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

This month's key articles include an announcement of a newly launched COVID-19 litigation tracker and a recent study that investigated the surface transmission/presence of pathogens within long-term care facilities.

Also highlighted is an article detailing confirmation of a rare case of "mad cow disease" and an update to the West African Lassa fever outbreak that has seen a limited spread into the UK.

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.

For further information about MCI and our new IDL product, please refer to our website – www.mciuw.com. Please feel free to forward onto interested parties within your networks. To subscribe to the newsletter, please email lauren.oneill@mciuw.com

Litigation

[Newly Launched COVID-19 Litigation Project Offers Open Access To Pandemic-Related Court Judgments From Over 70 Countries](#)

Best Lawyers - 28 February 2022

This article originally appears in the February 28, 2022, edition of All Rise. Over the past two years, courts across the globe have faced ...

database of international COVID-19-related court decisions. The **COVID-19 Litigation** Project, which is funded in part by the World Health

[Families sue Country Villa Assisted Living after 2020 COVID outbreak](#)

WBAY-TV - 16 February 2022

PULASKI, Wis. (WBAY) - Four families are suing Country Villa Assisted Living and insurance companies for negligence. Country Villa was the ...

[Wrongful death claim made against nursing home hit by Covid-19](#)

The Irish Times - 28 February 2022

Case against Co Cork facility first of many set to be lodged against HSE

[Insurance coverage for covid-19? Two N.J. Courts allow litigation to proceed](#)

Lexology - 24 February 2022

Finally, there has been an unfortunate trend in **COVID-19** insurance *litigation* in which courts have been improperly dismissing insureds'

[Moderna faces new lawsuit over lucrative coronavirus vaccine](#)

The Philadelphia Inquirer - 28 February 2022

Warminster-based Arbutus and its part-owned Genevant unit said in their lawsuit that Moderna infringed on one of their patents which they ...

from Arbutus and Genevant "years of painstaking work to develop and refine." The *suit* had been expected after Moderna lost a U.S. Court of

Outbreaks

[Lassa Fever outbreak: Rare virus spotted in UK - signs and symptoms](#)

Daily Express - 9 February 2022

, those with **symptoms** may notice a gradual onset of **symptoms** as they incubate the **disease**. Normally the first **symptoms** are fever, general

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'Massive' rabies outbreak in Nelson Mandela Bay, parts of EC

News24 - 28 February 2022

The Eastern Cape province, in particular the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and Amathole and O.R. Tambo Districts, is experiencing an ... most common animals that transmit the **disease** to humans. "The Eastern Cape runs an annual **rabies** awareness and vaccination campaign from

Scarlet fever cases confirmed in Liverpool nursery

Liverpool Echo - 9 February 2022

Busy Bees nursery sent a text message to parents this week Busy Bees nursery on Childwall Road, Wavertree, sent out a message to parents on ...

Unexpected notifiable disease confirmed in Somerset

GOV.UK blogs - 28 February 2022

, is a fatal brain **disease** in cattle. BSE is a notifiable animal **disease** which means that by law, all suspected cases of the **disease** must be

NCDC issues lassa fever alert, death toll hits 48

Voice of Nigeria - 14 February 2022

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) confirmed that 20 health workers had been infected with the Lassa fever since the beginning ... and other body openings. "The time between **infection** and the appearance of **symptoms** of the **disease** is three to 21 days. Early treatment and

Tanzania issues warnings of the menace of a polio epidemic

Archynetys - 27 February 2022

DAR ES SALAAM, February 26 (Xinhua) – Tanzanian overall health authorities issued an alarm on Saturday about the danger of a polio epidemic ... of a polio epidemic. The warn followed a described situation of a polio **outbreak** in neighboring Malawi on Feb.17 involving a kid in the

County health department investigating a norovirus-like outbreak at The Rock Pizza in Renton

Renton Reporter - 26 February 2022

Public Health — Seattle & King County reports a dozen cases related to the outbreak. Investigators did not find any risk factors that are known to contribute to the **spread** of norovirus. The restaurant closed on Feb. 23, 2022,

Urgent health alert over horror virus outbreak in childcare

Sky News Australia - 24 February 2022

NSW Health said the outbreaks in early childhood education centres this month are a 97 per cent increase above the number normally reported ... children at home if they feel unwell as viral **gastroenteritis** is "highly **infectious**". The **virus** spreads from the vomit or faeces of an

ID Research and Mitigation

Nearly all high-touch surfaces in LTC are contaminated, study finds

McKnight's Long-Term Care News - 18 February 2022

More than 90% of "high-touch" surfaces in long-term care facilities, including handrails and equipment controls, are contaminated with ... , are contaminated with fecal matter and other potential sources of **infectious disease spread**, according to a study released Thursday.

Nipah virus vaccine candidate Phase 1 clinical trial begins

Outbreak News Today - 9 February 2022

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2 trial in 2022 in a **disease** endemic region. Bangladesh reports two Nipah **virus** cases in 2021 Nipah **virus outbreak** 2021: Kerala state,

Suspending syringe services programs will result in an increase of HIV infections

ScienceDaily - 28 February 2022

Date: February 28, 2022 Source: Brown University Summary: A new study shows the effectiveness of syringe services ... , testing and connections to care for **infectious** diseases. They're effective in curbing the **transmission** of **HIV** -- as long as they remain in

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