



Countries from throughout the Americas will participate in the Western Hemisphere's largest multi-country health effort, Vaccination Week in the Americas, from 25 April – 2 May 2009. Thirty-five PAHO Member States and nine territories, are finalizing local strategies and logistics for this year's initiative in cooperation with UNICEF, the seventh such event since 2003. The main launching events are planned in the South American Chaco region, on the border between Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay.

The goal this year is to vaccinate some 30 million people against diseases including polio, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome, measles, diphtheria, mumps, whooping cough, tetanus and neonatal tetanus, *H. influenzae* type b (Hib), yellow fever, and influenza. Two special themes for this year's effort are family vaccination and vaccination for health workers, who face high occupational risk but have low rates of vaccination coverage against diseases such as hepatitis B, influenza, measles, and rubella.

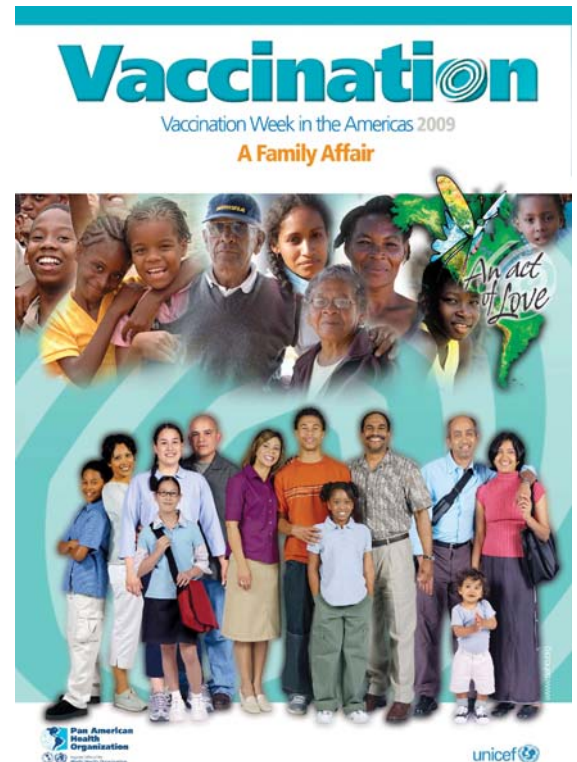


Table No.1
Classification of Suspect Measles, Rubella, and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) Cases for the Period of Weeks 01-15, 2009

Subregion and Country	Suspect Cases 2009	Measles Confirmed 2009			Year/Week Last Confr. Measles Case	Rubella Confirmed 2009			Year/Week Last Confr. Rubella Case	Diagnosis of Discarded Cases 2009		Congenital Rubella Syndrome		CRI *	
		Clinic.	Lab.	Total		Clinic.	Lab.	Total		Dengue	Other	Suspect	Conf.		
AND	BOL	55	0	0	0	00/40	0	0	0	06/03	0	50	3
	COL	121	0	0	0	02/39	0	0	0	07/31	0	114	18	...	
	ECU	182	0	0	0	08/21	0	0	0	04/45	23	154	0	0	
	PER	260	0	0	0	08/18	0	0	0	06/45	1	229	...	...
	VEN	30	0	0	0	07/06	0	0	0	07/34	4	19	...	...
BRA	BRA	2041	0	0	0	06/48	0	0	0	08/53	66	1238	21	0	
CAP	COR	1	0	0	0	05/22	0	0	0	01/42	0	0	...	...
	ELS	63	0	0	0	01/19	0	0	0	06/30	1	62	...	...
	GUT	68	0	0	0	98/05	0	0	0	06/30	0	63	11	0	
	HON	31	0	0	0	97/29	0	0	0	04/11	5	26	11	0	
	NIC	54	0	0	0	94/14	0	0	0	04/19	0	54	0	0	
	PAN	21	0	0	0	95/49	0	0	0	02/48	0	21	0	0	
CAR	CAR	142	0	0	0	08/26	0	0	0	08/18	2	72	0	0	
LAC	CUB	198	0	0	0	93/27	0	0	0	04/06	0	174	0	0	
	DOR	43	0	0	0	01/23	0	0	0	06/44	0	17	...	...
	FGU	7	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...	7	0	...	...
	GUA	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HAI	2	0	0	0	01/39	0	0	0	06/47	0	0	1	0	
	MAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	PUR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MEX	MEX	977	0	0	0	06/49	0	0	0	08/20	0	523	0	0	
NOA	CAN	...	0	6	6 ^a	09/07	0	1	1 ^a	09/08	...	...	...	...
	USA	...	0	22	22 ^a	09/15	0	0	0	08/47	...	...	...	...
SOC	ARG	76	0	3	3 ^a	09/15	0	3	3 ^a	09/04	0	66	1	2	
	CHI	52	0	1	1 ^a	09/07	0	0	0	08/30	0	35	28	0	
	PAR	116	0	0	0	98/44	0	0	0	05/21	8	107	1	0	
	URU	1	0	0	0	99/08	0	0	0	01/37	0	1	...	...
TOTAL		4541	0	32	32	-	0	4	4	-	117	3025	89	2	3

