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Committee: Surveillance

Title: Inclusion of “Provisional” conditions on the CSTE List of Nationally Notifiable Conditions

I. Statement of the Problem:

CSTE position statement 07-EC-02 “CSTE official list of Nationally Notifiable Conditions” called for CSTE and CDC to jointly “develop, implement and maintain notifiable conditions standardized reporting definitions”. CSTE position statement 08-EC-02 “Criteria for Inclusion of Conditions on CSTE Nationally Notifiable Condition List and for Categorization as Immediately or Routinely Notifiable” requires “CSTE position statement has been adopted pursuant to 07-EC-02, which specifically calls for the condition to be immediately nationally notifiable” or “CSTE position statement has been adopted pursuant to 07-EC-02, which specifically calls for the condition to be routinely nationally notifiable”.

The term “provisional” is appropriately used in the context of an emerging condition. If a new condition arises suddenly (as did novel influenza A), then the CSTE Executive Board can adopt an interim position statement any time during the year which calls for the condition to be under national surveillance, and separately place the condition on the NNC List with the label provisional.¹ The interim position statement stands as official CSTE policy until it is confirmed (or voted down) by the full membership at the next annual meeting, through a vote on a proposed position statement based on the "Template for Placing Diseases or Conditions Under National Surveillance." The NNC listing stands as official CSTE policy until the explicit criteria in 08-EC-02 “Criteria for Inclusion of Conditions on CSTE Nationally Notifiable Condition List and for Categorization as Immediately or Routinely Notifiable” are assessed.

II. Statement of the desired action(s) to be taken:

- 1.) Following the 2010 annual meeting, the NNC List will show no conditions listed as provisional, unless and until such time as the CSTE membership or Executive Board (EB) adopts a Position Statement placing an emerging condition under national surveillance and adding it to the *CSTE List of Nationally Notifiable Conditions* on a provisional basis.
- 2.) An emerging condition which is provisionally placed on the NNC List by the membership or EB must be approved by the CSTE membership at the next annual meeting.

¹ The CSTE *Policies & Procedures Manual* should detail expected actions by CSTE staff to implement revisions to the NNC list.

III. Public Health Impact:

This action will allow emerging conditions to be immediately added to the Nationally Notifiable Condition List without waiting for States to establish laws making them reportable.

Conditions will not remain indefinitely on the NNC List in the absence of a full adopted position statement.

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