



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

This month's articles cover the evolving legal landscape surrounding COVID-19 lawsuits in the US and UK, with varying court precedents being set and broken monthly.

Also highlighted is the detection of an imported Monkeypox case within the UK, the developing worldwide increase of hepatitis incidence in children (potentially caused by adenovirus) and a study that investigates the link between hospital staffing problems and adverse patient outcomes.

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

### Dozens of veterans died in Reserve home's COVID outbreak. Here's why two families are suing.

The New Orleans Advocate - 6 May 2022

Families say home let veterans gather, play bingo without masks before they died

### Care home Covid ruling could prompt Scottish legal cases

BBC News - Dorset - 27 April 2022

Image source, Jo Barrie Image caption, Jo Barrie lost her mother Nancy Lovering after she was discharged from hospital to a care home and ...

### California Court Opens the Litigation Floodgate Re: COVID-19 Exposure in the Workplace | JD Supra

JD Supra - 22 April 2022

In See's Candies v. Ek, a California Appellate Court ruled that the plaintiff's claims against her employer for negligence were not ...

. To address these challenges SmithAmundsen has a **COVID-19 litigation** and consulting task force comprised of **OSHA**, construction, healthcare,

### N.J. nursing home where 9 died of COVID faces class-action lawsuits from families

NJ.com - 12 April 2022

A nursing home in Essex County where nine people died of COVID-19 and 89 were infected is being sued by family members who say the ...

### Federal Judge Certifies Prisoners' COVID-19 Class Action Against Oregon

Legal Reader - 7 April 2022

A federal judge in Oregon has certified prisoners' coronavirus-related class action against the state. Press notes that Magistrate Judge Stacie Beckerman signed off on the **wrongful death** class action. The lawsuit, says The Associated Press,

### Court overturns class certification for restaurant in COVID case

Business Insurance - 4 April 2022

An Illinois appeals court overturned a lower court ruling that granted a restaurant class-action status permitting it to pursue its COVID- ...

restaurant class-action status permitting it to pursue its **COVID-19 coverage litigation** based on the governor's executive order that closed

## Outbreaks

### Monkeypox case confirmed in England

News and communications - GOV.UK - 7 May 2022

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) can confirm an individual has been diagnosed with monkeypox in England.

### Hepatitis detected in nearly 300 children worldwide

BBC News - Dorset - 4 May 2022

Small numbers of children with severe liver inflammation have been detected in 20 countries ...

### 71 cases in medical college COVID-19 cluster

The Hindu - 8 May 2022

972 tested on the Sathya Sai Medical College campus so far; 89 fresh cases reported in Tamil Nadu

### CDC Reports Meningococcal Disease Outbreak in Florida

WebMD - 11 April 2022

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The CDC has issued a health warning about an outbreak of meningococcal disease in Florida, primarily among gay and bisexual men, including those living with HIV.

### Officials Urge Caution After Covid Cases Are Linked To Proms

Honolulu Civil Beat - 6 May 2022

Hawaii health officials are calling on public schools to take extra precautions during end-of-year celebratory events after Covid-19 and flu outbreaks were linked to high school proms on Oahu. The state Department of Health issued the warning as part of a cluster report released Friday following investigations into the two proms, which were held last [...]

### Worst TB Outbreak in 20 Years Reported in Washington State

WebMD - 2 May 2022

Tuberculosis cases are increasing in Washington, which has put public health officials on "heightened alert," according to a recent announcement from the Washington State Department of Health.

### First recent US case of human bird flu confirmed in Colorado

News Channel Nebraska - 30 April 2022

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Colorado prison inmate has become the first person in the U.S. to test positive for bird flu in a recent outbreak ...

the H5N1 bird flu **virus** that is currently circulating. Any genetic changes could indicate the **virus** is adapting to **spread** more readily from

### Spectre of polio returns to haunt Pakistan as baby boy is left paralysed

The Guardian - 25 April 2022

First case in a year sparks fears of new outbreak despite success of national programme to wipe out the disease

### C. auris outbreak halts admissions at Detroit specialty hospital

Becker's Hospital Review - 20 April 2022

Small Medium Large A small specialty hospital that operates within DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit is pausing admissions due to an ...

within DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit is pausing admissions due to an **outbreak** of the deadly, drug-resistant fungus *Candida auris*, the

## ID Research & Mitigation

### Adenovirus probable cause of mysterious child hepatitis

BBC News - Dorset - 25 April 2022

Image source, Getty Images Image caption, The UK Health Security Agency says parents should look out for symptoms such as jaundice Health ...

### Surfaces near patients with C. auris commonly re-contaminated within hours of cleaning

Healio - 20 April 2022

Sansom S, et al. Abstract 50. Presented at: Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Spring Meeting; April 12-14, 2022 (hybrid ...

be **spread** in health care facilities." To gather additional data to help inform environmental cleaning recommendations and reduce the **spread**

### New center at CDC designed to improve outbreak predictions, responses

LexBlog - 20 April 2022

The CDC has a new center to help forecast and analyze outbreaks.

to improve **outbreak** responses," Walensky said. The center will focus on improving its responses to outbreaks by using **infectious disease**

### NEA: S'pore could see major dengue outbreak

The Straits Times - 19 April 2022

A total of 736 cases of dengue infection were reported in Singapore in the week of April 10 to 16, the highest figure since the week of Aug ...

the **disease** - in the community. Second, the previously uncommon dengue **virus** serotype 3 is now circulating here, along with dengue **virus**

### Long nails are in, but what lies underneath? Bacteria and fungi, an expert says.

USA TODAY - 21 April 2022

Long nails are the latest trend on TikTok and Instagram, but an expert says they could be health hazards because of bacteria and fungi underneath.

### Erasmus MC study: Many Q fever patients still have problems

newsbeezer.com - 23 April 2022

15 years after the outbreak of the Q fever epidemic, many patients are still struggling with symptoms, according to research by Erasmus MC. Q fever is an infectious disease transmitted by (dairy) goats and (dairy) sheep. In 2007 an epidemic broke out in the Netherlands. By 2010, the disease was spre

### World Must Leverage Genomics to Fight Pandemics, Illumina CEO Says - BNN Bloomberg

BNN Bloomberg - 19 April 2022

, he said. The Center for Forecasting and **Outbreak** Analytic, launched this week by the Centers for **Disease** Control and Prevention to predict

### Hospitals are struggling with a shortage of nurses, which affects patient safety

News Quick 24 - 1 April 2022

Health systems are increasingly dependent on outreach nurses, more flexible nurse hours, and simply getting by on lower costs as nurse ...

, including hand hygiene and cleaning, should be applied, especially during the **outbreak** of the pandemic, when staff are forced to work in

### Aussie researchers trial micro-dose vaccines against Japanese encephalitis

Xinhuanet / 新华网 - 1 April 2022

SYDNEY, April 1 (Xinhua) -- As dozens of cases of Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) have been detected across Australia in recent weeks, ...

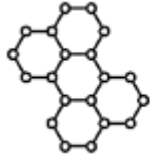
and three people have died from the **disease**. Greg Devine from QIMR Berghofer said the sudden **outbreak** highlighted the importance of making

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