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Fax From: Hunterdon Emergency Notification System

Subject: ADVISORY: WOMAN DIAGNOSED WITH RABIES DIES

This is a LINCS message from the Hunterdon County Department of Health. See message below from NJDHSS concerning rabies case.

To: Health Care Providers, HMC (ED,IP), Veterinarians and Local Boards of Health

NJLINCS Health Alert Network

Public Health Advisory

Distributed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Subject: Woman Diagnosed with Rabies Dies

Date: 7/21/2011

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The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) has posted a news release online concerning a 73-year-old woman that was bitten by a dog in her native country of Haiti and died on July 20, 2011 at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ. The news release is available for viewing at http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/dhss/njnewsline/view_article.pl?id=3751

The NJDHSS, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are investigating the case and assisting local health department and hospital medical staff in identifying patient relatives/contacts and health care workers potentially exposed to rabies virus during the infectious period, which is estimated to extend back to June 11, 2011.

Person-to-person transmission of rabies, other than from donated organs, has not been documented, but is theoretically possible. In order for transmission to occur, saliva from the infected patient would have had to come into contact with an open wound or mucous membranes (such as the eyes, nasal cavity, or mouth). To date, post-exposure prophylaxis has been recommended for 2 family members who had sustained close contact with the patient.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
 Division of Epidemiology, Environmental, and Occupational Health
 Infectious and Zoonotic Diseases Program
NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RABIES CASES BY COUNTY AND SPECIES
 January 1 - June 30, 2011

COUNTY	Raccoon	Skunk	Fox	Cat	Groundhog	Bovine	Equine	Dog***	Ferret	Other Domestic*	Deer	Other Wild**	Total Terrestrial	Bats													
Atlantic	7	216	23	14	11	1							6	264	1												
Bergen	23	241	4	86	1	34	2	15		1		1	30	379	0												
Burlington	8	400	57	17	34	6		1				1	8	512	0												
Camden	6	128	10	1	16	1							6	156	0												
Cape May		94	19	2	2							1	0	118	0												
Cumberland	1	172	41	2	7								1	222	0												
Essex	4	124	20		13	6		1		2	1	1	4	168	0												
Gloucester	2	138	54	6	17	2		1				2	2	220	1												
Hudson		9	5		4								0	18	0												
Hunterdon	6	357	37	5	1	26	8	2		1	1	1	7	443	0												
Mercer	4	309	1	17	3	10	14	5		1			8	356	0												
Middlesex		173	64	3	1	18	9						1	265	0												
Monmouth	7	389	47	14	26	10	1	3					7	490	0												
Morris	11	417	89	13	21	12	1		1		3	1	11	560	0												
Ocean	8	318	2	69	12	30	1	9		1			11	439	0												
Passaic	7	179	46	1	5	1	17	2	12				1	263	0												
Salem		49	10	1	1	4	1		1				1	66	0												
Somerset	2	312	48	1	11	16	8		2		3		3	401	0												
Sussex	2	237	1	103	2	12	1	16	20	3		2	6	394	1												
Union		98	26	1	9								0	134	2												
Warren	2	249	62	12	1	21	8	4	1		1	2	3	363	0												
Unknown		1											0	1	0												
TOTAL	100	4610	8	933	7	141	7	356	5	133	0	11	0	10	0	7	0	3	0	11	0	9	0	15	127	6239	5

NUMBERS IN WHITE COLUMNS REPRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (January 1 through June 30, 2011)

NUMBERS IN SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT EPIZOOTIC TOTALS (January 1989 through June 2011)

*Other Domestic includes 9 rabbits, 1 goat and 1 sheep

**Other Wild includes 4 otters, 4 opossums, 4 coyotes, 2 beavers, and 1 bear

***One dog diagnosed in Essex County during 2008 acquired rabies in Iraq and became ill shortly after importation into NJ

Summary of Rabies Specimens Tested and Positive Cases by Year, New Jersey				
Year	Specimen Tested	Terrestrial Cases	Bat Cases	Total Cases
2008	3463	228	56	284
2009	3539	255	32	287
2010	3328	242	40	282
2011	1416	127	5	132

Cats have accounted for 90% of the domestic animal cases in New Jersey since 1989. For the last 5 years there has been an average of 17 cats infected with rabies annually.

