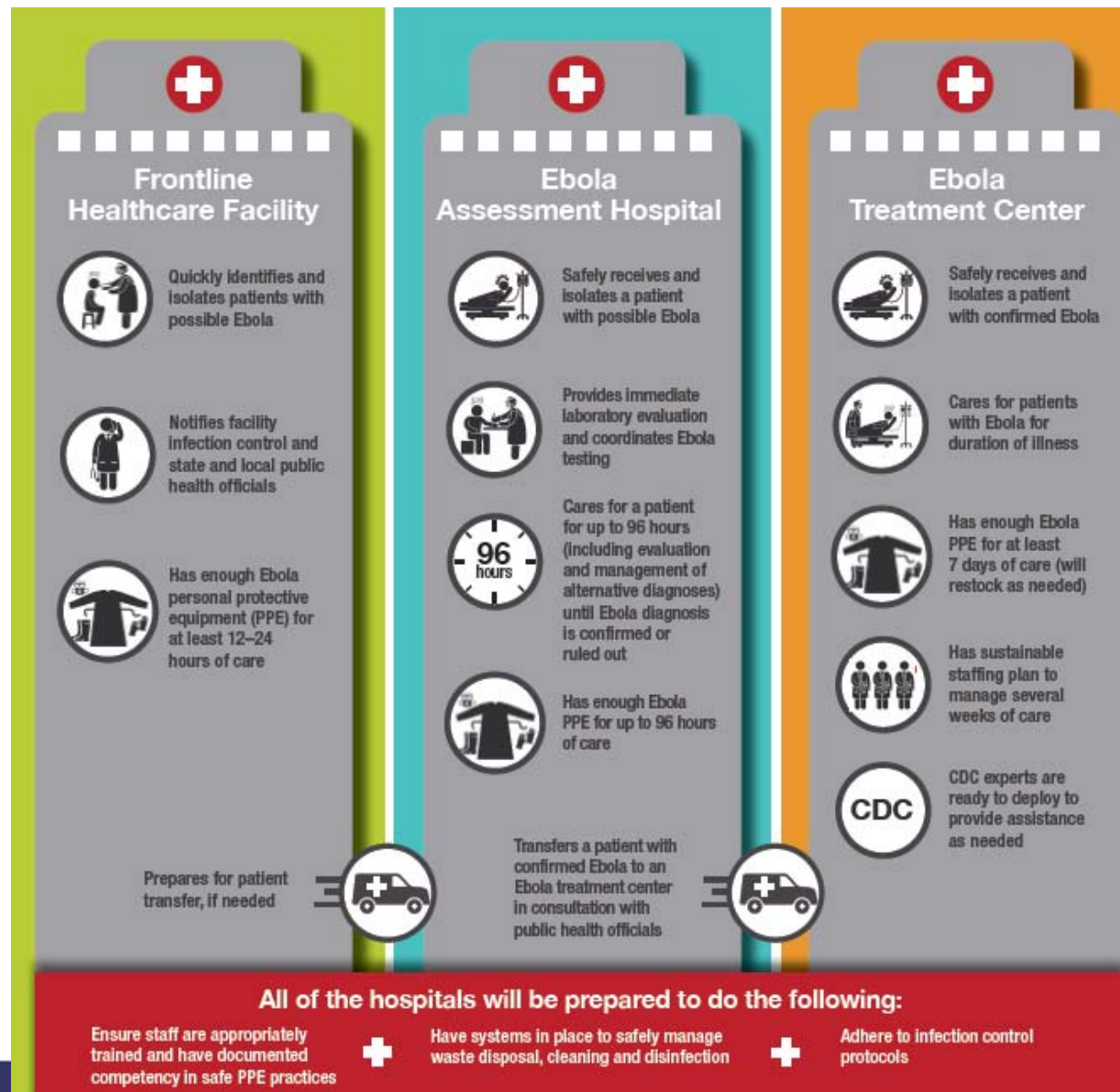
# Response Efforts to Stem EVD Outbreak in DRC



A member of the vaccinating team vaccinates a health worker in Rwebisengo

- Greater than 16,000 case contacts tracked; 4,000 still being tracked
- Large proportion of newly identified cases not previously identified as contacts
- Ring vaccination efforts (168 rings; 27,000 people vaccinated)
- Uganda starting 1<sup>st</sup> wave of HCW vaccinations in bordering area (no EVD cases in Uganda reported)

