



Kentucky Department for Public Health

KY17-089 - Acute Hepatitis A Outbreak Weekly Report

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Week 22

May 27, 2018 – June 2, 2018

Brief Description of Outbreak: In November 2017, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) identified an outbreak of acute hepatitis A. The increase in cases observed in Kentucky was well over the 10-year average of reported hepatitis A cases, and several cases have been infected with hepatitis A virus (HAV) strains genetically linked to outbreaks in California, Utah, and Michigan. Similar to hepatitis A outbreaks in other states, the primary risk factors have been homelessness and illicit drug use. A contaminated food source has not been identified, and HAV transmission is believed to have occurred through person-to-person contact. Below is a weekly and cumulative update on the outbreak.

In accordance with 902 KAR 2:020, cases of acute hepatitis A should be reported within 24 hours.

The case definition used for outbreak-associated acute hepatitis A cases is available upon request.

Table 1: Summary of Outbreak-Associated Acute Hepatitis A Cases

Update for Week 22:		Update Total for Weeks 35-22:	
Number of new cases:	Confirmed - 0 Probable - 49 Suspect - 23	Total number of cases (n=761):	Confirmed - 221 Probable - 368 Suspected - 172
Number of counties with new cases:	19	Total number of counties with cases:	47 (39% of KY counties)
Number of cases with specimens submitted for genotyping where results are available:	0	Number of cases with specimens submitted for genotyping where results are available:	234 (31%)
Number of cases with genotype IB among those with genotype testing:	0	Total number of cases with genotype IB among those with genotype testing:	214 (91% of those tested)
Number of Hospitalizations:	42	Total Number of Hospitalizations:	467 (61%)
Number of deaths Reported*:	0	Total number of deaths reported*:	6 (<1%)

* Deaths are defined as any outbreak-associated acute hepatitis A case with documentation of hepatitis A as a contributing factor to the individual's death.

Table 2: Cumulative Distribution of Cases by County

KY17-089 Distribution Of Outbreak-Associated Acute Hepatitis A Cases, by County, August 1, 2017 – June 2, 2018*^#					
County	Total number of cases reported	Number of confirmed cases	Number of probable cases	Number of suspected cases	Incident Rate per 100,000 population
Anderson	2	0	1	1	8.9
Ballard	4	2	1	1	49.8
Barren	1	0	0	1	2.3
Boone^	1	0	1	0	0.8
Bourbon	2	0	1	1	10.0
Boyd	94	31	44	19	195.9
Boyle	2	0	1	1	6.7
Bullitt	32	15	11	6	39.9
Campbell	2	0	1	1	2.2
Carter	39	1	27	11	143.7
Casey	1	1	0	0	6.3
Estill	1	0	1	0	7.0
Fayette	3	0	2	1	0.9
Floyd^	1	0	1	0	2.8
Franklin	1	0	0	1	2.0
Grant	2	1	1	0	8.0
Grayson	4	1	2	1	15.2
Greenup	33	9	17	7	92.9
Hardin	16	3	7	6	14.8
Henry	2	0	1	1	12.5
Hopkins	1	0	0	1	2.2
Jefferson	433	144	207	82	56.1

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County	Total number of cases reported	Number of confirmed cases	Number of probable cases	Number of suspected cases	Incident Rate per 100,000 population
Jessamine	2	0	0	2	3.7
Kenton	2	0	2	0	1.2
Laurel	2	0	0	2	3.3
Lawrence	2	1	1	0	12.7
Leslie	1	0	0	1	9.7
Lincoln	2	0	1	1	8.2
Madison	1	1	0	0	1.1
Marion	2	2	0	0	10.3
Marshall	1	0	1	0	3.2
McCracken	4	2	0	2	6.1
Meade	4	1	1	2	14.2
Montgomery	15	1	8	6	53.7
Nelson	8	2	2	4	17.5
Ohio	3	0	1	2	12.4
Oldham	4	1	2	1	6.0
Pendleton	1	0	1	0	6.9
Powell^	2	0	2	0	16.2
Pulaski^	1	0	1	0	1.6
Rowan	2	0	2	0	8.2
Russell	1	0	0	1	5.6
Shelby	4	0	4	0	8.4
Spencer	4	1	2	1	21.6
Taylor	4	0	2	2	15.7

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County	Total number of cases reported	Number of confirmed cases	Number of probable cases	Number of suspected cases	Incident Rate per 100,000 population
Warren	9	1	7	1	7.0
Whitley	3	0	0	3	8.3
Total Number of Cases:	761	221	368	172	17.1

