



Welcome to the February edition of the MCI Infectious Disease Newsletter.

This month's key articles include the class action settlement reached between the US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) run facilities and current and past detainees about the failure to provide adequate protection from contracting COVID-19.

Also highlighted are an update to the Lassa fever outbreak occurring in Nigeria, a confirmed case and possible outbreak of bacterial meningitis at a Michigan university and one virologist's warning about the realities of endemic diseases.

This newsletter goes hand in hand with our new Infectious Disease 3rd Party Liability product that aims to offset the increasing risks posed by outbreaks in the modern, globalised world.

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Litigation

Hong Kong Arrests Ex-Cathay Crew at Center of Omicron Outbreak

Bloomberg - Asia - 17 January 2022

Two former Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. flight attendants were arrested for violating pandemic rules, Hong Kong police said late Monday, ... of the city's omicron **outbreak**. The two ex-staffers were charged under Hong Kong's Prevention and Control of **Disease** Regulation and are due

Gym owners accuse Quebec of ignoring them

Toys Matrix - 28 January 2022

An association representing gym owners is accusing the Quebec government of ignoring them as it tries to establish a dialogue to find a way ...

Hardy believes a satisfactory compromise can be found to limit the **spread** of the **virus** and allow reopening. He points to British Columbia as

A bizarre Wisconsin hospital lawsuit shows how Covid-19 changed the balance of power for medical workers

Vox - 29 January 2022

The pandemic has been hell for health care workers. It's also given them new leverage with their employers.

the job listing, applied and received an offer, and other members followed **suit** because the pay and benefits were better. But even if they

Border Detainee Class Action Over COVID-19 Protection Reaches Settlement

Top Class Actions - 1 February 2022

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ICE Detention Centers **COVID-19 Class Action Lawsuit** Overview: Current and former detainees at two California U.S. Immigrations and Customs

Outbreaks

Spread of norovirus in hospital hits surgery capacity

Otago Daily Times - 19 January 2022

Investigation into TB case linked to Welsh comprehensive school

WalesOnline - 20 January 2022

contact with an **infectious** individual for a person to become infected. In this instance, and to limit the potential **spread** of **infection**, we

Lassa kills 26 in three weeks- NCDC

The Nation Newspaper Nigeria - 26 January 2022

Lassa fever killed 26 persons in 11 States and 30 Local Government Areas in the last three weeks, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (...

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, mouth and other body openings. "The time between **infection** and the appearance of **symptoms** of the **disease** is 3 to 21 days. Early treatment

Mystery illness outbreak at nursery as children and staff fall sick 'with rash and cough'

Metro - 4 February 2022

and staff at a nursery are feeling unwell and have experienced some mild **symptoms** including a rash and cough. "We are currently investigating

Warning of possible meningitis exposure issued after 'positive' person attends frat events at Michigan, MSU

MLive.com - 28 January 2022

The Washtenaw County Health Department has issued an advisory for people who attended events at the University of Michigan and MSU, where a ...
to prevent possible **disease**, according to the health department. "This is not an **outbreak** and risk to the larger **community** remains low, but

Measles outbreak kills 74 children in Afghanistan

MSN India - 6 February 2022

Kabul, Feb 6 (IANS) At least 74 children died following an outbreak of measles in Afghanistan's northern province of Badakhshan, an ...
an **outbreak** of **measles** in Afghanistan's northern province of Badakhshan, an official said Sunday. "There had been pockets of **measles** cases

ID Research and Mitigation

COVID-19: endemic doesn't mean harmless

Nature - 24 January 2022

The word 'endemic' has become one of the most misused of the pandemic. And many of the errant assumptions made encourage a misplaced complacency. It doesn't mean that COVID-19 will come to a natural end.

Zika vaccine shows promising results in preclinical studies

ScienceDaily - 28 January 2022

Date: January 27, 2022 Source: Texas Biomedical Research Institute Summary: A Zika virus vaccine candidate is effective ...

they became pregnant, they were exposed to Zika **virus**. Only 1 of 12 offspring tested positive for Zika **virus**, demonstrating more than 90%

Dengue Virus Makes Mosquitoes Bite More Often

MedicineNet - 21 January 2022

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while more bites increase the number of **transmission** events because each bite results in the **transmission** of the **virus**," St. John explained

The Long-Standing Belief of the Relationship between Dust Storms and Valley Fever Outbreaks Has Been Disproven - Gilmore Health News

Gilmore Health News - 26 January 2022

According to recent studies, the long-harbored belief which relates dust storms to the outbreak of valley fever, also known as ...

that the **spread** of the **infectious** spores from these fungi can be associated with dust storms. This belief has been upheld since the **outbreak**

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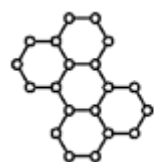
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