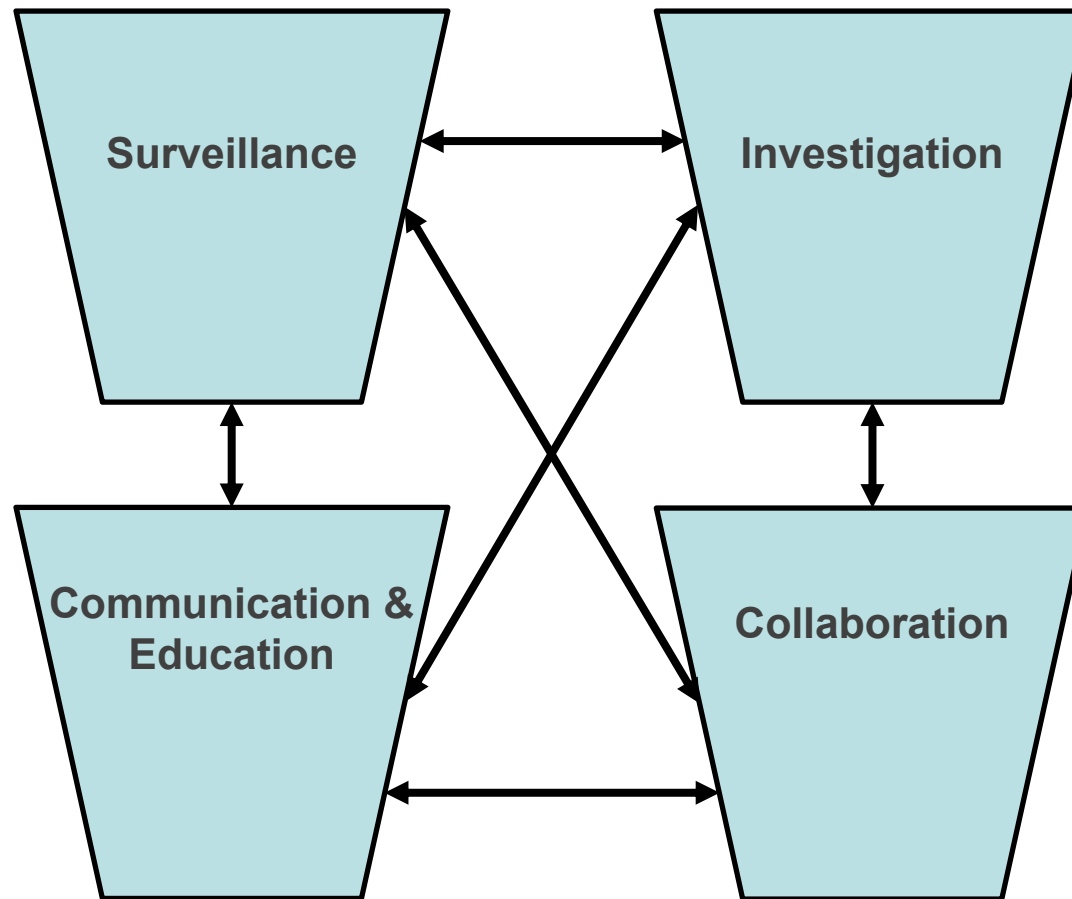
# Preparing U.S. Hospitals for Ebola





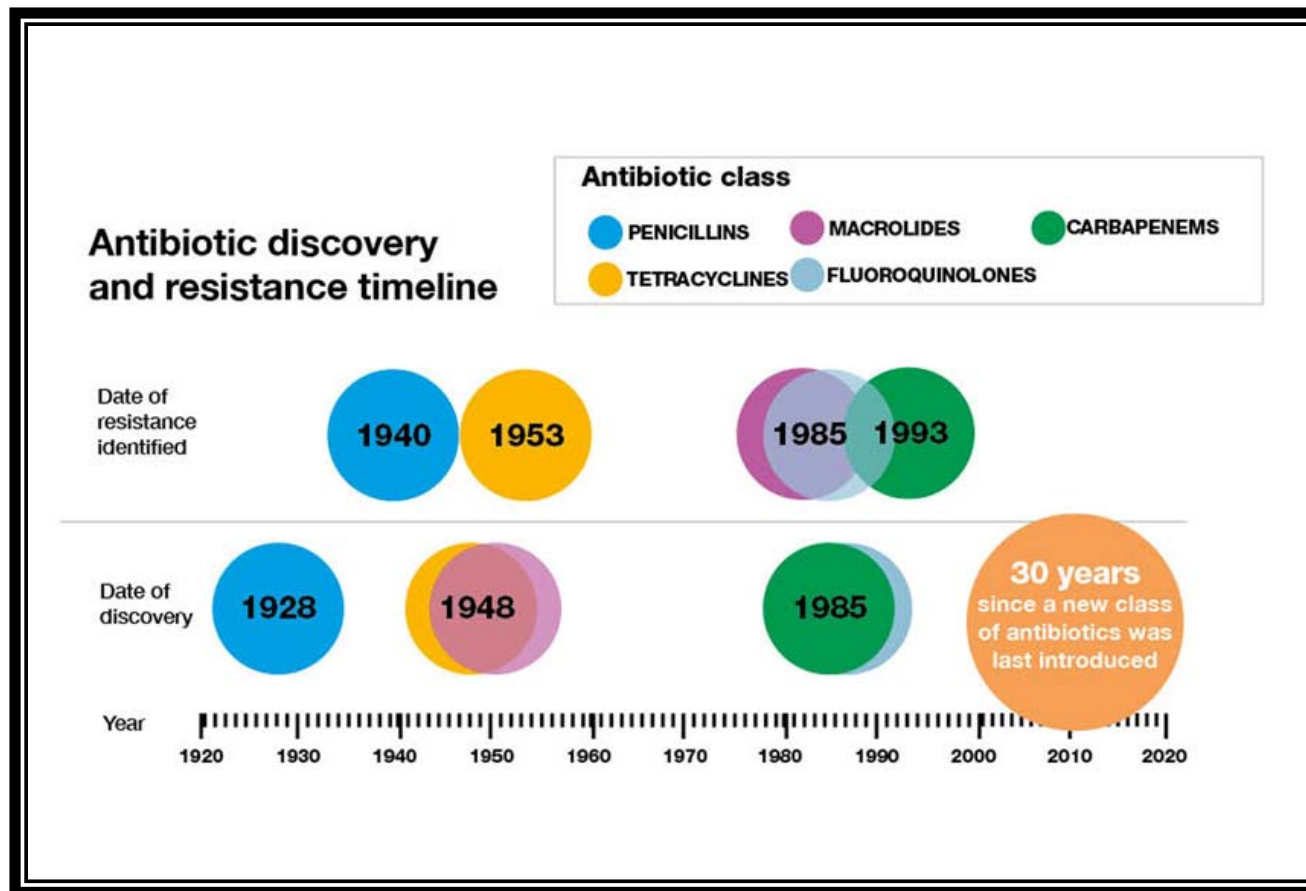
# EMERGING PATHOGENS AND VDH RESPONSE

# VDH HAI/AR Program: Strategy



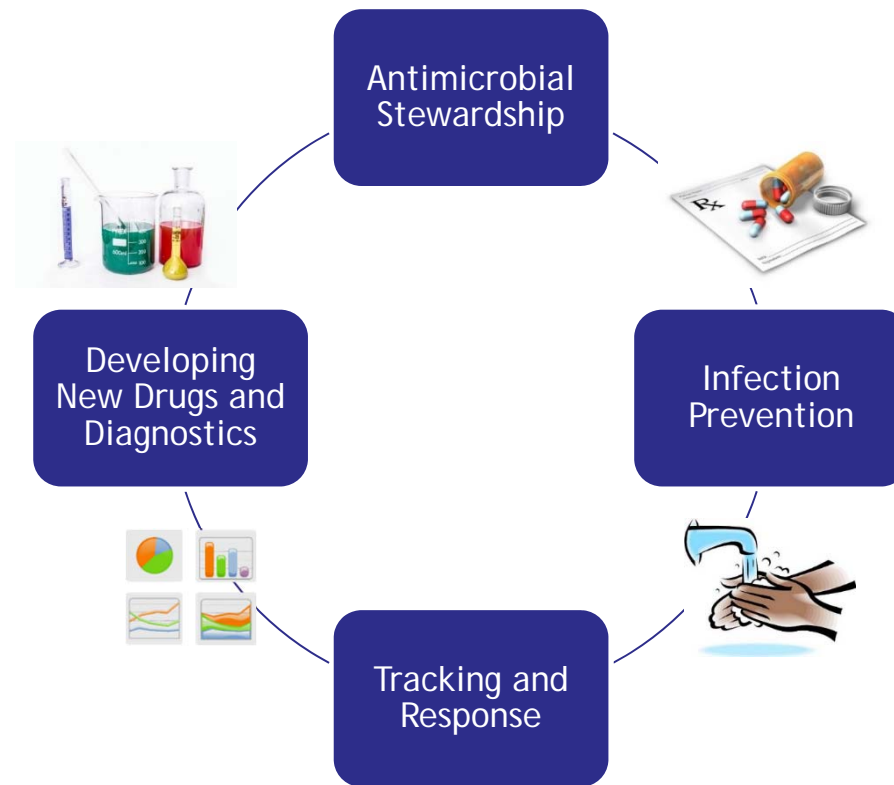


# Antibiotics and Resistance



# WHAT IS BEING DONE TO DECREASE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE?