... No report received; * Congenital rubella infection; (a) See Table 2 for infection source.



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Table No.2
Infection Source of Measles and Rubella Confirmed Cases for the Period of Weeks 01-15, 2009

Subregion and Country		Measles			Rubella				
		I	IR	U	I	IR	U	IN	
AND	BOL								
	COL								
	ECU								
	PER								
	VEN								
BRA	BRA								
	CAP								
	COR								
	ELS								
	GUT								
HON	HON								
	NIC								
	PAN								
	CAR	CAR							
		LAC							
CUB									
DOR									
FGU									
GUA	GUA								
	HAI								
	MAR								
	PUR								
	MEX	MEX							
NOA		1	5				1		
CAN									
USA		11	9	2					
SOC		ARG	1	2					
	CHI	1							
	PAR								
	URU								
	TOTAL		14	16	2			1	

Table No.3
Measles/Rubella Suspect Cases Under Investigation for the Period of Weeks 01-15, 2009

Country	Pending Cases 2008	Cumulative 2009	Week of Rash Onset							Unkn.
			1-10	11	12	13	14	15		
BOL	0	5	2	0	1	1	1	...		
COL	95	7	6	0	1	0	0	0		
ECU	0	5	3	0	1	1	0	0		
PER	11	30	8	4	2	5	6	5		
VEN	56	7	7	...	...	...	...	...
BRA	1158	737	466	90	89	53	39	...		
CAP										
COR	23	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	1
ELS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...		
GUT	1	5	1	0	2	1	0	1		
HON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NIC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CAR	CAR	0	68	33	16	14	4	0	0	1
	LAC									
	CUB	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24	
	DOR	11	26	19	3	1	1	0	2	
	FGU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GUA	GUA	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HAI	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	...	
	MAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	PUR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	MEX	MEX	0	451	350	42	21	23	13	2
NOA										
CAN		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
USA		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SOC		ARG	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	CHI	2	16	9	3	1	3	0	...	
	PAR	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	URU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL		1359	1387	906	158	133	93	59	36	2

I: Imported; IR: Import-related; U: Unknown; IN: Indigenous

... No report received

Table No.4
Indicators of Integrated Measles/Rubella Surveillance for the Period of Weeks 01-15, 2009

Sub-region and Country		% Sites Reporting Weekly	% Cases with Adequate Investigation	% Cases with Adequate Sample	% Lab Received ≤5 days	% Lab Result ≤4 days	% Cases Discarded by Lab	Chains of Transmission With Representative Samples for Viral Isolation		
								Measles	Rubella	
AND	BOL	75	98	100	68	90	100			
	COL	64	53	98	78	92	99			
	ECU	83	70	97	92	93	98			
	PER	95	94	100	66	78	91			
	VEN	...	58	83	79	75	96			
BRA	BRA	91	42	47	...	...	99		
	CAP									
	COR	...	54	0	0	0	...			
	ELS	85	92	100	94	83	98			
	GUT	...	7	96	100	75	100			
HON	HON	95	97	94	71	100	100			
	NIC	100	79	96	96	96	98			
	PAN	84	86	95	86	81	100			
	CAR	CAR	99	45	97	33	95	99		
		LAC								
CUB		100	100	100	100	100	88			
DOR		82	47	95	67	35	94			
FGU		...	...	...	...	...	...
GUA	GUA	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HAI	100	0	100	50	50	...			
	MAR	...	...	...	...	...	...
	PUR	...	...	...	...	...	...
	MEX	MEX	94	98	98	73	84	100		
NOA										
CAN		...	...	...	...	...	...
USA		...	...	...	...	...	...
SOC		ARG	75	80	100	80	97	100		
	CHI	99	0	73	71	92	91			
	PAR	88	57	100	94	100	100			
	URU	80	100	100	100	0	100			
	Total and Average		90	64	75	77	87	98		

... No report received.