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outbreaks in KY healthcare facilities 2010 & 2011

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Dr. Kavanagh,

In response to your open records request of December 13, 2011, the following information is provided:

In 2010, a total of 59 outbreaks in health care facilities were reported to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. Of these, 54 occurred in long term care facilities (LTC) and 5 in hospitals. In 26 of the LTC outbreaks, norovirus was the likely etiology. In two of the hospital outbreaks, norovirus was the likely etiology, and in one hospital outbreak, acinetobacter was the cause. Scabies was the etiology implicated in another hospital outbreak, and the cause of the final hospital outbreak was undetermined.

The 2011 data should be used with caution, since they are still preliminary. As of today's date, 46 outbreaks in health care facilities have been reported to the Kentucky Department for Public Health and recorded in the electronic system so far in 2011. Of these, 44 occurred in long term care facilities (LTC) and 2 in hospitals.

As in 2010, the majority of the LTC outbreaks for which a cause was found were determined to be associated with norovirus. Both recorded hospital outbreaks in 2011 involved MDROs (acinetobacter, 1, and MRSA, 1).

Again, all outbreaks for 2011 may not yet be recorded electronically--- and of course, there are still a few more weeks left in the year. Final numbers for the 2011 calendar year will not be available until sometime after the first of the year.

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Dr Humbaugh

Rep Burch has asked me to present before the H &W Cmt this Monday.

Do you have any updated statistics or information regarding HAI outbreaks in KY Hospitals and Nursing homes?

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