# Decreasing Antimicrobial Resistant Infections



# CDC Containment Strategy

## Goal

- Slow spread of novel or rare multidrug-resistant organisms or mechanisms

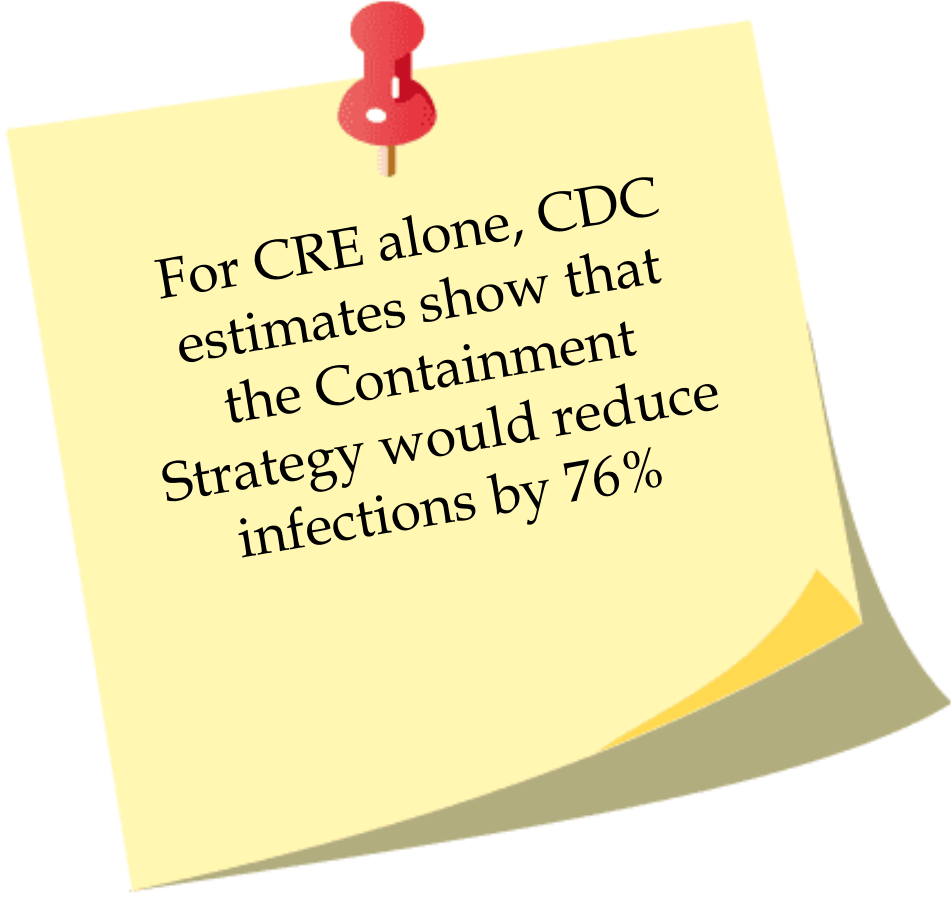
## Response

- Systematic, aggressive response to SINGLE case of high concern of antimicrobial resistance

