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The time has nearly arrived for readers to reset their 'favorites' or 'bookmarks' (depending on what browser they use). As outlined in *CDR Weekly* vol 13 no 36 (on 15 September 2003) the weekly *Communicable Disease Report (CDR Weekly)* for England and Wales will be changing web address, and the old Public Health Laboratory Service website will be closed down. These changes reflect the continuing development of the Health Protection Agency (HPA), and will coincide with the launch of new HPA branding.

The entire HPA website <<http://www.hpa.org.uk/>> has been redesigned in compliance with the new HPA branding that is being launched on 15 September at the first HPA scientific conference. At this time the site will also include material on infectious diseases at <<http://www.hpa.org.uk/infections/>>. The site is designed to be printable without need for modifications at the user end.

The *CDR Weekly* will be moving to <<http://www.hpa.org.uk/cdr/>>. The current issue will be republished on Monday 15 September in its new format and location. The structure and content will remain largely unaltered, although some changes are planned in the way that archive material is presented, to make life easier for readers. Email subscribers will continue to receive their pdf file as previously. The quarterly *Communicable Disease and Public Health* also has a new address at <<http://www.hpa.org.uk/cdph/>>.

The old PHLS website address <<http://www.phls.org.uk/>> remain lives, as the home of PHLS Media Services, giving information on culture media. It will also contain redirect information to take visitors to the new website.

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[Single case of SARS in Singapore](#)

The World Health Organization announced on 10 September that Singapore had a single, isolated laboratory-confirmed case of SARS coronavirus (CoV) infection (1). The case is a 27 year-old postgraduate medical student who worked in a virology laboratory in Singapore. The patient developed a mild illness (fever and dry cough) and had a normal chest X-ray. He was hospitalized and isolated, and subsequently fully recovered. No secondary cases have been identified arising from this infection. The case is therefore not regarded as a public health concern. Singapore continues to be a safe destination for travellers, and travellers from Singapore pose no risk to other countries.

1. World Health Organization. *Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in Singapore*. [online]. Genza: WHO, 10 September 2003. [cited 10 September 2003]. Available at <http://www.who.int/csr/don/2003_09_10/en/>.

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General outbreaks of foodborne illness, England and Wales: weeks 32-35/03*

DHA	Organism	Location of food prepared or served	Month of outbreak	Number ill	Cases positive	Suspect vehicle	*Evidence
National	S. Bareilly	Community	August	>120	>120	–	–
Bedfordshire	S. Enteritidis PT1	Restaurant	August	>5	>5	Egg fried rice	M
North Wales	S. Enteritidis PT1	Restaurant	August	>5	>5	Egg	M
East Midlands	S. Enteritidis PT4	Retail	April	>1	>1	Cheesecake	M
Gloucestershire	S. Enteritidis PT6	Retail	July	>15	>15	Eggs	M
Surrey	S. Enteritidis PT6	Hostel	July	3	3	None	–
Buckinghamshire	S. Enteritidis PT6A	Restaurant	August	2	2	Eggs	D
Shropshire and Staffordshire	S. Enteritidis PT12	Community	August	>7	>7	None	–
South Yorkshire	S. Enteritidis PT21	Restaurant	August	>2	>2	None	–
South Yorkshire	S. Enteritidis PT53	Restaurant	August	>5	>5	Egg	M

* M (microbiological): identification of an organism of the same type from cases and in the suspect vehicle, or vehicle ingredient(s), or detection of toxin in faeces or food; S (statistical): a significant statistical association between consumption of the suspect vehicle(s) and being a case; D (descriptive): other evidence, usually descriptive, reported by local investigators as indicating the suspect vehicle.

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Salmonella infections (faecal specimens): England and Wales, reports to the Health Protection Agency (salmonella data set*) July 2003

Details of serotypes of the 1768 salmonella infections recorded in July 2003 are given in the table below. In August 2003, 1391 salmonella infections were recorded and preliminary information was received about 10 outbreaks (see table above).

Salmonella (provisional data)	July 2003
	1768
S. Enteritidis (PT 4)	421

S. Enteritidis (other PTs)	878
S. Typhimurium	194
S. Virchow	24
Others (typed)	251

* Data provisional

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Common gastrointestinal infections, England and Wales: laboratory reports, weeks 32-35/03

Laboratory reports	Number of reports received				Total reports	Cumulative total to	
	32/03	33/03	34/03	35/03	32-35/03	35/03	35/02
<i>Campylobacter</i>	787	800	641	262	2490	26,706	29,835
<i>E. coli</i> O157*	23	32	43	38	136	328	336
Salmonella†	536	508	250	55	1349	8072	7889
<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	9	8	9	2	28	351	444
Rotavirus	17	16	15	8	56	14,033	13,558
Norovirus	15	14	4	3	36	1723	2010
<i>Cryptosporidium</i>	113	150	162	76	501	2087	1580
<i>Giardia</i>	43	36	36	25	140	1703	1994

