

## ANNEX 5. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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*The following materials are available free of charge from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Copies may be requested by calling (1-404) 639-1510, faxing (1-404) 639-1509, or through e-mail at [dvd1spath@cdc.gov](mailto:dvd1spath@cdc.gov). Requests may also be sent by regular mail to Special Pathogens Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Mail Stop A26, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Please include your postal mailing address in your request.*

### PREVENTING HANTAVIRUS DISEASE

The purpose of this video (running time 27 minutes) is to provide information to the general public on hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). Doctors and scientists who have had firsthand experience with HPS discuss symptoms, transmission, risk factors, treatment, and prevention. The video also focuses on how to prevent the disease by using rodent control measures and safety precautions. Additionally, people who have survived HPS describe what it is like to have this illness. A Spanish version is also available.

### A NEW HANTAVIRUS

This videotape (running time 57 min) provides information on hantavirus pulmonary syndrome to health professionals and covers the 1993 outbreak in the southwestern United States, clinical description, laboratory diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention.

### METHODS FOR TRAPPING AND SAMPLING SMALL MAMMALS FOR VIROLOGIC TESTING

This manual is intended as a guide for those persons performing ecologic and epidemiologic studies involv-

ing populations of rodents which are potentially infected with hantavirus. The manual covers the following major topics in detail: selection of appropriate collection sites; trapping methods that provide a representative sample of the rodent population; handling, operation, and placement of traps for small mammals; safe and humane techniques for trapping and handling rodents; selection of appropriate sample fluids and tissues and detailed methods for obtaining these samples; proper storage, packaging, and shipment of specimens to the laboratory; effective decontamination and cleaning of traps and other materials; safe disposal of infectious wastes; and careful collection and recording of all pertinent data.

### HANTAVIRUS: INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISEASE AND HOW TO HELP PREVENT IT

This packet of prevention materials includes a poster, multiple copies of a concise informational brochure (may be ordered separately), a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet, and "The Essential Facts" sheet.

### PREVENT HANTAVIRUS PULMONARY SYNDROME

This brochure is a public information guide for tourists, campers, and hikers.

### LABORATORY MANAGEMENT OF AGENTS ASSOCIATED WITH HPS: INTERIM BIOSAFETY GUIDELINES

This *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* issue contains the following information on biosafety:

precautions for handling specimens from humans; precautions for handling tissue samples and viral cultures; and precautions for work with host species.

### **HANTAVIRUS INFECTION— SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES: INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RISK REDUCTION**

This *MMWR* issue contains the following information on risk reduction: general household precautions in affected areas; eliminating rodents inside the home and reducing rodent access to the home; cleanup of rodent-contaminated areas; special precautions for homes of persons with confirmed hantavirus infection or buildings with heavy rodent infestation; precautions for workers in affected areas who are regularly exposed to rodents; precautions for other occupational groups who have potential rodent contact; and precautions for campers and hikers in the affected areas.

### **CDC HANTAVIRUS INTERNET WEB SITE**

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps/index.htm>.

The "All About Hantavirus" Internet Web site offers information on HPS. Contents are divided into general and technical information areas. Subjects covered in the general information area include carriers and transmission, a description of at-risk groups, symptoms, treatment, prevention methods for various situations, and the history of HPS in the United States. The technical information area is written as a standard research article, with topics ranging from clinical subjects through ecology, epidemiology, and virology. Additional offerings include case information, data on HPS in South America, a listing and description of other information resources, state epidemiology contacts, and special reports. One article, for example, discusses the potential impact of El Niño on the occurrence of HPS. A text-only version of the entire site is also available to make access easier for persons with slow Internet connections.