

2015 *Vibrio* outreach plan
Science Services Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

Provider flyer = [VIBRIO INFECTIONS: INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS](#)

Citizen flyer = [MARYLANDERS' GUIDE TO SKIN WOUNDS AND WATER CONTACT](#)

By June 15, 2015

1. Make edits to both flyers

Provider flyer:

- Change “between 25 and 45 cases” to “between 30 and 60 cases”
- Add phone number for environmental health help line at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Consider additional information that may be useful for providers, such as what to ask patients regarding exposures and consideration of other infections

Citizen flyer:

- Change “*Vibrio* infections are rare” to “*Vibrio* infections are rare in Maryland and nationwide” – see b.1 in [Senate Bill 83](#)
- Change “This can be particularly dangerous for people with weakened immune systems” to “This can be particularly dangerous for people with liver disease or weakened immune systems”

Both flyers:

- In addition to providing a link to Maryland Healthy Beaches web site, include a link to MDE’s web site (mde.maryland.gov) – see b.6 in Senate Bill 83

2. Input pending from the *Vibrio* workgroup of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission

3. Contact the Mid-Atlantic office of the [American Liver Foundation](#) and other groups related to conditions that increase vulnerability or exposure risk to see if they could distribute the citizen flyer to members

4. Send both flyers via email [flyer PDFs and flyer links] to points of contact for these organizations (contacted previously - in June 2013):

- Maryland Nurses Association
- Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland
- American College of Physicians, Maryland Chapter
- Maryland Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter
- American College of Emergency Physicians, Maryland Chapter
- Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants

Include organizations not contacted in June 2013:

- Maryland Nurses Coalition
- Maryland Emergency Nurses Association

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- Maryland Association for Healthcare Quality
5. Send both flyers via email [flyer PDFs and flyer links] to these organizations, inviting them to post flyer links on their departments' web pages:
 - Maryland Association of County Health Officers
 - Maryland Association of Local Environmental Health Directors
 6. Send hard copies of citizen flyer to applicable state parks for posting; announce via email
 7. Ensure that flyers are accessible via MDE's web page, the DHMH Safe and Healthy Swimming web page, and the Maryland Healthy Beaches web page

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