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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

[Tick-borne disease babesiosis is on the rise, CDC says. What to know about symptoms and treatment](#)

“Eight states in the Northeast U.S. are seeing increasing rates of an emerging tick-borne illness called babesiosis, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

[Working in the ER used to be a cool job. Now medical students shun it.](#)

“Daryl Traylor dreamed of becoming an emergency room doctor ever since working as an ER technician in the mid-90s helping physicians care for children who broke their arms or nearly drowned.”

Deadly fungal infection spreading at an alarming rate, CDC says

“A drug-resistant and potentially deadly fungus has been spreading rapidly through U.S. health care facilities, a new government study finds. The fungus, a type of yeast called *Candida auris*, or *C. auris*, can cause severe illness in people with weakened immune systems. The number of people diagnosed with infections — as well as the number of those who were found through screening to be carrying *C. auris* — has been rising at an alarming rate since it was first reported in the U.S., researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Monday.”

Perrigo Announces Voluntary Recall of Limited Quantity of Gerber® Good Start® SoothePro™ Powdered Infant Formula

“Perrigo Company is issuing a voluntary recall of certain lots of Gerber® Good Start® SoothePro™ Powdered Infant Formula in the U.S., that were manufactured at the Company’s Gateway Eau Claire, Wisconsin manufacturing facility from January 02, 2023 to January 18, 2023. This product is being recalled out of an abundance of caution due to the potential presence of *Cronobacter sakazakii*. Importantly, no distributed product has tested positive for the presence of this bacteria, no adverse events have been reported and no other products manufactured at this facility or any other of Perrigo’s facilities are affected by this recall.”

DEA issues alert about widespread threat of xylazine

“The US Drug Enforcement Administration issued an alert Monday about the widespread threat of fentanyl mixed with xylazine, a veterinary tranquilizer also commonly known as “tranq” or “tranq dope.”

Indiana bill would help provide police bleeding control kits

“INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana lawmakers want more law enforcement officers to carry tourniquets and other medical supplies to slow bleeding. Some agencies, such as the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, have had their officers carry tourniquet kits for years. Sgt. Genae Cook said they’ve been a vital tool.”

HRSA Announces Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Modernization Initiative

“Initiative includes the release of new organ donor and transplant data; prioritization of modernization of the OPTN IT system; and call for Congress to make specific reforms in the National Organ Transplant Act Today, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announced a Modernization Initiative that includes several actions to strengthen accountability and transparency in the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)”

Clinics on wheels bring doctors and dentists to health care deserts

“Nearly 12 years ago, a nonprofit centered on substance abuse prevention in Lyon County, Nev., broadened its services to dental care. Leaders with the Healthy Communities Coalition were shocked into action after two of their food pantry volunteers used pliers to pull each other's abscessed teeth. The volunteers saw no other option to relieve their overwhelming pain in the small town where they lived, 40 miles southeast of Reno, because of a dearth of dental care providers.”

Older Americans reject more vaccines, opt instead for 'natural healing,' says report

“Many adults age 40 and older are opting to skip vaccine immunizations despite their general concerns about virus infections, as revealed in research that AARP has just published.”

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