## Approach

- Response activities have tiered approach based on organisms/mechanisms attributes

# CDC Containment Strategy



For CRE alone, CDC estimates show that the Containment Strategy would reduce infections by 76%

# VDH Reporting Requirements

**November 14, 2018:**

*Virginia Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control* updated to include the following on the Reportable Disease List:

- Carbapenemase-producing organisms, infection or colonization
- *Candida auris*, infection or colonization

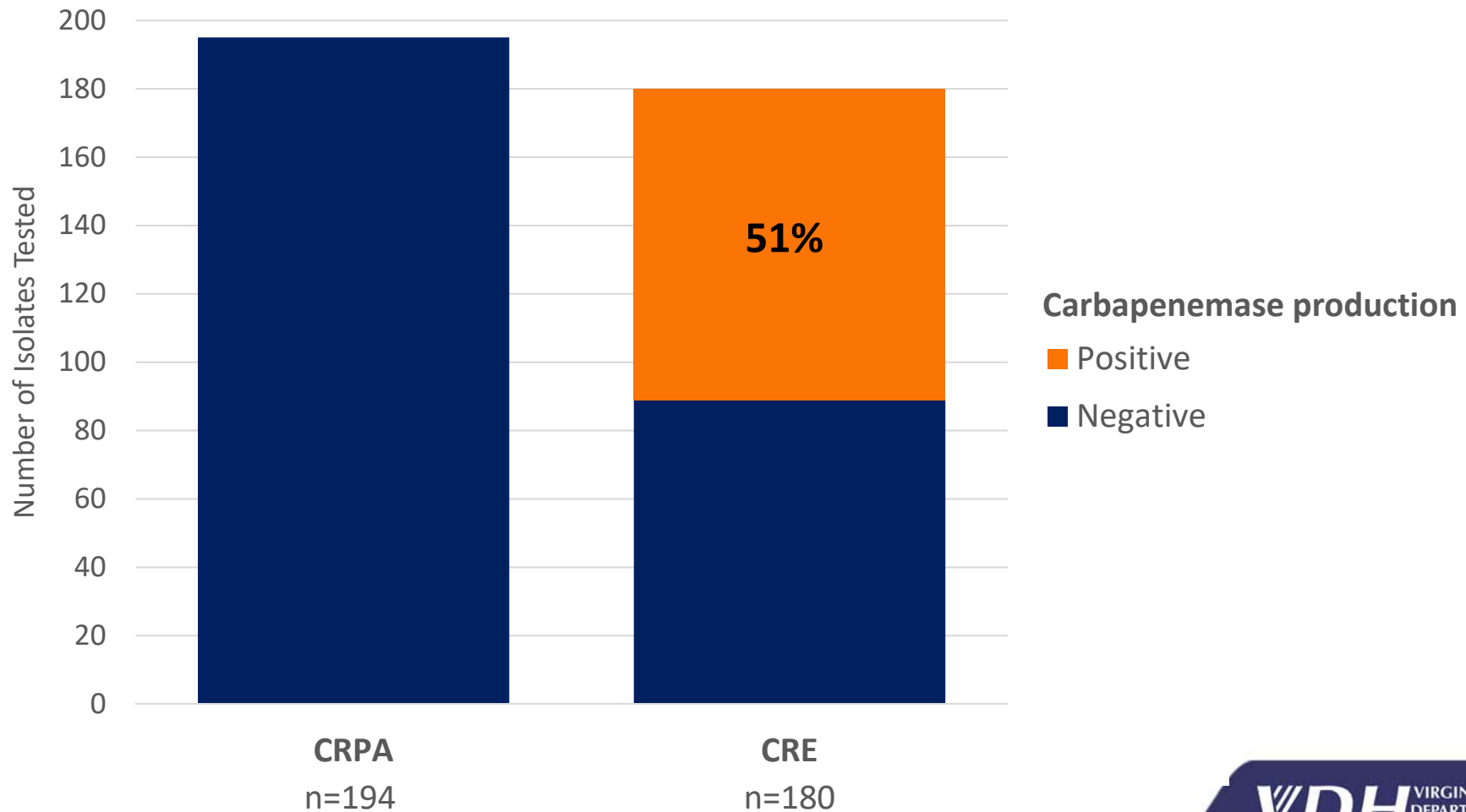
# Importance of Carbapenemases

- Organisms with carbapenemases are resistant to all or most antibiotics tested, making them hard to treat
  - Patients that become infected with carbapenemases have a 50% mortality
- Carbapenemases can easily spread from people with and without symptoms of infection, between facilities, and between organisms
- Finding and responding to unusual resistance early, before it becomes common, can help stop its spread and protect people

