

MCI Infectious Disease Newsletter – January, 2023



Happy New Year! Welcome to the January edition of the MCI Infectious Disease Newsletter.

This month's key articles include a ruling in Pennsylvania regarding COVID19 insurance claims constituting as one or multiple events - greatly impacting the Insured's self-insured retention.

Also highlighted is an update to the Whitby Spa outbreak where a lawsuit for \$5M has been served following their *Staphylococcus aureus* outbreak in October 2022. Additionally, a very large measles outbreak in Ohio has caused concern regarding childhood vaccination rates in the area.

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

[Multiple Claims Against Insured Related to COVID-19 Outbreak Constitute Separate Claims](#)

executivesummaryblog.com - 11 January 2023

[Thermea Spa Village | Whitby served with \\$5m lawsuit by customers affected by staph outbreak | spabusiness.com news](#)

<https://www.spabusiness.com/> - 10 January 2023

Thermea Spa Village | Whitby served with \$5m lawsuit by customers affected by staph outbreak

[Complaints surface about lack of warning during meningitis outbreak at Dalhousie](#)

CBC News Nova Scotia - 20 December 2022

['Gross negligence': Judge gives go-ahead to COVID-deaths lawsuit against Ontario](#)

The Montreal Gazette - 9 January 2023

[Families of care home residents who died in pandemic preparing for legal action](#)

Forres Gazette - 23 December 2022

... best information at the time". Any claims will be brought in *negligence*, Leigh Day said, with investigations having only recently started.

['Tentative settlement' reached in hepatitis lawsuit involving Roanoke restaurant chain](#)

InsuranceNewsNet - 30 December 2022

Hepatitis A is a virus that causes liver infection that can lead to liver inflammation and, in some cases, liver failure.

[Wife of 'American Horror Story' driver sues over COVID death | iNFOnews | Thompson-Okanagan's News Source](#)

iNFOnews - 9 January 2023

BOSTON (AP) — The wife of a late Massachusetts man is suing the companies involved in the 2021 production of "American Horror Story" on Cape Cod, allegi...

Outbreaks

[Discovery of lethal fungal infection causes investigation in Mississippi; 2 deaths identified](#)

WDAM-TV - 11 January 2023

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[Ohio reports more measles cases than previous two years combined](#)

BBC News - Cumbria - 29 December 2022

Image source, Getty Images An outbreak of measles in the US state of Ohio has infected 82 children so far - the biggest eruption of the ...

[Authorities investigating severe food poisoning outbreak at NSW Central Coast hotel](#)

Australia News - The Guardian - 7 December 2022

Almost 70 people of the 230 who attended a Terrigal conference have been struck down and 27 have confirmed salmonella infections ...

[Health officials declare outbreak of rare but deadly disease among unhoused people on Vancouver Island](#)

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... has been fatal, and the **disease** has **spread** most rapidly in the past two months, Island Health says. "This **outbreak** has been occurring in ...

[NOROVIRUS RUINS CHRISTMAS FOR GUESTS AT 'APPALLING' BEMBRIDGE COAST HOTEL](#)

islandecho.co.uk - 11 January 2023

['A great day for the country': Uganda declares an end to Ebola outbreak](#)

The Guardian - 11 January 2023

... of the **virus**, a World Health Organization benchmark for a country to be declared **Ebola-free**."Uganda put a swift end to the **Ebola outbreak** by ...

[Ecuador confirms first human bird flu infection in 9-year-old girl](#)

Frontier Post - 11 January 2023

QUITO, (Reuters): Ecuador reported its first case of human transmission of bird flu in a 9-year-old girl, the Health Ministry said on ...

... have ranged from no **symptoms** to mild illness to severe **disease** resulting in death, according to the U.S. Centers for **Disease** Control and ...

ID Research & Mitigation

[Some People are at High Risk for Food Poisoning: Things to Keep in Mind when People with Weakened Immune Systems or other Risk Factors Sit D](#)

foodpoisoningnews.com - 10 January 2023

Food poisoning is a nuisance most people would be glad to be rid of. It can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, and other unpleasant side effects. While this definitely isn't fun for anyone, for some food poisoning can be deadly or lead to long-term debilitating ill

[Adults May Be Losing Immunity to Mumps. Are Boosters Needed?](#)

UC San Diego Health - Health Library - 11 January 2023

TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 2023 (HealthDay News) -- Despite routine use of a childhood vaccine, the United States still sees outbreaks of mumps. Now ...

... the United States are routinely immunized against **mumps**, using the **measles-mumps-rubella** (MMR) vaccine. Yet **mumps** has seen a resurgence in ...

[Polio Survivors Are Still Struggling](#)

The Atlantic - 7 January 2023

A mysterious syndrome can strike decades after even a mild case of polio.

As adults, these individuals face an array of new **symptoms** stemming from their initial **infection**: pain and renewed muscle weakness, fatigue, ...

[Making hosts smell tastier: How mosquito-borne viruses take the initiative in viral transmission](#)

Molecular Ecology - Wiley Online Library - 7 January 2023

There are hundreds of mosquito-borne viruses in nature that can be carried and transmitted by mosquitoes to human and animal hosts, causing ...

... re-emerging mosquito-borne viruses, including dengue **virus**, Zika **virus**, chikungunya **virus** and **West Nile virus**, have become a public health ...

[Risk of within-hotel transmission of SARS-CoV-2 during on-arrival quarantine in Hong Kong: an epidemiological and phylogenomic investigation](#)

The Lancet - 7 January 2023

Summary ...

[A dengue vaccine? Scientists identify new findings in a key protein that may help develop one](#)

Phys.org - 7 December 2022

Dengue, a mosquito-borne tropical disease, remains a threat not just in Singapore but in Southeast Asia and beyond. Just this year, ...

... **virus**-infected cells, called secreted NS1 (sNS1). While intracellular NS1 is involved in dengue **virus** replication, which allows the **virus** ...

[Enveloped viruses show increased propensity to cross-species transmission and zoonosis](#)

pnas.org - 6 December 2022

The transmission of viruses between different host species is a major source of emerging diseases and is of particular concern in the case of zoonotic transmission from mammals to humans.

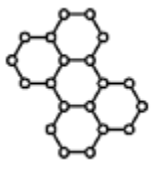


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