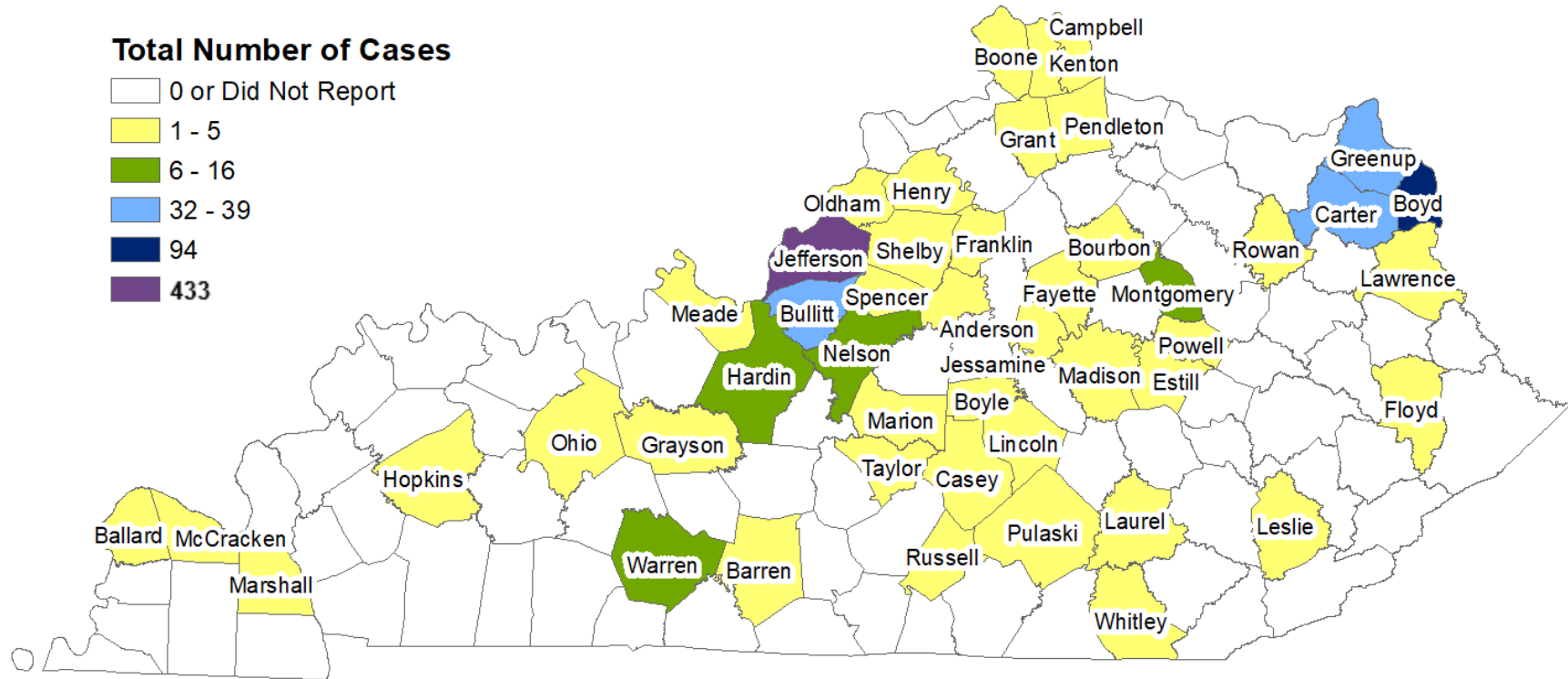
* Cases are reported based on date of specimen collection.

^ Denotes a county where cases have not been previously identified.

As genotyping results become available, cases may be excluded if they do not meet the outbreak case definition.
Cases in the following counties have been excluded from the outbreak case count this week: None.