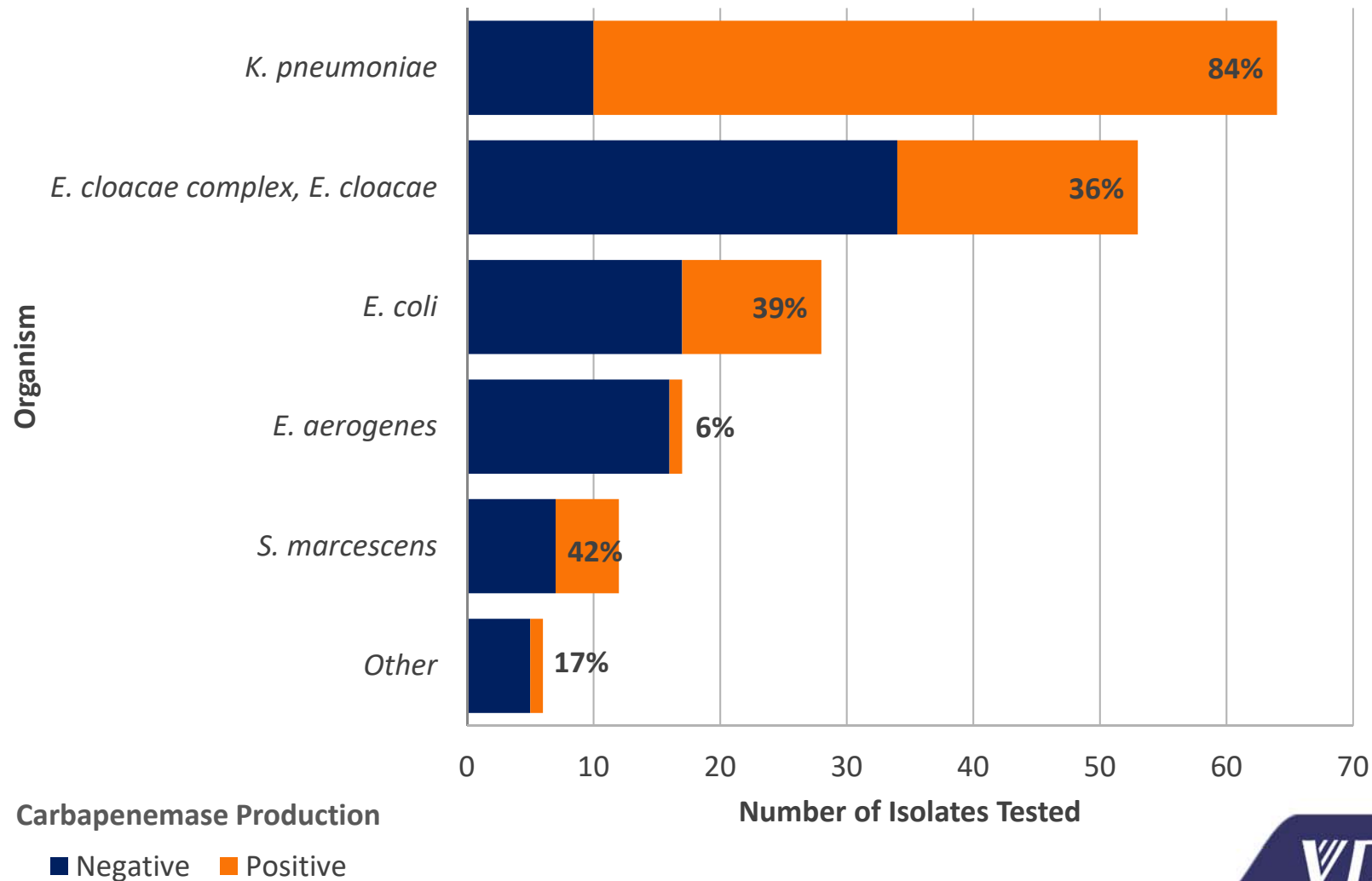


# Total Isolates Tested at DCLS (N=374)

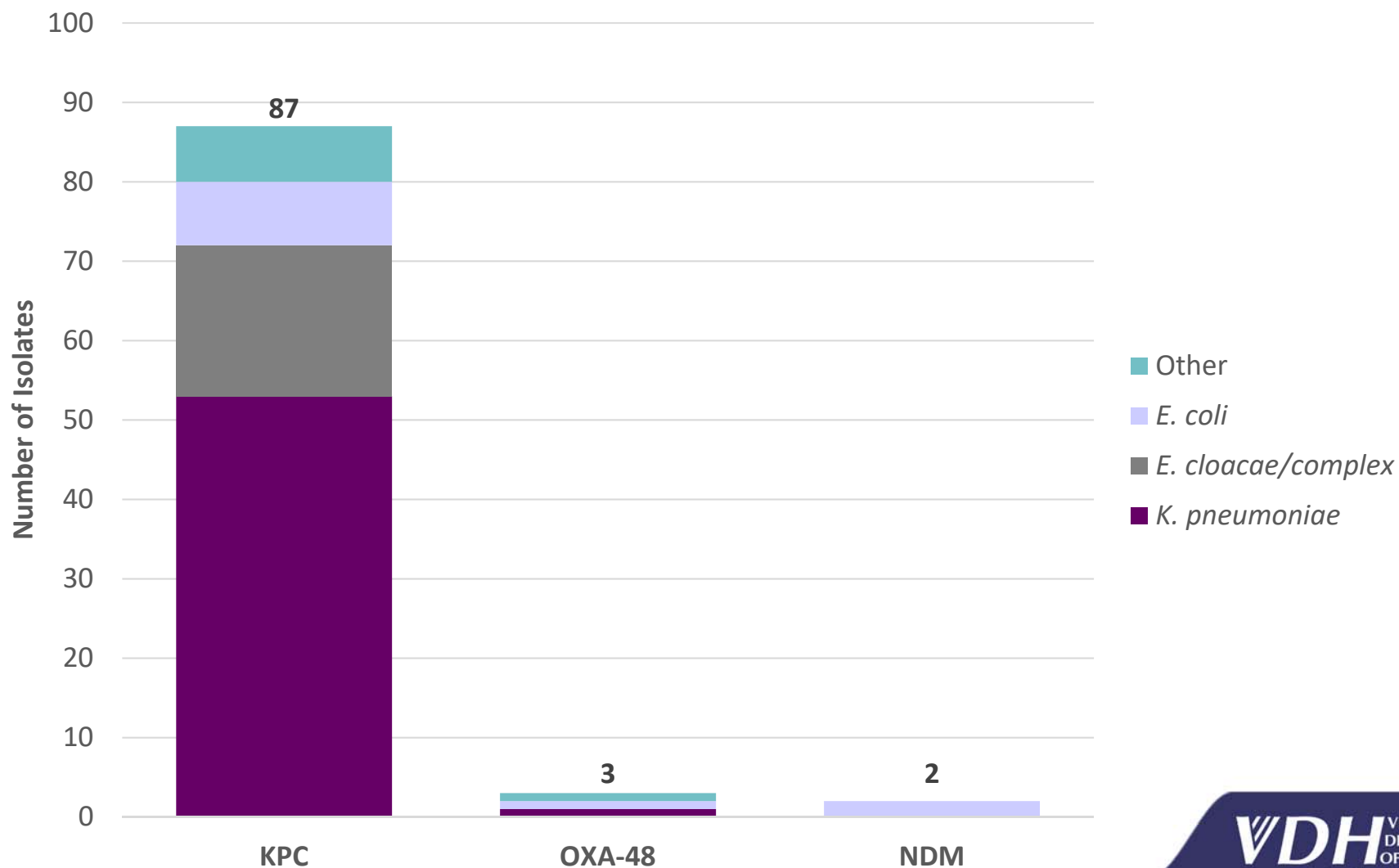
(March 26 - September 26, 2018)



