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Memorandum

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From: Ruth A. Jajosky, D.M.D., M.P.H., Division of Integrated Surveillance Systems and Services (DISSS), National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subject: Final Case Counts, 2008

To: U.S. State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Please review and verify the year 2008 disease incidence data 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 2008 disease incidence data in the tables are correct please indicate your approval by printing and signing your name in the space at the end of the 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, 2008*. Please fax (404-498-6450) your signed pages to your annual *Summary* representative, (Michael Wodajo, Deborah Adams, or Pearl Sharp) in the DISSS, by **May 28, 2009**. Note that while chronic hepatitis B virus infection, perinatal hepatitis B virus infection, and hepatitis C virus infection (past or present) are listed in the tables, they will not be published in the 2008 annual *Summary* at the request of the Division of Viral Hepatitis.

Results from the 2008 CSTE-CDC State Reportable Conditions Assessment (SRCA) have been finalized and approved by each State and Territorial Epidemiologist. This information has been applied to the 2008 national notifiable disease data. An algorithm prepared for the 2008 SRCA was used to determine which conditions in your state will receive the "N" indicator in the 2008 annual *Summary*. The use of this algorithm was approved by CSTE's Surveillance Coordination Group previously chaired by Dr. Steven Macdonald and by CSTE's Public Health Informatics Team chaired by Dr. Richard Hoffman. We are providing a table of conditions we have determined meet the criteria for an "N" indicator in your state/territory, as per the SRCA. This information is displayed in Table 2.

Table 1 lists disease incidence data for all diseases designated as nationally notifiable in 2008 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, 2008*. A table presenting 2008 notifiable disease cases by state or territory and geographic division will be published in the *MMWR* in August 2009 for those diseases listed in Table 1. For some conditions, case totals reported in the *MMWR* 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 2008 annual *Summary*. Diseases or conditions with zero cases reported during 2008 will be listed with no reported cases (-). Diseases or conditions that are 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 2008, we have printed non-notifiable in the MMWR Print Total column. As presented in the enclosed tables, we will print (N) rather than a count for the diseases designated non-notifiable 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 non-notifiable or unavailable. Your state will only have a Table 2 if there were nationally notifiable diseases in the 2008 *MMWR* weekly publication designated as non-notifiable or unavailable.

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. These conditions will be verified by their respective CDC Programs prior to being sent to NCPHI for inclusion in the 2008 annual *Summary*.

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 reporter and other health department staff for a job well done. We appreciate your efforts throughout the year.

Sincerely,



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