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The Current Status of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Clinton County



Clinton County has had one case of active TB disease in each of the last three years. Of these, one was a foreign born person from a high risk country. The other two cases were lifelong residents of Clinton County with no identifiable risk for TB exposure. In both of these 'home-grown' cases the TB organism was resistant to an identical pair of one first line and one second line anti-tubercular medications. These susceptibility profiles also matched a case from St. Lawrence County who was treated at CVPH about five years ago.

In order to increase the likelihood of identifying additional cases of TB infection and disease, Health Care Providers (HCPs) are strongly encouraged to provide Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) to their patients who are identified as having risk factors for TB infection. This could include the possibility of a prior exposure to an active case of TB, employment in a congregate work setting or recent arrival from another country with endemic TB.

It is also important to avoid placing TSTs for clients who have no identifiable risks for the disease due to the relatively high probability of a false positive reaction.

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HCPs may refer any client with a positive TST and negative chest X-ray to the CCHD Chest Clinic, where prophylactic treatment for their Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) may be considered. This treatment is provided by CCHD to County residents at no expense to the client.

HCPs are required by law to report any suspect or confirmed case of active TB disease to the local Health Department. CCHD will be involved with any case of active TB in a resident of the County. CCHD may serve as a consultant to the private provider or as the treating provider. In both instances, CCHD will initiate Directly Observed Therapy for cases of active TB disease.

For further information or questions, please call 565-4848.

Become an MRC Member!



Have you ever wanted to help your community become healthier but you don't know how? Are you a licensed medical professional? Then the Clinton County Medical Reserve Corps is the place for you! The CCMRC is a group of volunteers trained and credentialed to help their community in many ways. CCMRC volunteers help staff vaccination clinics, provide public education on various health topics and provide much needed medical support during emergencies. Upcoming training opportunities include CPR refresher on July 12th and Public Speaking Orientation on August 19th. Visit www.clintonhealth.org to join today!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Rabies Clinic



Thursday, July 8, 2010
6:00 to 8:30pm

Mooers Volunteer firestation
2508 Route 11 Main Street

For more information call 565-4870

Immunization Update 2010

Thursday, August 5, 2010

9 to 11:30am or
12:00 to 2:30pm

This webcast is CDC's annual update on the most recent and significant developments in the rapidly changing field of immunization. The webcast will be available through the Internet and can be found at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/PHTN//webcast/immupdate2010/default.asp>

* CCHD will be showing this webcast from 9 to 11:30 on August 5th. If you would like to attend, please call 565-4848.

SAVE THE DATE

Primary Provider Workshop

Thursday, August 26, 2010
6pm @ Westside Ballroom

For more information call 565-4848



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Did you Know?

FDA Revises Recommendations for Rotavirus Vaccines



The FDA revised its recommendations for rotavirus vaccines. The agency has determined that it is appropriate for clinicians and health care professionals to resume the use of Rotarix and to continue the use of RotaTeq.

The benefits of the vaccines are substantial, and include prevention of death in some parts of the world and hospitalization for severe rotavirus disease in the United States. These benefits outweigh the risk, which is theoretical.

For more information about this decision visit the FDA:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm212149.htm>

Use of Combination Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella Vaccines

ACIP has published new recommendations regarding the use of the combination measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine (MMRV), due to concerns about increased incidence of febrile seizures in children receiving MMRV. For the first dose of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines at age 12–47 months, either measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and varicella vaccine or the combination MMRV vaccine may be used. CDC recommends that separate MMR vaccine and varicella vaccine should be administered for the first dose for this age group. For the second dose at any age (15 months–12 years), and for the first dose at age >48 months, use of MMRV vaccine is preferred over separate injections of MMR and varicella vaccines

For more information:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5903a1.htm?s_cid=rr5903a1_e

Indoor Tanning Regulated



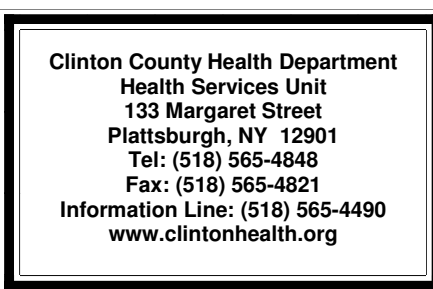
Later this year the Clinton County Health Department will begin the process of permitting and inspecting indoor tanning facilities. Indoor tanning is a large contributor to premature aging of the skin, damage to the blood vessels of the skin and eyes and skin cancers.

Indoor tanning has been shown to be an addictive behavior for some individuals. Young adults and teens frequently utilize tanning facilities, especially prior to big events such as the prom.

Part of the new regulations will ban teens under the age of 14 to use tanning beds and teens between 14 and 18 will have to obtain parent permission in order to tan.

Tanning facilities will be required to maintain records of use, ensure that people are provided with proper eye covering and post warnings about the hazards of tanning.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Environmental Health Unit of the Clinton County Health Department at 565-4870.



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Did You Know?



The Clinton County Health Department is now using the LeadCare II lead blood analyzer for lead measurement. The LeadCare II is a CLIA-waved blood test, which improves clinical outcomes by providing on the spot test results.

Children and pregnant women need to be screened for lead levels and get risk reduction info. All children six months to six years should be screened regularly. Children should be tested by their first birthday and again when they're two. Preschool and child care programs will be looking for proof that the child has been tested. For additional information, please call 565-4848.