# CRE Organisms Tested for Carbapenemase Production at DCLS (n=180) (March 26 - September 26, 2018)



## CP-CRE Clinical Isolates by Resistance Gene from Virginia Facilities (n=92) (March 26 - September 26, 2018)



# Experience to Date

- Carbapenem-resistant organisms are everywhere
  - Extensive patient transfer networks (>650,000 transfers between facilities in Virginia\*)
  - Communication gaps
- Rapid response is key to containment
  - More efficient use of resources
  - High-risk healthcare contact screening
- Admissions screening and pre-emptive contact precautions
  - International healthcare exposure
  - vSNF/LTACH admission
- Response is the same for colonization and infection
  - Once positive, always positive

\*2014 CMS and MDS data for VA, MD and DC

# *Candida auris*- a growing global threat

## **New Clonal Strain of *Candida auris*, Delhi, India**

Anuradha Chowdhary, Cheshta Sharma,  
Shalini Duggal, Kshitij Agarwal,  
Anupam Prakash, Pradeep Kumar Singh,  
Sarika Jain, Shallu Kathuria,  
Harbans S. Randhawa, Ferry Hagen,  
and Jacques F. Meis

A new clonal strain of *Candida auris* is an emerging etiologic agent of fungemia in Delhi, India. In 12 patients in 2 hospitals, it was resistant to fluconazole and genotypically distinct from isolates from South Korea and Japan, as revealed by M13 and amplified fragment length polymorphism typing.

## ***Candida auris*– Associated Candidemia, South Africa**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

***Candida auris* sp. nov., a novel ascomycetous yeast  
isolated from the external ear canal of an inpatient  
in a Japanese hospital**

Kazuo Satoh<sup>1,2</sup>, Koichi Makimura<sup>1,3</sup>, Yayoi Hasumi<sup>1</sup>, Yayoi Nishiyama<sup>1</sup>, Katsuhisa Uchida<sup>1</sup>  
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*Microbiol Immunol* 2009; 53: 41–44  
doi:10.1111/j.1348-0421.2008.00083.x

Fungal superbug  
*Candida auris* found  
in Victoria, health  
authorities on high  
alert

Public Health  
England

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Research and analysis

***Candida auris* identified in England**

Published 1 July 2016

## **First report of *Candida auris* in America: Clinical and microbiological aspects of 18 episodes of candidemia**

Belinda Calvo<sup>a</sup>, Anely S.A. Melo<sup>b</sup>, Armindo Perozo-Mena<sup>c</sup>,  
Martin Hernandez<sup>d</sup>, Elaine Cristina Francisco<sup>b</sup>, Ferry Hagen<sup>e,f</sup>,  
Jacques F. Meis<sup>e,f</sup>, Arnaldo Lopes Colombo<sup>b,\*</sup>



