

Disease Investigation & Surveillance updates since the September BOH meeting are below.

- Outbreaks since the last BOH meeting:
  - We investigated 15 outbreaks in school, preschool, or childcare settings, 4 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and 1 outbreak in a priority setting.
  - We took over management of outbreaks in Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, and Memory Care facilities in the county from CDPHE as part of the larger COVID response transition. This transition is noteworthy, as CDPHE continues to divest of COVID-specific divisions and staff. Douglas County is one of several beta test sites for such transition. Statewide, all such functions will transfer from CDPHE to local health departments in January.
- Data:
  - We continue to update the Communicable Disease Dashboard and made recent adjustments to ensure data consistency.
- Disease Updates:
  - Respiratory illness season is elevating, with state notifications of increases in Pertussis and Mycoplasma pneumoniae.
  - Reported COVID cases remains relatively low.
- Misc.:
  - All EPR and Epi staff have now completed Incident Command Systems (ICS) 300 and ICS400 training. This training enhances our capacity to respond to emergencies using standardized command organizational structures, documentation, and terminology.
  - Epi staff participated in a recent multi-county tour of the Denver Animal Protection facility to learn how animal-borne illness transmission to humans and pets is prevented in Denver County.
  - Partnerships with Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Open Space, local Veterinarians, and our various Animal Control partners, we have successfully navigated this year's cyclic emergence of distemper in the Raccoon population.

Emergency Preparedness & Response updates since last BOH meeting:

- Partner integration remains a high-level focus for the team. Maintaining connectivity and collaborative alignment with State, and Regional Emergency Management, Fire/Rescue/EMS agencies, hospitals, utilities, and other critical infrastructure providers consumes a good deal of time but is an investment in the sustainability of preparedness & response for all parties, and for the greater community.
- Locally, enhancing Mass Fatality response with key partners has been a priority this quarter.
- County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and departmental operations center (DOC) training is always ongoing, as we develop bench strength and consider succession planning.

Both teams have been supplying information and documentation for departmental accreditation.