* Vero cytotoxin producing isolates (data from Laboratory of Enteric Pathogens (LEP))

† Data from the Health Protection Agency's LEP

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General outbreaks of foodborne illness, England and Wales: quarterly report

Table 1 Final information on general outbreaks of foodborne illness: January to March 2003

DHA	Organism	Location of food prepared or served	Number ill	Cases positive	Suspect vehicle	*Evidence
Worcester City	S. Braenderup	Community	90	17	Salad	M
Poole	S. Enteritidis PT1E	Public House	10	8	Eggs	D
Salisbury	S. Enteritidis PT4	Residential Institution	6	6	Flan	D
City of London	S. Enteritidis PT6A	Restaurant	4	4	Egg fried rice	D
Westminster	S. Typhimurium U277	Restaurant	5	5	None	-
County Durham	S. Typhimurium U310	Hall	15	15	None	-

* M (microbiological): identification of an organism of the same type from cases and in the suspect vehicle, or vehicle ingredient(s), or detection of toxin in faeces or food; S (statistical): a significant statistical association between consumption of the suspect vehicle(s) and being a case; D (descriptive): other evidence, usually descriptive, reported by local investigators as indicating the suspect vehicle.

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Salmonella serotypes recorded in the Health Protection Agency salmonella data set April to June 2003

All serotypes recorded in the Health Protection Agency salmonella data set in the second quarter of 2003 are listed below. There were more than ten reports of 14 serotypes, two to ten reports were 44 serotypes and one report of 61 serotypes.

	April to June 2003 (provisional)
S. Agona	21
S. Anatum	11
S. Enteritidis	1888
S. Hadar	30
S. Heidelberg	12
S. Java	18
S. Infantis	25
S. Montevideo	19
S. Newport	31
S. Oranienburg	13
S. Stanley	30
S. Typhimurium	494
S. Unnamed	35
S. Virchow	48

Between two and ten reports of each of the following serotypes were received:

S. Abony	2
S. Adelaide	2
S. Agama	6
S. Albany	3
S. Arizonae	9
S. Augustenborg	2
S. Bareilly	5
S. Blockley	10
S. Bovis-Morbificans	4
S. Braenderup	9
S. Brandenburg	3
S. Bredeney	5
S. Corvallis	9
S. Derby	5
S. Dublin	6
S. Eastbourne	4
S. Galiema	2
S. Gold-Coast	4
S. Haifa	8
S. Halle	2
S. Indiana	4
S. Javiana	7
S. Johannesburg	2
S. Kedougou	3
S. Kentucky	6
S. Livingstone	2
S. London	7
S. Mbandaka	6
S. Muenchen	9
S. Mississippi	8

S. Nima	3
S. Oslo	2
S. Panama	4
S. Poona	8
S. Reading	3
S. Rissen	5
S. Rubislaw	2
S. Saint-Paul	9
S. Schwarzengrund	3
S. Senftenberg	8
S. Stanleyville	3
S. Tennessee	3
S. Thompson	8
S. Weltevreden	8

One each of the following were received:

S. Adime	1
S. Agbeni	1
S. Ajiobo	1
S. Aqua	1
S. Arechavaleta	1
S. Berta	1
S. Bonaire	1
S. Brancaster	1
S. Brisbane	1
S. Canada	1
S. Carrau	1
S. Cerro	1
S. Chester	1
S. Coeln	1
S. Colindale	1
S. Concord	1
S. Diguel	1
S. Duesseldorf	1
S. Duisburg	1
S. Durham	1
S. Florida	1
S. Fluntern	1
S. Fulica	1
S. Gaminara	1
S. Gatuni	1
S. Gnesta	1
S. Hagenbeck	1
S. Havana	1
S. Herston	1
S. Hindmarsh	1
S. Hofit	1
S. Ituri	1
S. Kiambu	1
S. Kisangani	1
S. Kottbus	1

S. Lanka	1
S. Leiden	1
S. Lexington	1
S. Litchfield	1
S. Liverpool	1
S. Manhattan	1
S. Miami	1
S. Mount Pleasant	1
S. Nairobi	1
S. New Brunswick	1
S. Ohio	1
S. Oskarshamn	1
S. Plymouth	1
S. Portsmouth	1
S. Potsdam	1
S. Putten	1
S. Riggil	1
S. Roan	1
S. San-Diego	1
S. Sofia	1
S. Tel-El-Kebir	1
S. Uganda	1
S. Uno	1
S. Wandsworth	1
S. Wangata	1
S. Worthington	1