RAPID COMMUNICATION

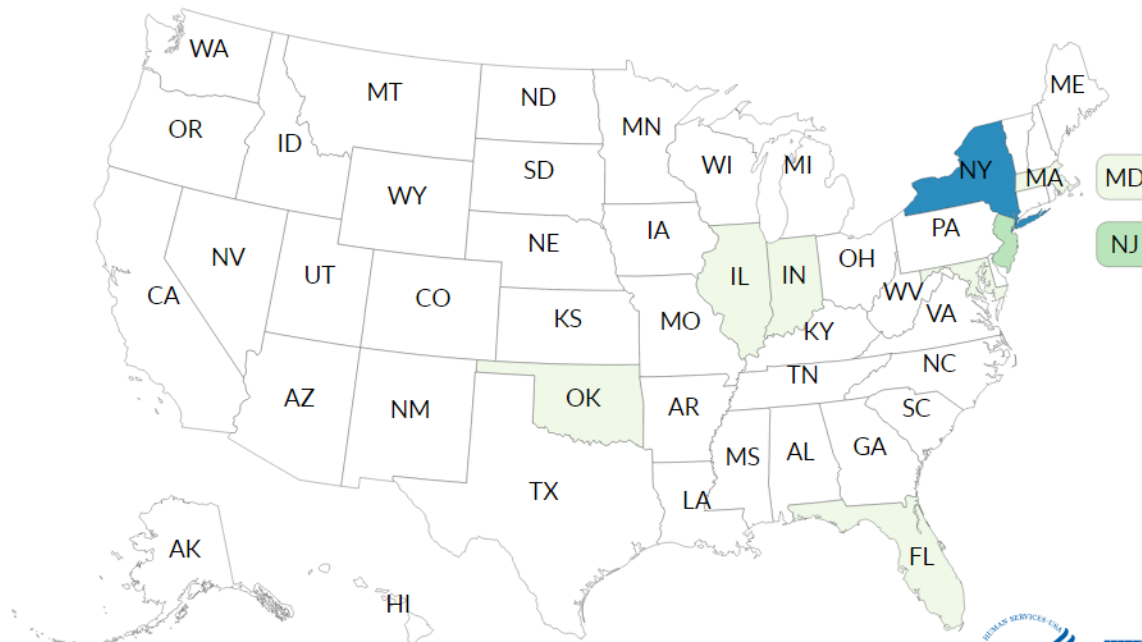
## **First reported case of multidrug-resistant *Candida auris* in Canada**

