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Brendan - As discussed previously and as you know

In August, 2018, an outbreak of Valley fever (coccidioidomycosis) among students and adults returning from a service trip in the Tijuana area of Mexico was identified among travelers from New York City, Kansas, Missouri, and Washington. As of August 24, 2018, 5 laboratory-confirmed Valley fever cases have been identified, including four in New York City and one case in Kansas.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, along with the state health departments of Kansas, Missouri, and Washington, are requesting CDC assistance to investigate this outbreak. The primary objectives of this request are to determine the scope of the outbreak, identify the source of infections, and develop recommendations to reduce ongoing risk.

Potential investigation methods will include an anonymous survey of all persons on the service trip to identify additional illnesses and to determine common exposure sources and activities among cases.

I have copied the state epidemiologists of Kansas, Missouri, and Washington for their concurrence with this request, as well as the NYS DOH State Epi - Dr. Debra Blog. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
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