

DPH SHU Weekly Email Updates 11/19/09

Thank you to so many of you who have sent information on your many flu clinics--very impressive. Hopefully the high incidence of H1N1 is on the decline for the moment, and we get back to some semblance of "normal"..... The following updates are in two parts.

1. H1N1 Updates

A. DPH Vaccinator Training Course - now available on-line

As you may know, the Massachusetts Medical Society has been working with Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services to provide "Massachusetts Responds: A Vaccinator Training" as an online educational tool and CME activity. The goal is to expand the reach of DPH's vaccinator training to those health professionals who may not have been able to attend one of the live sessions.

The course is based upon DPH's training sessions presented across the state. The format is a 3-module program including all the slides and resource materials in the areas of: 1) definition of influenza types, 2) the principles of vaccine management, and 3) a description of vaccine preparation and administration techniques. Resource materials include all of the handouts, templates and forms utilized in the live sessions.

The course is now live. The URL is www.massmed.org/cme/dphtraining .Please feel free to download all presentations and materials for use with your staff, local MRC etc.

We also encourage you to post the link on your website, so that others may access the training content from work or home.

We hope that you find this to be a useful adjunct to your preparedness activities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards, Vanessa Kenealy, JD, Education Coordinator for MSAR, Massachusetts Medical Society, 781.434.7319 -Office vkenealy@mms.org

B. IMPORTANT: ONGOING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CLINICS: We have heard from many of you about your efforts in vaccinating children and other high risk groups. Many of you have verbally informed us of clinics that you were planning but we would like an updated and more accurate account, as you have certainly stepped up to the plate to get the job done. This information is important to share with both the DPH H1N1 Steering Committee and other key players during these very challenging times.

The information will be put into a GIS mapping system for the Commissioner and committee. If you do not know specifics or your clinics are pending you may send us your information when you have it. The GIS map will be updated every Monday for our commissioner so your information should be sent to us by noon on Fridays. The first map will be presented next Tuesday.

For those who have already responded, via e-mail, we thank you. For those who have clinics planned or completed but who have not responded, please send your information to barbara.mackey@state.ma.us. Thank you.

II. Subject: Cardiac Science Notifies AED Customers of Nationwide Voluntary Medical Device Correction

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Cardiac Science Corporation [NASDAQ: CSCX] is initiating a voluntary field correction after it was determined certain automated external defibrillators (AEDs) may experience a rare product issue in which the AED may not be able to deliver therapy during a resuscitation attempt. Device failure may affect resuscitation of the patient, which could lead to serious adverse events or death. These AEDs have electronic components which may fail and the failure may not be detected by the device's periodic self-tests.

III. Updates/Resources from Schools

Marblehead Public Schools: I'm attaching the flyers for the Transition from Hospital to School following treatment for mental health. Nov 30 is geared toward health professionals, social workers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, SPED directors. Dec 14 is geared toward teachers and others who are involved with supporting students, but not so involved with treatment. Conferences will be held at North Shore Medical Center (Salem Hospital), 81 Highland Ave, Salem, MA. Please call if you have any questions. Thanks, Paula Dobrow, RN, MSN, School Nursing Leader, Marblehead Public Schools 781-639-3147

IV. Editorial regarding Delegation: We want to share the attached guest editorial from the Journal of Public Health Nursing. I think we are so fortunate to have school nursing leaders in Massachusetts who fought to have laws and regulations that protect both students and school nurses in their practice. This editorial speaks to those states where there are no laws to guide delegation in schools. The points the author makes in this editorial are what we try to convey at every session on Medication Administration and Delegation in Schools, including the five rights! Another area where Massachusetts leads... Mary Ann Gapinski

V. Northeastern University School Health Institute: Register at www.cps.neu.edu/shi (ALL programs must be paid for on line: no checks, cash or purchase orders accepted)

- 1. Mandated Screening Training Friday December 4, 2009 Marlboro (full day program includes vision, hearing, BMI and Postural Screening trainings)**
- 2. Postural Screening Training for PE Teachers (no charge) Marlboro**
- 3. Tobacco Cessation Program (3 options) Tuesday December 8, 2009-Marlboro, February 11, 2010-Marlboro, May 13 2010-Sturbridge. This is a very exciting program and the UMASS investigators, Diane Gorak and school nurses will present the school-nurse interventions to assist students to stop smoking. Many of the "control" group nurses will wish to attend---and sending one high school nurse is a requirement of the ESHS grant. Thanks**

*****SAVE THE DATE School Nurse Summer Academy August 16-17-18, 2010 Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis. Registration available by April 1, 2010*****

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Attachments

- 1. Article on school nursing**
- 2. Vaccinator training**
- 3. Situation report**
- 4. Guidance on monovalent vaccine**
- 5. Fifth H1N1 Vaccine**
- 6. Southern Berkshire County**
- 7. Dental conference**
- 8. GLBT conference**
- 9. Government grants**
- 10. Re-entry flyers**
- 11. Additional Updates**

There may be no weekly updates next week---I say this and then something occurs!

In any case, may you have a lovely weekend--and a pleasant, peaceful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for---and we in School Health are especially thankful for all of you and the care you give to the students.

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