



Voyager

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Executive Board Report

Hello to Everyone in Northeastern NY CASA! I am very excited to introduce myself to anyone who doesn't already know me as your new CASA Executive Board Representative. I realize I have some very big shoes to fill taking over for Erin Sawyer, who has been our board representative for the past nine years and done an absolutely incredible job. I can only hope to live up to the high standard she has set representing our conference. I cannot thank Erin enough for her exemplary leadership and guidance.

Since this is my first official communication to all of you, I want to thank all of our members for your continued support of our organization. I realize how difficult commitments like this can be in the fast-paced and demanding environment we work in. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, and found time to enjoy the warm weather with friends and family. Fall is rapidly approaching and our next local meeting will be here in just a few short weeks on September 14th, 2018. We need to have elections at this meeting, so I urge all members to attend if possible. We very much need to fill vacant positions. Several of our long-time board members have been regrettably forced to step back, and we cannot thank them enough for their years of service. Dominick, Nikki, Marcia, and Tara will all be greatly missed from our local board, thank you all so much for everything you have done. If anyone is interested in a board position or would like to participate in a committee please be sure to attend.

The CASA Executive Board is currently working diligently on preparations for the Annual Training and Educational Session to be held at the Westin Annapolis from May 6-9, 2019. Anyone interested in attending this conference please stay tuned for details, I will be passing them along shortly. Several positions on the Executive Board are going to be up for re-election soon. These positions include Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Officer. I will be sending out ballots on behalf of the board via email in the near future.

We are always looking for suggestions on topics and speakers, please pass along your suggestions and ideas for any future meetings. Thank you for being a part of NENY CASA and I hope to see you at our upcoming meeting.

Erin Lockhart

NENY Executive Board Representative

2017-2018

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Another Outbreak for Chipotle

Just when the lines were getting too long at Chipotle again,

647 people self-reported gastrointestinal symptoms after consuming food from Chipotle restaurant on Sawmill Parkway in Ohio between July 26-30. Food samples from the restaurant in question and stool samples from the people who ate there initially tested negative for clostridium perfringens bacteria. However, follow-up tests conducted by the CDC show that's what made consumers ill. Confirmation test results on the food are still pending.



Clostridium perfringens are bacteria that produce toxins that are harmful to humans. They are found everywhere in the environment, but human infection is most likely from eating food that contains the toxin itself. It is often mistaken for the 24-hour-flu even though in some cases it can last 1-2 weeks. The most common sources of the toxin are cooked meat products such as stews, casseroles, and gravy.

In response to this outbreak, Brian Niccol, CEO of Chipotle Mexican Grill stated, "Chipotle Field Leadership will be retraining all restaurant employees nationwide beginning next week on food safety and wellness protocols".

<https://www.foodsafetynews.com/2018/08/cdc-confirms-bacteria-in-stool-samples-from-chipotle-customers-sickened-in-outbreak/>

<https://www.mallatmillenia.com/directory/chipotle-mexican-grill>



Membership Dues

If you have not already paid your annual dues, please forward payment as soon as possible to Joanna Stores, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, 10B Airline Drive Albany, NY 12205 or you can pay at our next quarterly meeting. Payment can also be forwarded to Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials, 200 Chestnut Street, Room 900, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2973. Annual dues are: \$15.00 for Regulatory members; \$35.00 for Associate members; and \$10.00 for Retirees and Academic memberships.

Our Next Quarterly CASA Meeting is scheduled for Friday September 14th 2018

CASA Website

The CASA organization has a newly designed website that has up to date information on all conference information, meetings, events, newsletters etc. All membership renewals and news updates will be sent via email. If you have not already done so, please register your email address so that you do not miss out on current information at: www.casafdo.org. CASA also has a Facebook page that can be linked to through the CASA website, so be sure to "like" us on Facebook!



Parasitic Outbreak Case Count Continues to Climb

As of August 24, 2018 507 patients have been confirmed as testing positive with microscopic cyclospora parasites. The outbreak itself spans 15 states. The states involved are as follows: CT, FL, IA, IL, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, SD, TN, VA, and WI. The majority of cases were seen in Illinois with a whopping 246 cases confirmed. The FDA continues to work and investigate where the outbreak started. Thus far, it has been traced to salad mix distributed by Fresh Express. The salad mix was also sold at select McDonald's restaurants. The FDA is still unsure what specific food in the salad mix was the source of contamination. An important note is that Fresh Express reported to the FDA that some of its customers other than McDonald's received salad mixes with some common ingredients. However, McDonald's was the only entity to receive salad mix that contained carrots. The CDC reported that the case count could continue to climb despite McDonald's pulling the product in question as it can take up to six weeks after consuming the parasite before symptoms develop.

<https://www.foodsafetynews.com/2018/08/parasitic-outbreak-count-climbing-fda-still-looking-at-salad-mix-from-fresh-express/>

<http://www.wdbj7.com/content/news/Feds-confirm-507-people-sick-after-eating-McDonalds-salad-491662571.html>



CASA News Network

Have
you
registered
yet?