IS Schwartz<sup>1\*</sup>, GW Hammond<sup>1</sup>

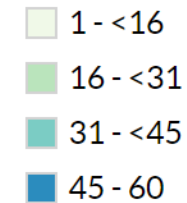
# CDC case count as of June 16, 2017

## 86 cases

### *Candida auris* cases in the United States

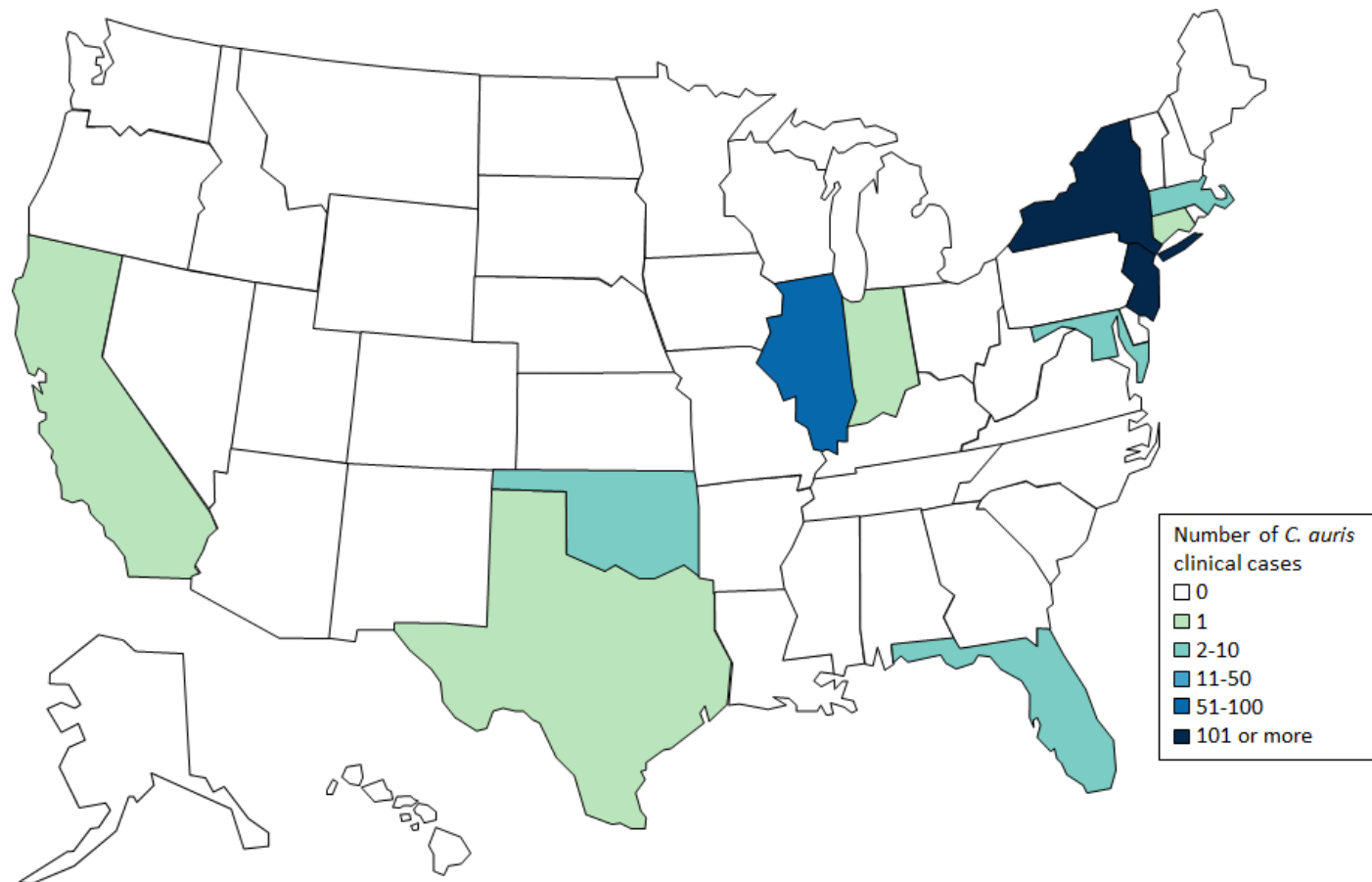


Number of  
Cases Reported



# CDC case count as of September 30, 2018

## confirmed clinical cases 433

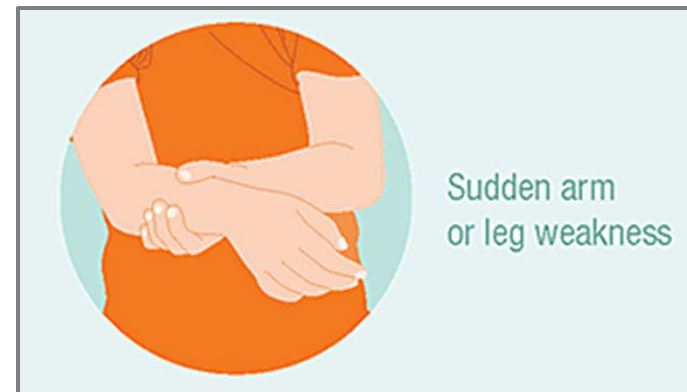




# Going Forward: A Coordinated Approach

- Improved communication
  - Intra- and inter-facility (transfer of information)
  - Reporting CP-CRE/CP-CRPA to health department
- Broader understanding of epidemiology in Virginia
  - Submission of CRE/CRPA isolates from all micro labs
  - Submission of *Candida auris* isolates

# Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)



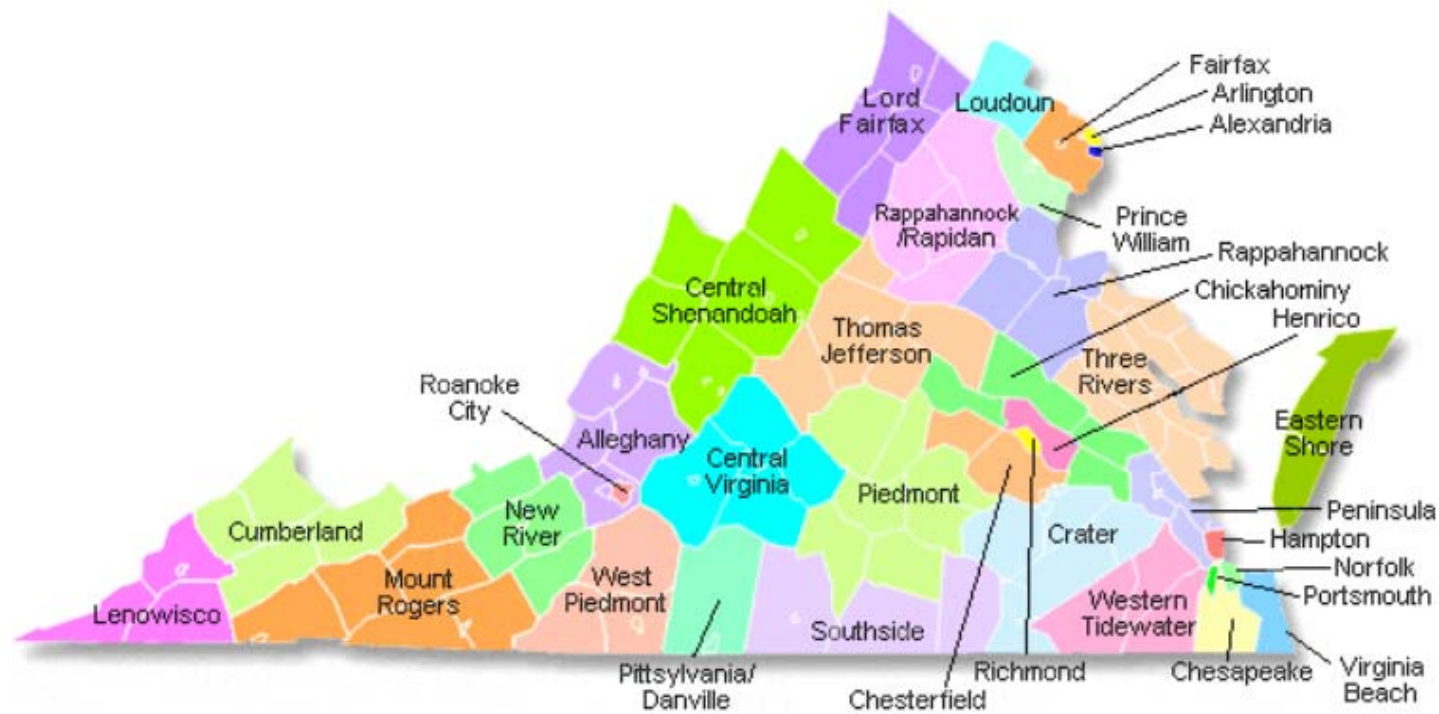
# AFM Information and Resources

- Please report suspected AFM cases to local health department
  - VDH will contact CDC
- Clinician letter:
  - <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/clinicians/clinician-letters/acute-flaccid-myelitis/>
- CDC Resources:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/index.html>
- Webinar on what healthcare providers need to know about AFM:
  - Presented on 11/13, but can access information here:
  - [https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2018/callinfo\\_111318.asp](https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2018/callinfo_111318.asp)

# Reminder to assess travel history and healthcare exposure!

- Important for routine patient evaluation
- Travel-associated diseases such as:
  - Malaria
  - Dengue
  - MERS-CoV
  - Vaccine-preventable diseases
- Assess risk for presence of carbapenemases not regularly found in the United States
- Ensure rapid triage and prompt infection control measures to minimize spread of infectious diseases

# VDH Local Health Districts



<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/local-health-districts/>

# Thank you!

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