Figure 1: Geographic Distribution of Outbreak-Associated Cases by County

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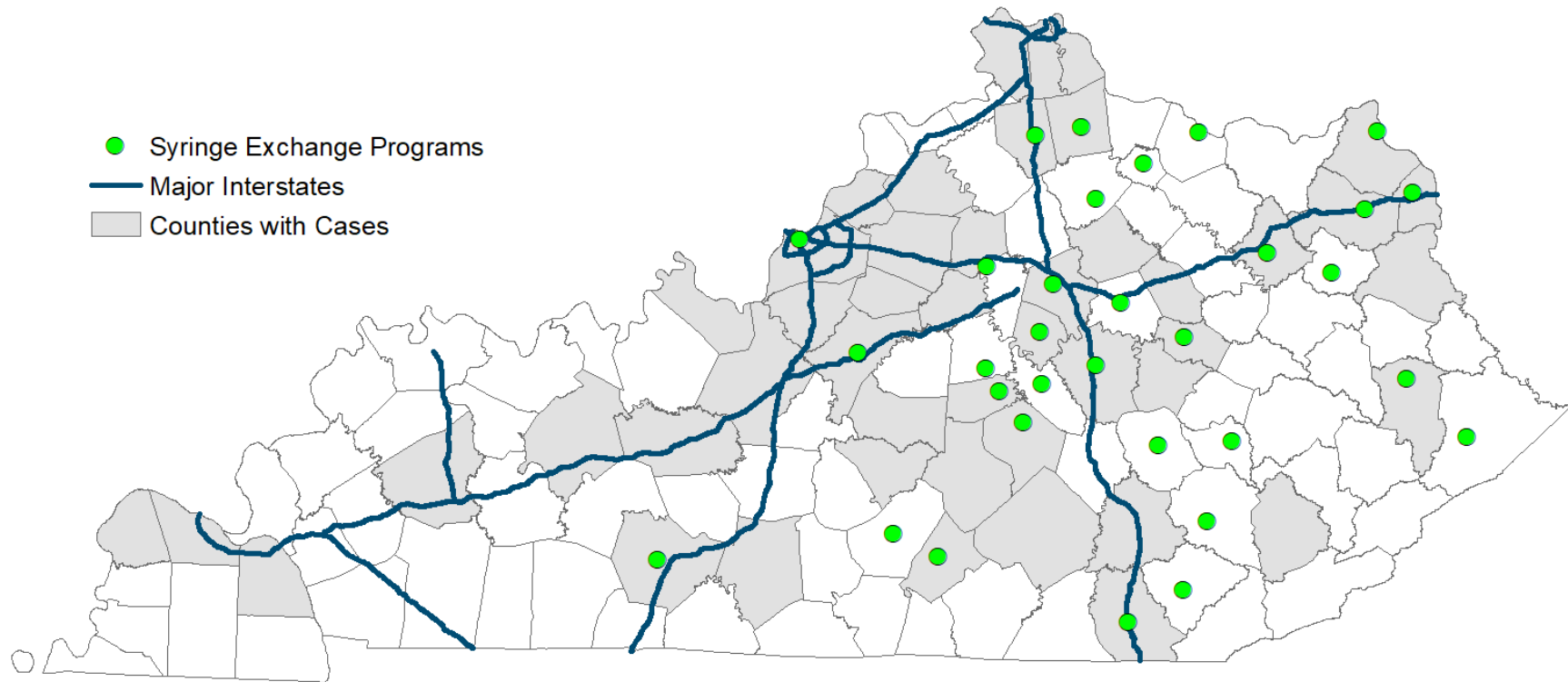


n = 47 counties with outbreak-associated cases

Counties where cases have not previously been identified: Boone, Floyd, Powell, Pulaski.

