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COMMENTS:

Please see the alert from Detroit Health Department (DHD) regarding increased illnesses in elementary aged children.

On May 4th 2023, an update was provided, "DHD is investigating a cluster of two confirmed H. influenzae invasive cases (including one death) at Marcus Garvey elementary school in Detroit. There are reports of additional children ill at the school and a second elementary school. Additional pathogens including respiratory viruses and Group A strep may also be contributing. Parents of symptomatic children are being encouraged to seek medical care and providers are being asked to consider H. influenzae in addition to respiratory viruses."

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ALERT TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
PLEASE SHARE WITH PROVIDERS IN YOUR JURISDICTION
Wednesday, May 3, 2023


On Monday, May 1, 2023, the Detroit Health Department was notified of a group of infections at one elementary school that has since impacted more than one classroom.

The incident case presented with flu-like symptoms, with initial improvement. Approximately one week later, the child's condition deteriorated. The child died on April 26th. The final medical examiner report is pending. In addition, one child remains hospitalized since April 29th, and another child was seen in an Emergency Department on May 1st, and has since been discharged.

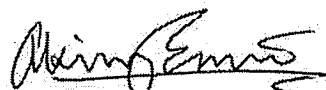
On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Detroit Health Department was notified of a second group of infections at a second elementary school. To date, the Health Department is actively monitoring close to 25 cases within both schools.

Symptoms of hospitalized cases include high fever, headache, and lethargy. Other children in the classrooms additionally reported nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.


If you treat a child in your facility with these symptoms, please consider ordering an additional blood culture screening for *Haemophilus influenzae*, in addition to RSV, COVID-19, and seasonal influenza.

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