



## COCA Special Notice

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In response to [2010 Haiti Cholera Outbreak](#), we would like to provide you with the following information. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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### Haiti Cholera Information

#### **Defeating Cholera: Clinical Presentation and Management for Haiti Cholera Outbreak, 2010 (Nov 1)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/clinicalmanagement/>

#### **Mobile phone version of Haiti Cholera website (Oct 29)**

Mobile phone users can easily access simple text versions of content on the Haiti Cholera website.

<http://m.cdc.gov/menu.aspx>

#### **CDC Press Release: Outbreak of Cholera in Haiti: Family and Friends Traveling to Haiti Should Take Precautions While Celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day This Year (Oct 29)**

As many Haitian-Americans go to Haiti to visit family and friends to celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reminds travelers to take precautions to protect themselves from cholera, which has been spreading in Haiti since October 21.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2010/r101029.html>

#### **Travelers' Health - Advice about Cholera for Travelers Arriving in the United States from Haiti (Oct 29)**

People most often get cholera by drinking water or eating food that has cholera germs in it. Water can be contaminated with the feces of a person sick with cholera.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/cholera-travelers-returning-from-haiti.aspx>

#### **MMWR Dispatch (Oct 28)**

*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* October 28, 2010 / Vol. 59 /Dispatch. An outbreak of cholera is ongoing in Haiti. As of October 27, a total of 4,722 cholera cases and 303 deaths had been reported. Most cases have been reported from the Artibonite Department, a rural but densely settled area with several small urban centers.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm59d1028a1.htm>

### **Five Basic Cholera Prevention Messages (Oct 28)**

5 important, yet basic tips to help prevent the spread of Cholera.

[http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/five\\_messages.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/five_messages.htm)

### **Cholera Information for Healthcare Professionals (Oct 27)**

2010 Haiti Cholera resources for healthcare professionals addressing diagnosis, testing, treatment, patient care, and prevention.

[http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/hc\\_professionals.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/hc_professionals.htm)

### **Travelers' Health - Outbreak Notice, Cholera in Haiti (Oct 25)**

An epidemic cholera strain has been confirmed in Haiti, causing the first cholera outbreak in Haiti in many years. Cholera is a potentially fatal bacterial infection that causes severe diarrhea and dehydration.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/id/2487.aspx>

### **Cholera Confirmed in Haiti, October 21, 2010 (Oct 22)**

An outbreak of cholera was confirmed in Haiti on October 21, 2010. Cholera had not been documented in Haiti for decades so cholera outbreaks were considered unlikely in Haiti immediately following the earthquake in January, 2010.

<http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/situation/>

### **2010 Haiti Cholera Outbreak Website**

<http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/>

## **Additional Information for Healthcare Professionals**

### **Cholera JAMA article**

This article reviews the methods for recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of cholera.

[Cholera in the Americas: Guidelines for the Clinician](#)

Swerdlow DL and Ries AA. JAMA 1992; 267:1495-9.

### **Acute Watery Diarrhea and Cholera: Haiti Pre-decision Brief for Public Health Action**

This pre-decision brief was developed and posted on the CDC website on March 2, 2010, during the public health response to the earthquake in Haiti. It has useful information about cholera that is applicable to the outbreak in Haiti.

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/haiti/waterydiarrhea\\_pre-decision\\_brief.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/haiti/waterydiarrhea_pre-decision_brief.asp)

### **CDC Cholera Website**

<http://www.cdc.gov/cholera/>

### **CDC Hurricane Website**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/>

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