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Fax From: Hunterdon Emergency Notification System

Subject: UPDATE: NJ Animal Rabies Cases by County and Species, January - June 2011

This is a Health Alert Network/LINCS message (Update) from the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

Date: August 2, 2011

To: Veterinarians, Animal Facilities, Municipal Clerks and Local Boards of Health

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Attached please find the Summary of New Jersey Animal Rabies Cases Summarized by County and Species for January 1 through June 30, 2011. This document will be available on the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) website (http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/rabies_stats.shtml).

Through the second quarter of calendar year 2011, laboratory testing identified 127 terrestrial animals and 5 bats infected with rabies, for a state-wide total of 132 animal rabies cases.

The number of animal rabies cases to date in 2011 is similar to that in the first 6 months of 2010 (135): however in 2011, there have been more raccoons and fewer skunks and bats found positive compared to last year at this time. The of rabid bats decreased despite more bats being submitted for testing, which may be due to submission of bats for rabies testing that are sick or downed due to white nose disease.

Thirty rabid animals were found in Bergen County through the second quarter of calendar year 2011, accounting for almost 25% of all the rabies cases confirmed statewide and potentially indicating a focal epizootic in that area. Morris, Ocean and Passiac Counties each had 11 animal rabies cases confirmed during the first half of 2011.

Since the raccoon rabies variant entered the State in 1989, cats have accounted for 90% of the domestic animal cases and are considered the terrestrial species of highest risk to transmit the disease to humans. The DHSS recommends that all cats, including free-roaming cats, be kept currently vaccinated against rabies. Local health departments and animal control are urged to focus pet vaccination and animal control efforts on cats, as well as dogs.

For more information on rabies visit the NJDHSS website (<http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/rabies/techinfo.shtml>) or contact the DHSS Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program at 609-826-4872.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Department at (908) 788-1351 or health@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

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HUNTERDON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 PO Box 2900, Flemington, New Jersey 08822
 Date: August 5, 2011

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ADVISORY: Recall of Cargill Ground Turkey Linked to Salmonella Cases

To: Healthcare Providers, HMC and Local Boards of Health

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Recall of Cargill Ground Turkey Linked to Salmonella Cases

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, a Springdale, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 36 million pounds of ground turkey products that may be contaminated with a multi-drug resistant strain of Salmonella Heidelberg, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. Products subject to recall bear the establishment number "P-963" inside the USDA mark of inspection. For more specific product information such as dates and descriptions see [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 060 2011 Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News%20&%20Events/Recall%20060%202011%20Release/index.asp)

These products were distributed at the retail level nationwide. Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation requests that consumers who may have purchased these products return them to the point-of-purchase. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on FSIS' website at www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp.

To prevent salmonellosis and other foodborne illnesses, wash hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry, and cook poultry-including ground turkey-to 165° F, as determined with a food thermometer.

This recall follows a July 29, 2011 FSIS Public Health Alert that was initiated due to concerns about illnesses caused by Salmonella Heidelberg that may be associated with use and consumption of ground turkey. A total of 79 persons infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Heidelberg have been reported from 26 states between March 1 and August 3, 2011. The outbreak strain of Salmonella Heidelberg is resistant to several commonly prescribed antibiotics. Among the ill persons with available information, 22 (38%) have been hospitalized and 1 death has been reported. As a result of the epidemiologic and traceback investigations, as well as in-plant findings, FSIS determined that there is a link between the Cargill ground turkey products and this illness outbreak. FSIS is continuing to work with CDC, affected state public health partners, and the company on the investigation.

See page 2 for more information

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact
 the Health Department at
 (908) 788-1351 or health@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

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FSIS will continue to provide information as it becomes available, including information about any further related recall activity. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers with questions about this recall should contact Cargill's consumer relations toll free telephone number at 1-888-812-1646. Media with questions regarding the recall should contact Cargill's media contact Mike Martin at michael_martin@cargill.com or (316) 291-2126.

Consumption of food contaminated with Salmonella can cause salmonellosis, one of the most common bacterial foodborne illnesses. Salmonella infections can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. The most common manifestations of salmonellosis are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within six to 72 hours. Additional symptoms may be chills, headache, nausea and vomiting that can last up to seven days.

The NJDHSS Food and Drug Safety Program is asking local health departments to check for recalled products during routine inspections.

Retail food establishments who have the affected products are asked to reconfirm with their distribution centers and all individual stores to ensure that no product remains in their inventory or at store locations.

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