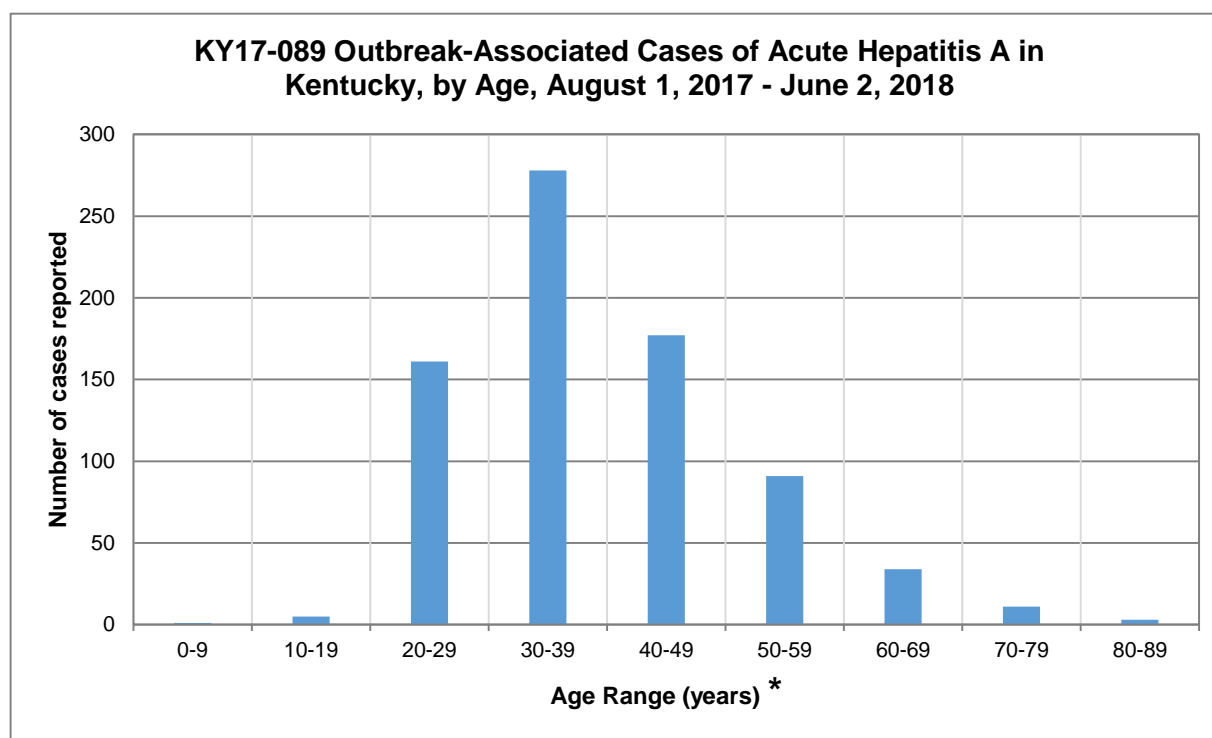
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Major Interstates include I-24, I-264, I-265, I-275, I-471, I-64, I-65, I-69, I-71, I-75, Martha Lane Collins Bluegrass Parkway, and Wendell H Ford Western KY Parkway