CASA News Network is an opt-in, email alert system to help you stay informed of the latest news, events and trainings offered for CASA members.

Register your email at <http://casafdo.us/casa-news-network/> and you will be sent the CASA news and information you need!

Tell us your Ideas!

If you have any ideas or topics that you would like to hear about or suggestions for speakers, please let one of our officers or e-board members know. As always, all ideas are appreciated.



There about 5 different types of mice and rats in your home... Well hopefully not your home!

Can you successfully match each

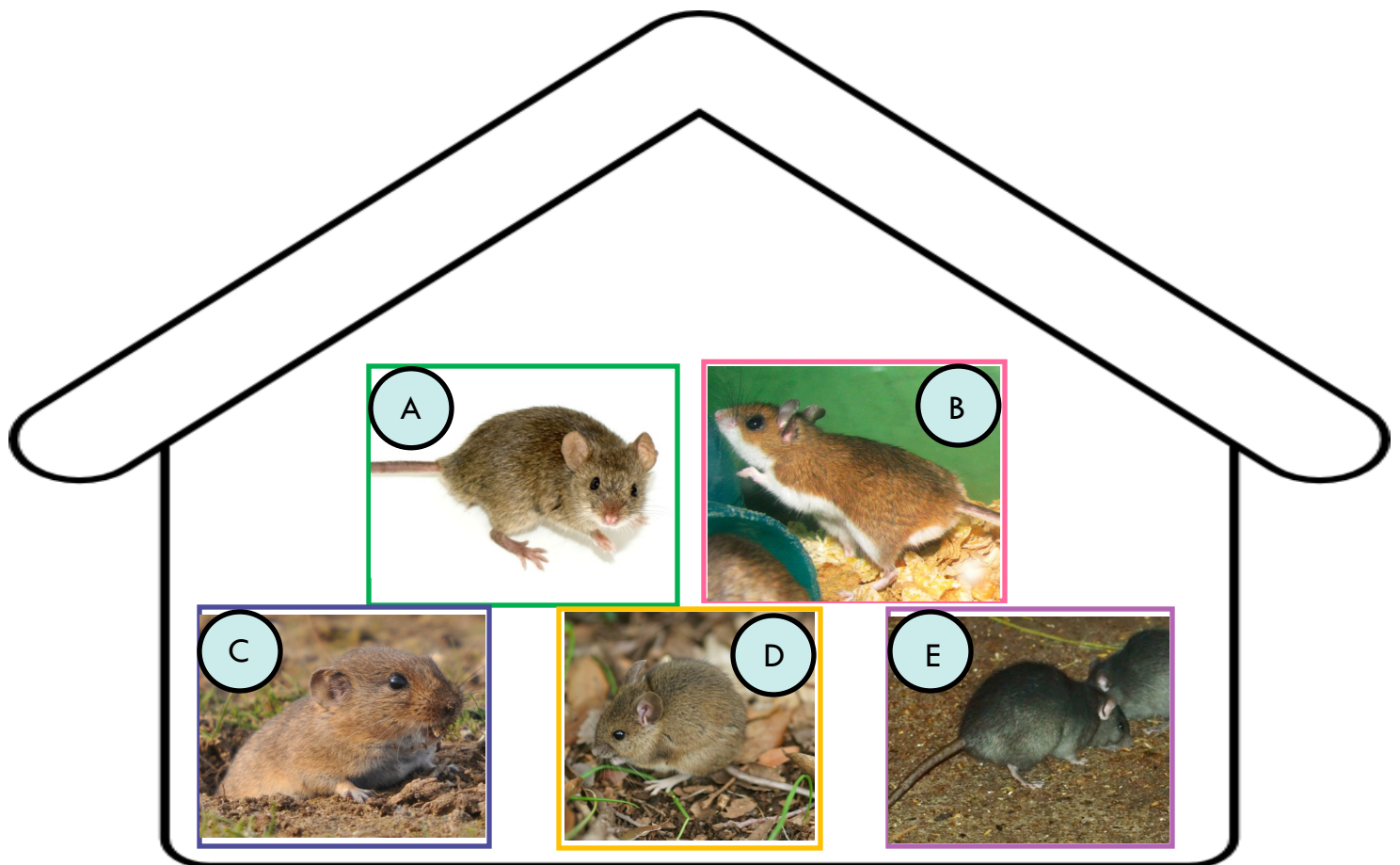
_____ **Deer Mouse: "Field mouse". Known carrier of Hantavirus.**

_____ **House Mouse: "The little thief". Colorblind and can live up to 1-2 years.**

_____ **Wood Mouse: Commonly found in Africa and Europe. White or gray colored underside.**

_____ **Yellow-Necked Field Mouse: In rural areas and associated with fire risks in home.**

_____ **Roof Rat: Goes wherever there is food and shelter. Have a reputation for causing electrical outages and fires as they like to gnaw on wires.**



A. House Mouse B. Deer Mouse C. Yellow Necked Field Mouse D. Wood Mouse E. Roof Rat (DUHI)