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Relación de noticias epidemiológica

OMS pide intensificar vacunación contra sarampión

Reporta la Organización Mundial de la Salud que en Europa se han reportado 22 mil casos de la enfermedad. La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) en Europa llamó el miércoles a intensificar las campañas de vacunación por el sarampión en la región tras reportes de 22 mil casos de la enfermedad altamente contagiosa desde comienzos de 2014.

La directora europea de la agencia de salud de la ONU, Zsuzsanna Jakab, dijo que “está atónita” por el elevado número de casos y que los 22.149 informados en siete países europeos amenazan al objetivo de la región de eliminar el sarampión a fines de 2015.

Si bien los casos de sarampión cayeron un 50 por ciento desde 2013 a 2014, aún existen grandes brotes en Europa del Este y Occidental, sostuvo la OMS. Italia ha registrado 1.674 casos de sarampión desde comienzos de 2014; Alemania, 583; Kirguistán, 7.477 y Rusia, más de 3.240.

<http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/el-mundo/2015/oms-pide-intensificar-vacunacion-contrasarampion-1079972.html>



Australia planea introducir etiquetado de país de origen tras brote de hepatitis A

SÍDNEY (Reuters) - El primer ministro australiano, Tony Abbott, respaldó el jueves los planes para introducir el etiquetado del país de origen en los alimentos luego de un brote de hepatitis A, lo que podría contravenir las reglas de la Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC).

Con 18 casos confirmados de hepatitis A ligados al consumo de bayas vendidos por Patties Foods Ltd, Abbott dijo que había pedido a los miembros de su gabinete que redacten una legislación a finales de marzo para dar mayor transparencia a los consumidores.

Esto marcó un cambio de su posición anterior de que dicha legislación elevaría el costo de los alimentos.

<http://lta.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idLTAKBN0LU0SQ20150226>

Frequency of measles vaccine discussions rises by 500%

Social media conversations about the pros and cons of vaccinations in light of the recent measles outbreak in the United States have increased by 500 percent, according to an analysis conducted by Treato.

The company tracked more than 120,000 online posts by patients and caregivers. It found that participants in 75 percent of measles-related conversations supported the vaccine while 25 percent of participants opposed it.

Autism was the most frequently cited reason for not receiving the vaccine in the social media conversations. The measles vaccine is mentioned in correlation with autism approximately 25 percent more than other common childhood vaccines.

<http://vaccinenewsdaily.com/news/332902-frequency-of-measles-vaccine-discussions-rises-by-500/>



WHO seeks greater acceptance of measles vaccination



The World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Europe today called on health care professionals, policymakers and parents to take more proactive steps in having children of all ages receive their measles vaccinations.

WHO hopes that this will deter the measles outbreaks that are currently occurring throughout Europe and the U.S., as well as help prevent future outbreaks.

The call to action comes after reports of more than 22,000 measles cases in seven European countries in 2014 and so far this year.

"When we consider that over the past two decades we have seen a reduction of 96 percent in the number of measles cases in the European Region, and that we are just a step away from eliminating the disease, we are taken aback by these numbers," Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO regional director for Europe, said.

<http://vaccinenewsdaily.com/news/332898-who-seeks-greater-acceptance-of-measles-vaccination/>

Caribbean Public Health Agency to hold Chikungunya Consultation in T&T

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) will be hosting a chikungunya consultation in Trinidad and Tobago next week to look at the complex challenges the mosquito borne virus has brought to the region.

The conference entitled, Chikungunya and the Caribbean: Meeting Today's Challenge and Preparing for the Future, will take place March 3-5, 2015.

The Consultation will provide a valuable platform for key Caribbean and international stakeholders to share experiences, review currently available knowledge and, develop and reinforce the multisector collaborative efforts required to tackle Chikungunya and other mosquito borne diseases.



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<http://outbreaknewstoday.com/caribbean-public-health-agency-to-hold-chikungunya-consultation-in-tt-34504/>