Figure 3: Outbreak-Associated Cases by Age



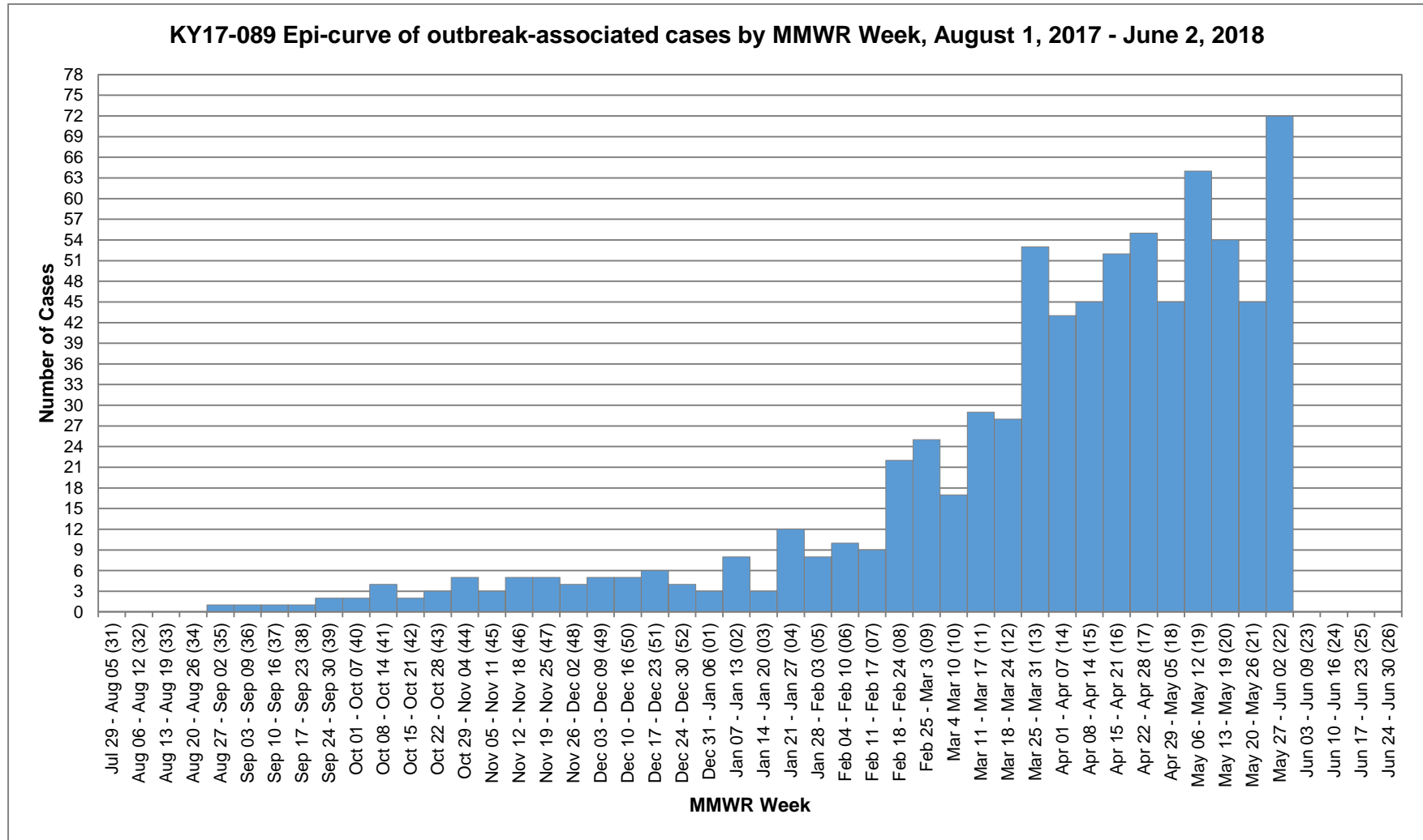
* The mean age of cases is 38.9 years, and the median age is 37.0 years.

