



PURPOSE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANNUAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MORBIDITY REPORT

The annual report of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Disease Control Programs is compiled for the following purposes:

1. To summarize annual communicable disease morbidity in Los Angeles County.
2. To assess the effectiveness of established communicable disease control programs.
3. To identify patterns of disease as an aid in directing future disease prevention efforts.
4. To identify inadequacies in the data used for the above purposes and to identify means of improving the data.

The annual report serves as a communicable disease morbidity resource for medical and public health authorities at county, state, and national levels. County employees, students, the media, and the general public also will find the report useful and informative. A separate ACDC document entitled "Special Reports, ACDC, 1997," summarizes some of the most interesting or unusual investigations for the year. The following topics are included:

- Botulism Summary (excluding infant botulism), 1996
- Hepatitis A Outbreak Associated with a Catering Service
- Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease, 1996
- Invasive Pneumococcal Disease in Los Angeles County, 1996
- Retrospective Kindergarten Survey, 1996
- New AIDS Treatment Regimens
- Nosocomial Scabies Outbreaks in Acute Care Facilities in LAC, 1996
- *Salmonella* Serotype *enteritidis* in Los Angeles County, 1996
- *Salmonella heidelberg* Outbreak in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Use of Molecular Biology in Outbreak Investigations
- Varicella Active Surveillance and Epidemiologic Studies Project, 1996*

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