El Paso County, CO Public Health

What's Going Around:

A Weekly Communicable Disease Report

Diseases and Conditions Reported During February 16-22, 2020

This report is a weekly snapshot of communicable diseases reported in El Paso County, as well as a report of disease trends and local health alerts. El Paso County Public Health's Communicable Disease Program partners with the medical community and the public to limit and stop the spread of diseases in our community.

Diseases Reported February 16-22, 2020:

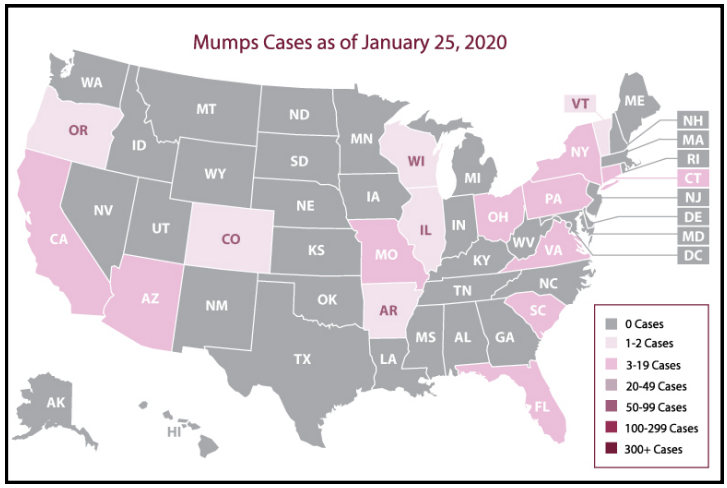
- 4 Animal bites— 1 pediatric, 3 adults
- 2 Carbapenem-resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (CRPA)— adults
- 7 Hepatitis C, chronic— adults
- 38 Hospitalized influenza— 32 adults, 6 pediatric
- 3 Pertussis— adults
- 1 Salmonellosis— 1 adult
- 3 Strep Pneumo invasive — 1 pediatric, 2 adults

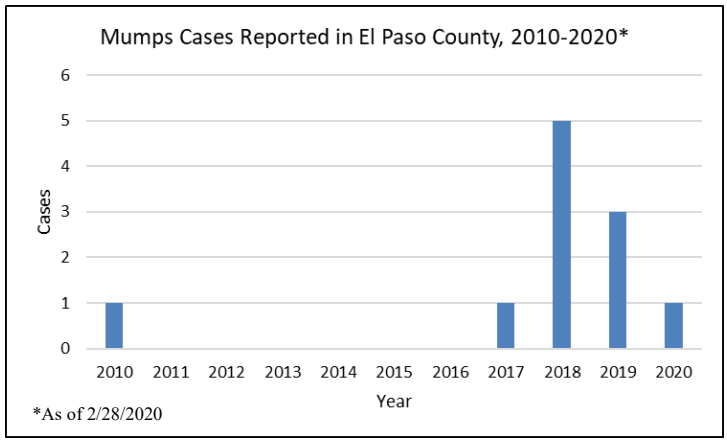
Additional Reports:

- Total hospitalized influenza cases in El Paso County from September 29, 2019– February 22, 2020: 390
- Total number of animals that have tested positive for rabies in 2020: 0
- Gastrointestinal illness complaints, possibly foodborne, associated with a retail food establishment: 1

Health News: Mumps in Colorado

- Mumps is a contagious illness caused by a virus that typically has symptoms of fever, headache, fatigue, and loss of appetite. Most people will have swelling of their salivary glands which cause puffy cheeks and a tender, swollen jaw.
- Mumps vaccine is the best way to protect against mumps and is given as part of a combination vaccine that protects against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). After the U.S. mumps vaccination program started in 1967, there has been over a 99% decrease in mumps cases in the U.S.
- Even though vaccine has drastically reduced mumps cases, outbreaks still occur. During these outbreaks, it is possible for a fully vaccinated individual to get mumps for multiple reasons such as a compromised immune system. Disease symptoms are milder and complications are less frequent in vaccinated individuals.
- In Colorado, mumps cases are reported annually including mumps outbreaks.
- Since 2010, EPC has had 11 total cases of mumps reported that have ranged from 5 years of age to 66.
- For more information on mumps, follow this link: www.cdc.gov/mumps/index.html
- For more information on MMR vaccine, follow this link: www.cdc.gov/mumps/vaccination.html





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Reportable Diseases and Conditions List