Table 3: Frequent Risk Factors of Outbreak-associated Cases

KY17-089 Risk Factors of Outbreak-Associated Acute Hepatitis A Cases*, August 1, 2017 – June 2, 2018	
Risk Factor	Number of Cases Reporting Risk Factor (n=502)*
Homelessness only	13 (3%)
Illicit drug use only	354 (71%)
Homelessness + illicit drug use	80 (16%)
MSM only	3 (<1%)
No Risk Factors	96 (19%)

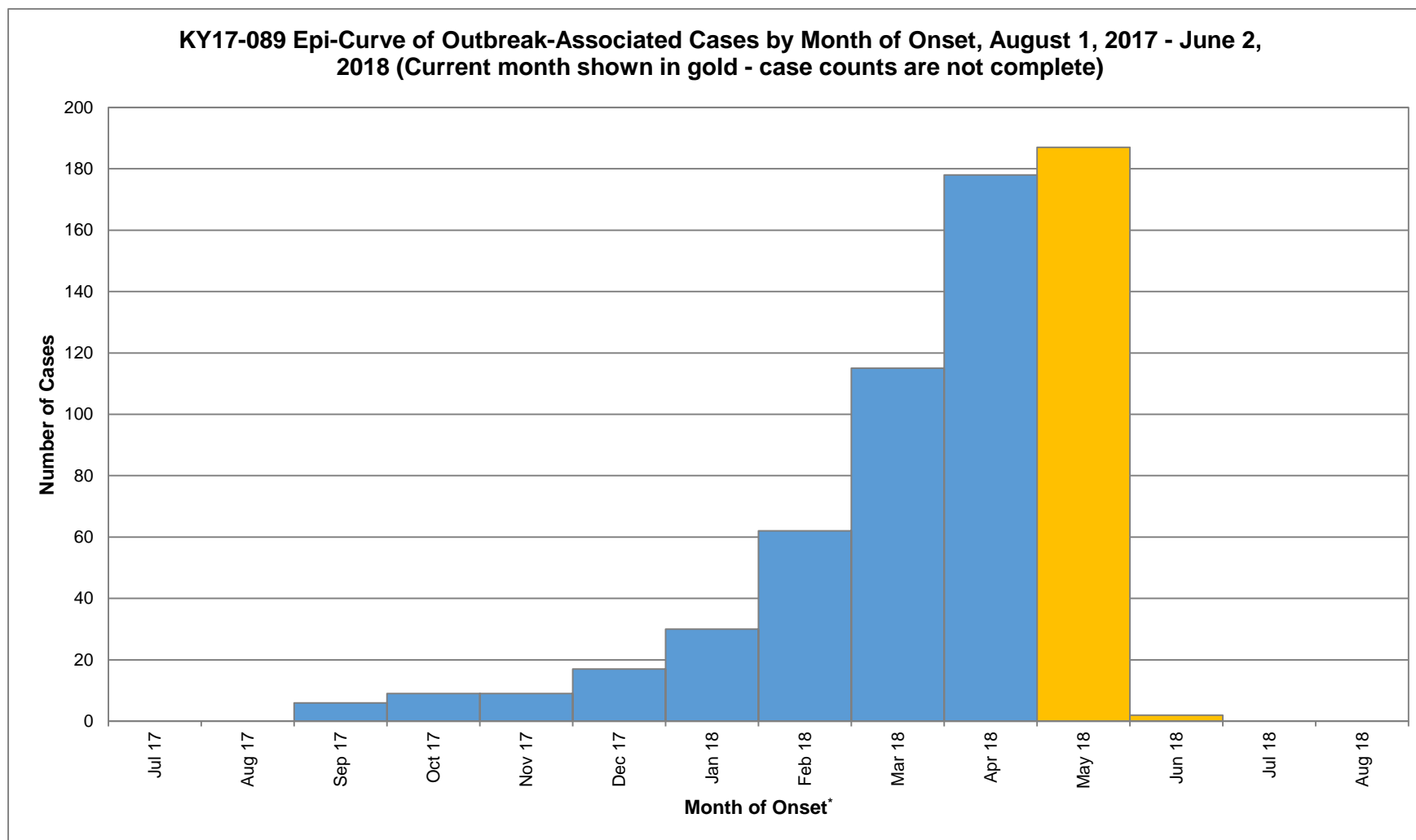
* Risk factor information is unavailable for 259 (34%) of all outbreak associated cases.

