



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

This month's key articles include updates to several cases moving their way through the US court system that impact COVID19 liability statutes or involve interpretations of the PREP Act.

Also highlighted is a *Staphylococcus aureus* outbreak at a spa in Ontario and a second article summarising the negligence associated with the outbreak and corresponding lawsuit. Additionally, there have been several recent norovirus outbreaks linked to poor hand hygiene by food handlers that have infected hundreds of people in Australia and the US.

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

Federal COVID cases with major LTC implications headed for November action

McKnight's Long-Term Care News - 28 October 2022

Two cases that could play a pivotal role in determining how well skilled nursing providers are protected by a federal COVID shield law are ...

... needed to relieve front-line responders from the crushing burden of **COVID-19-response litigation** that the PREP Act was designed to prevent," ...

Indiana Court Of Appeals Strikes Down Class Action COVID-19 Immunity Statute Blog Class Action Defense

Lexology - 17 October 2022

... law that sought to protect in-state universities from class action **liability** related to the shutdown of university campuses during the COVID ...

The Whitby Spa Revealed What Led To Its Pool Contamination & 45 People Are Now Suing

Narcity Canada - 3 November 2022

... for clarity. Nearly 30 Visitors To Whitby's New Spa Are Suing After An **Outbreak** ... › Whitby's New Spa Village Has Temporarily Closed All ...

Families to file lawsuit after E. coli outbreak at Lucky Ladd Farms

Yahoo! News - 19 October 2022

Lucky Ladd Farms is responding to claims that they were negligent after a child died from catching E. coli. Three families have gotten an ...

... after a child died from catching E. coli. Three families have gotten an attorney and they're planning to file a **lawsuit** against them.

Farm Bureau Must Defend Insured in Deadly Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak in Carolina

Insurance Journal - 19 October 2022

What started out as festive time at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair in 2019 ended with 96 people hospitalized with Legionnaires' ...

... of Public Health concluded. It added that people sickened with the **respiratory disease** were 23 times more likely to have spent at least an ...

A SCOTUS case that started in a nursing home could have far-reaching implications for millions

Indianapolis Recorder - 4 November 2022

When Susie Talevski sued the agency that managed her elderly father's care before he died, she hoped to get justice for her family. She did ...

Outbreaks

26 guests file lawsuit against new Whitby, Ont. spa after staph contamination

CTV News - 27 October 2022

Gastro outbreak in Canberra donut shop believed to be caused by a sick employee and poor hand hygiene practices

Novonite - 26 October 2022

A federal health department investigation has revealed that a sick employee likely triggered an outbreak of gastroenteritis (gastro) at a ...

... study found that the **disease** was caused by the **spread** of norovirus, a **virus** that often causes **gastroenteritis** and is **spread** through direct ...

D.C. Cobb's linked to Norovirus Outbreak that has sickened 173

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Food Poison Journal - 29 October 2022

The McHenry County Department of Health is reporting its investigation into the recent gastrointestinal illness outbreak linked to D.C. ...

[**Uganda locks down two districts over Ebola outbreak**](#)

The Business Standard - 16 October 2022

... Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Saturday imposed a lockdown on two districts at the epicentre of an Ebola outbreak, barring personal ...

... the **spread** of **Ebola**, and ordered police to arrest anyone suspected of having contracted the **virus** who refused to go into isolation. **Ebola** ...

[**Bays are being closed at five health wards in Cornwall amid norovirus outbreak**](#)

Home - Latest Page News - 4 November 2022

People are now being urged by medics to stay home if they are unwell.

[**Doctors 'still don't understand' how bacteria that killed two transplant patients ended up in Royal Papworth water**](#)

Cambridge Weekly News Series - 4 November 2022

Infection Control Doctor Olly Allen explained that he still doesn't understand how the water was contaminated with a rare bug at the ...

[**Bird flu deaths soar to near-record high: 47million have been culled this year**](#)

PublicNewsTime - 19 October 2022

... 47million fowl have either died from the **virus** or been culled to prevent **transmission** this year. The **outbreak** has been ongoing since the ...

[**TB: Rhondda pub Welcome Inn linked to case as contacts sought**](#)

About the BBC Blog - 28 October 2022

A case of tuberculosis has been identified in someone who went to a pub in Rhondda Cynon Taf. About 70 close contacts of the person, who had been at The Welcome Inn in Tonypany, have now been identified.

ID Research & Mitigation

[**RSV: What to Know About Symptoms, Transmission and Treatment**](#)

The New York Times - 30 October 2022

You may have seen respiratory syncytial virus, or R.S.V., in the news recently, as rates of the virus have ticked up across the United ...

[**Shift in hepatitis A outbreaks 'unprecedented' in HAV vaccine era, CDC reports**](#)

Healio - 19 October 2022

Recent and ongoing outbreaks associated with person-to-person transmission have marked a shift in hepatitis A virus epidemiology in the ...

... 97% decline in HAV **infection** rates in the U.S. through 2015. Prior to the vaccine's introduction, **transmission** was largely **spread** from ...

[**Scientists reveal how Black Death may have influenced evolution of human genes**](#)

MSN.com - 19 October 2022

... © Provided by Evening Standard Researchers extracted DNA from the remains of people buried in the East Smithfield plague pits, which were ...

... 25 to 50 million people were dead across the continent. The first **outbreak** of **plague** swept across England in 1348, ravaging London and East ...

[**U.S. Schools Hit By Thousands of Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreaks Over Last Decade, Study Finds - AboutLawsuits.com**](#)

AboutLawsuits.com - 31 October 2022

Thousands of outbreaks of acute gastroenteritis have occurred in schools and childcare facilities in recent years, mostly caused by norovirus and shigella spread by person-to-person contact, according to a new study.

[**Merck to donate vaccine doses to IAVI for Sudan ebola virus**](#)

PharmaTimes - 26 October 2022

... to the Sudan **Ebola virus outbreak** in Uganda, it is planning to produce and donate doses of its investigational Sudan **Ebola virus** vaccine ...

[**Moderna close to U.S. deal to make vaccines for Ebola, biological threats - Bloomberg News**](#)

Reuters - 26 October 2022

Moderna Inc is nearing a deal with the U.S. government to develop vaccines against a range of biological threats including Ebola, Bloomberg ...

[**Patients with weakened immune system suffer severe effects, death from monkeypox: CDC**](#)

ABC News - 26 October 2022

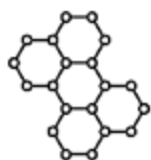
Many patients with severe monkeypox had untreated HIV, the CDC said.

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