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## CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE (CLR) Update

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# Ebola Outbreak in Uganda



CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory regarding a confirmed Ebola outbreak in Uganda.



No suspected or confirmed Ebola cases have been reported in the U.S. or outside of Uganda.



CDC is advising U.S. public health departments, clinical laboratories, and healthcare workers on best practices to raise awareness about this outbreak.



CDC issued a Travel Health Notice Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions for those traveling to Uganda.

# Trump Administration Puts Temporary Freeze on Health Information

- The Trump administration has ordered a temporary freeze on communications from federal health agencies.
- Affected agencies include the CDC, FDA, and NIH, under the Department of Health and Human Services.
- The freeze includes regulations, guidance, announcements, press releases, social media posts, and website updates.
- APIC is monitoring the situation closely and issued a statement on February 4<sup>th</sup>

# President Announces US Withdrawal from WHO

- President Trump announced plans to withdraw the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Withdrawal requires Congressional approval due to U.S. membership being established by joint Congressional resolution.
  - A one-year notice period is required before withdrawal can occur.
- “APIC is disappointed in the announcement by the Trump administration to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO has long been a champion in leading efforts to drive infection prevention and control measures globally and a lynchpin in pandemic preparedness and response. The withdrawal will impact global health security, and the lack of a coordinated effort puts all nations at risk and weakens our combined efforts to combat infections.”

# Accelerated Subtyping of Influenza A in Hospitalized Patients

CDC issued Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory to clinicians and laboratories regarding influenza A subtyping.

## Updated Recommendations

- Shortened timeline for subtyping all influenza A specimens among hospitalized patients.
- In addition to jurisdiction-specific instructions for sending specimens for subtyping, CDC now recommends that all influenza A positive respiratory specimens from hospitalized patients, especially from those in an ICU, be subtyped for seasonal influenza A viruses [A(H1) and A(H3)] as soon as possible following admission—ideally within 24 hours

# OSHA Terminates COVID-19 Healthcare Standard



## **Termination of COVID-19 Healthcare Rulemaking**

OSHA announces the termination of the COVID-19 Healthcare rulemaking, initially published as an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) on June 21, 2021.



## **Next Steps**

OSHA will focus on the completion of an Infectious Diseases Standard instead. The termination of the rulemaking is effective January 15, 2025.