Figure 4: Epidemic-curve (Epi-Curve) of Outbreak-Associated Cases



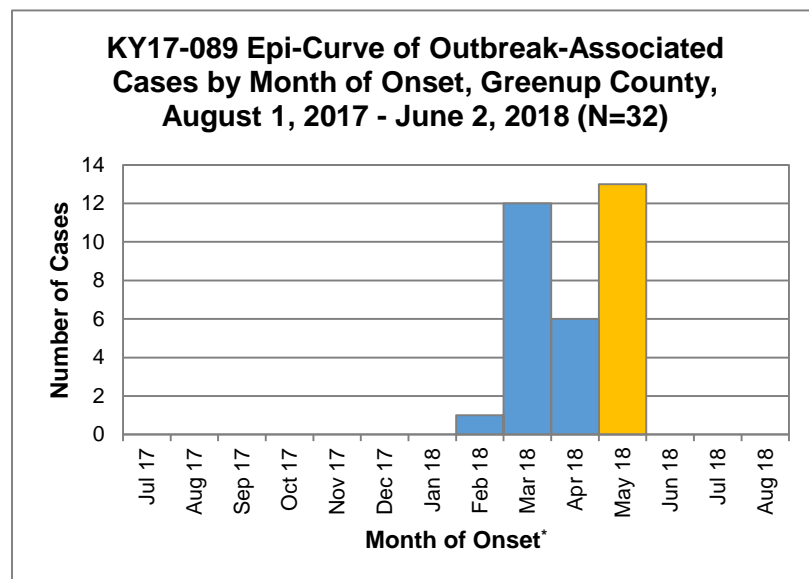
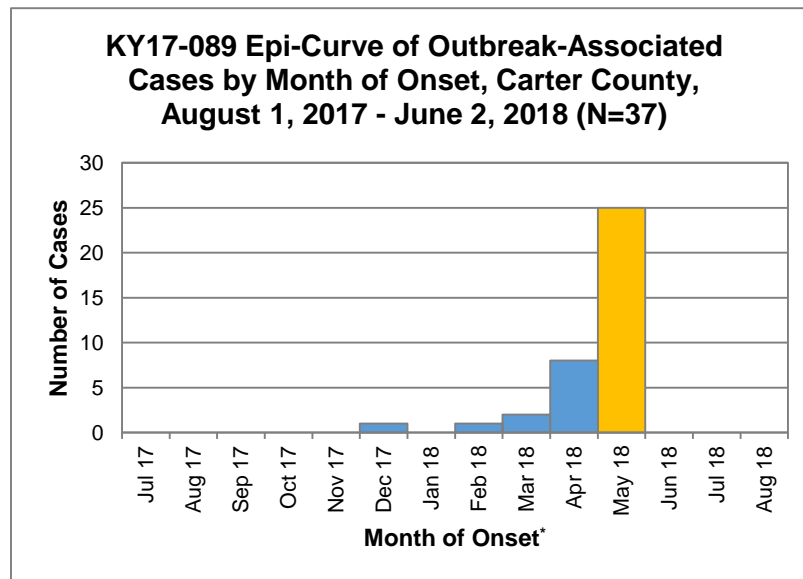
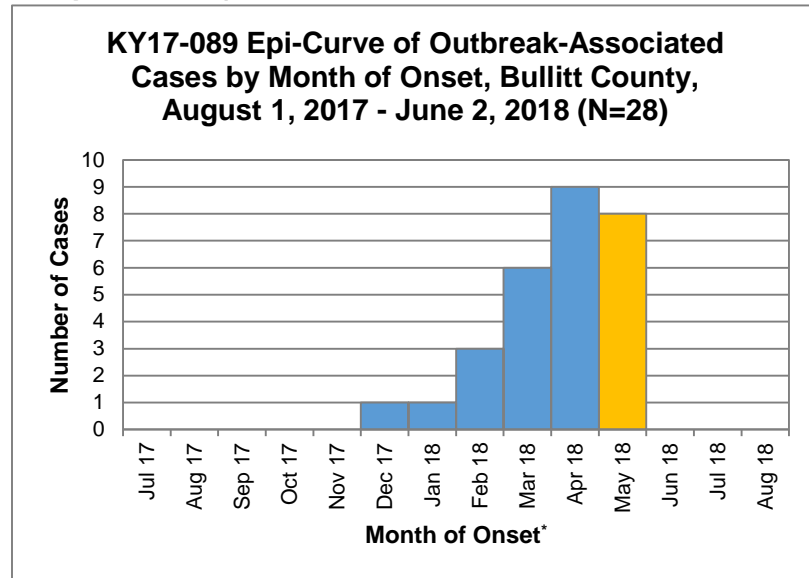
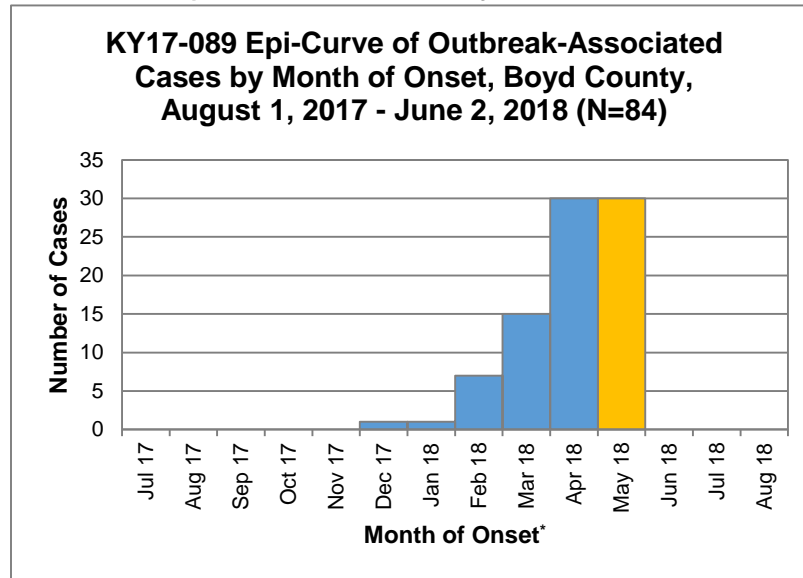
* MMWR weeks are based on date of specimen collection.

