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From: Director, Division of Integrated Surveillance Systems and Services National Center for Public Health Informatics
Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service
Subject: Final Case Counts, 2006
To: U.S. State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Please review and verify the year 2006 disease incidence data and disease reporting status information presented in the enclosed tables. These were prepared from the notifiable diseases data reported from your jurisdiction via the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) and the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) to the Division of Integrated Surveillance Systems and Services (DISSS), National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI), Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service, CDC. Multiple exchanges of data files and tables were transmitted between your state reporter and NCPHI staff to verify the data, and corrections have been made.

If the 2006 disease incidence data in the tables are correct and disease conditions are appropriately designated as unavailable or not-reportable, please indicate your approval by printing and signing your name in the space at the end of each table. Your signature indicates that the data have been verified and are approved for printing in the MMWR and the annual Summary of Notifiable Diseases, 2006. Please fax (404-498-6450) your signed pages to your annual Summary representative, (Patsy Hall, Deborah Adams, or Pearl Sharp) in the DISSS, by June 29, 2007. Note that while chronic hepatitis B virus infection, perinatal hepatitis B virus infection, and hepatitis C virus infection (past or present) are not listed in the tables, they will not be published in the 2006 annual Summary at the request of the Division of Viral Hepatitis.

If you find errors in the designation of non-notifiable or unavailable disease reporting status, please mark your corrections on the table and add the date the condition became notifiable and fax the corrections to us. If the data in the tables are not correct, please contact Patsy Hall at 404 498-6269 so the discrepancies can be discussed.

Table 1 lists disease incidence data for all diseases designated as nationally notifiable in 2006 that were reported through NETSS or NEDSS. The MMWR Print Total column lists the disease incidence data to be published in the Summary of Notifiable Diseases, United States, 2006. A table presenting 2006 notifiable disease cases by state or territory and geographic division will be published in the $M M W R$ in July 2007 for those diseases listed in Table 1. For some conditions, case totals reported in the $M M W R$ are restricted based upon case status (e.g., confirmed or probable) per the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists resolution(s) and the print criteria. The column labeled MMWR Print Total presents the total disease incidence data that will be printed in the 2006 annual Summary. Diseases or conditions with zero cases reported during 2006 will be listed with no reported cases ( - ). Diseases or conditions that is not available for various reasons in your state will be designated as unavailable (U). For those diseases which were non-notifiable in your state during 2006, we have printed non-notifiable in the MMWR Print Total column. As presented in the enclosed tables, we will print $(\mathrm{N})$ rather than a count for the diseases designated nonnotifiable in your state. Similarly, we will print (U) for the diseases with no available data.

Table 2 presents a list of disease conditions your state has indicated are nonnotifiable or unavailable. Your state will only have a Table 2 if there were nationally notifiable diseases in the 2006 MMWR weekly publication designated as non-notifiable or unavailable.

The DISSS attempts to accurately report the reportable status of diseases and conditions for each state. To assist us, please mail or fax us a copy of your list of notifiable conditions for 2006 and 2007. In the future, please keep us informed of any changes in reporting status of disease conditions in your state -- whether the conditions are nationally notifiable, infectious or non-infectious.

Finally, totals for sexually transmitted diseases will be verified under a separate letter and these data will be provided to NCPHI. AIDS and TB data for the annual Summary will be provided by the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. In addition, data on domestic arboviral diseases, influenza-associated pediatric mortality, and varicella deaths are not presented in the enclosed tables and will be provided to the NCPHI.

If you have any questions, please email us at soib@cdc.gov or contact Ms. Patsy Hall at (404) 498-6269.

Please pass along our thanks to your NETSS or NEDSS reporters and other health department staff for a job well done. We appreciate your efforts throughout the year.

Best regards,


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