

Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Emergency Response Technology (ALERT) Health Alert Network (HAN)

Cluster of Pediatric Patients with Acute Neurologic Illness of Unknown Etiology

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has notified states of a cluster of nine pediatric patients in Colorado with acute neurologic illness of undetermined etiology. These illnesses have occurred since August 1, 2014 coincident with an increase of respiratory illnesses among children in Colorado. The purpose of this HAN Advisory is to provide awareness of this neurologic syndrome under investigation with the aim of determining if children with similar clinical and radiographic findings are being cared for in other geographic areas.

Suspected clusters of EV-D68 and/or cases of acute neurologic illness with unknown etiology in children should be reported to the Alabama Department of Public Health by calling 1-800-338-8374.

CDC Health Advisory Summary

To review CDC's entire Health Advisory, please go to
http://www.adph.org/bcd/assets/CDC_HAN_00370.pdf

For more information:

Please visit the CDC enterovirus website (<http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/>) for general information about enterovirus infections, including EVD-68, and for up-to-date guidance about infection control measures.