Figure 5: Epidemic-curve (Epi-Curve) of Outbreak-Associated Cases by Month of Onset



* Date of onset has been reported for 80.8% (or 615/761) of cases.

Figures 6-9: Epidemic-curves (Epi-Curves) of Outbreak-Associated Cases in Counties with at least 5 reported cases, by Month of Onset (Counties include Boyd, Bullitt, Carter, and Greenup Counties)



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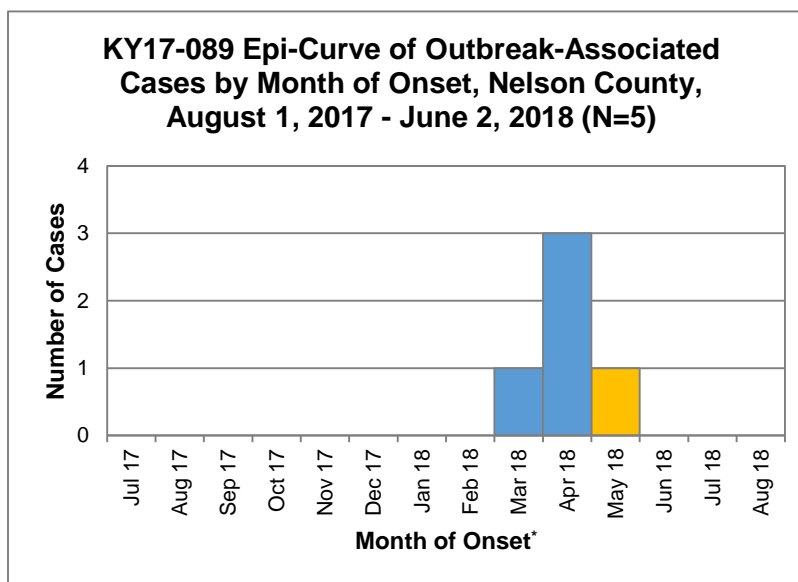
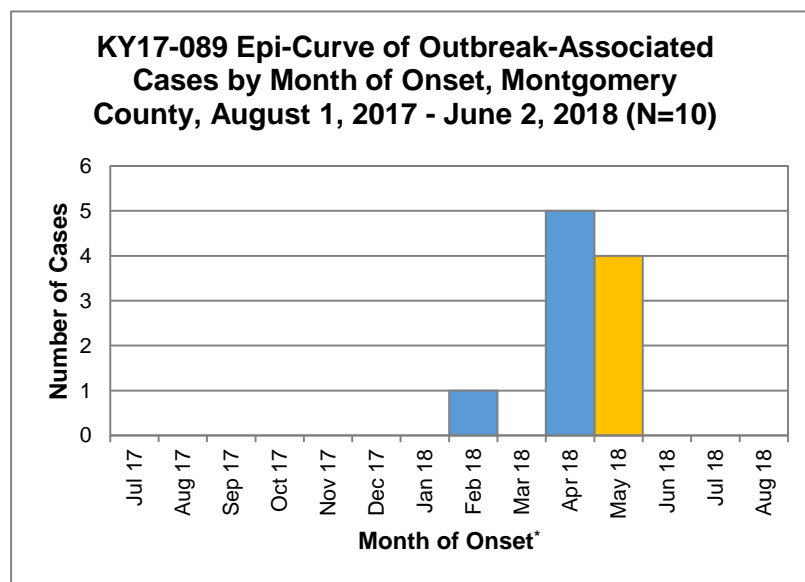
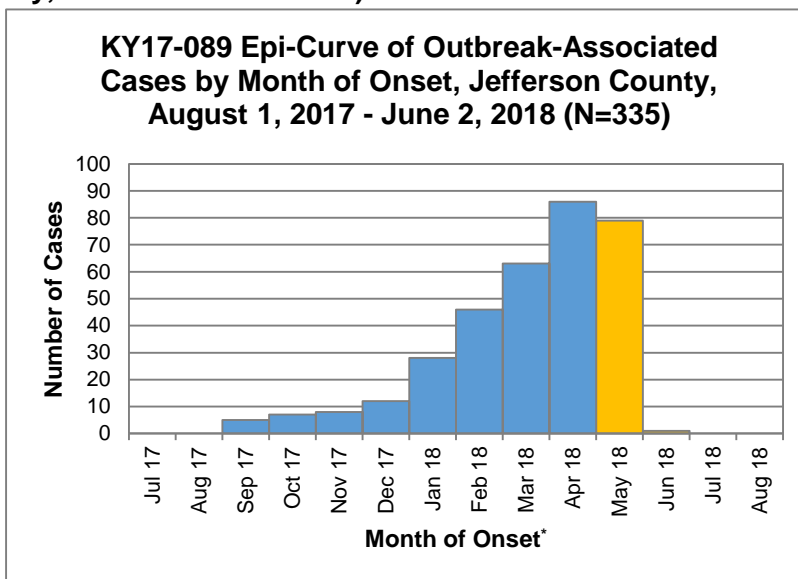
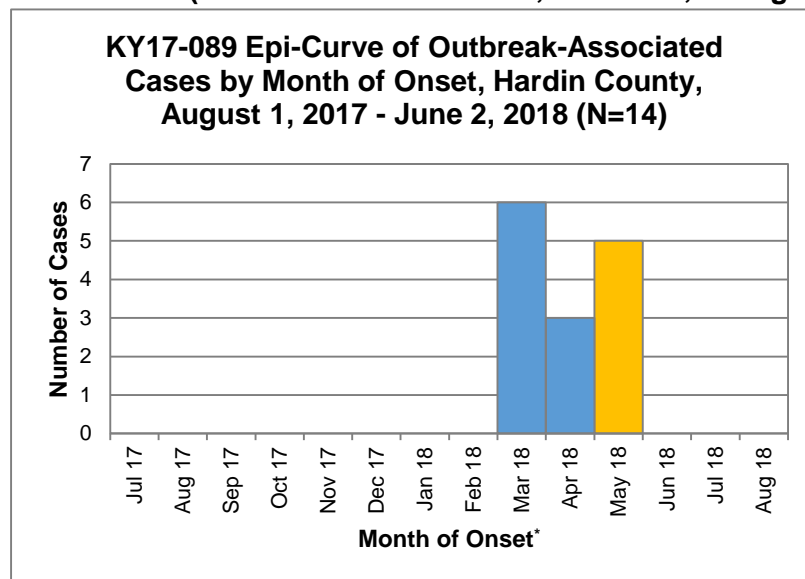


Figure 14: Epidemic-curves (Epi-Curves) of Outbreak-Associated Cases in Counties with at least 5 reported cases, by Month of Onset (Warren County)

