

Welcome back and Happy New Year---we hope it will be a good one!

1. Northeastern University School Health Institute Programs Register at [www.cps.neu.edu](http://www.cps.neu.edu) .

\*\*\*\*ATTN: The Graduate Behavioral Health course is FULL. We will run it again in the future.

1. DITEP Day One (Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals) **This is the ONLY DITEP program that will be offered this year.** Day one is for all educational professionals (administrators, coaches, faculty, guidance, resource officers and school nurses) Tuesday January 18, 2011 Hudson High School
2. DITEP Day Two FOR SCHOOL NURSES ONLY. **Must** attend Day One to attend Day Two. Drug impairment physical assessment skills practice for school nurses. Saturday January 22, 2011 Hudson High School.
3. The Role of the School Nurse in Behavioral Health Interventions Saturday January 22, 2011. Marlboro Holiday Inn
4. Mandated Screening Training for School Nurses Thursday March 10, 2011 (vision, hearing, postural screening and BMI)
5. Postural Screening Training for PE Teachers Thursday March 10, 2011 (BMI and postural screening) FREE Marlboro Holiday Inn
6. Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools March 16, 2011 Marlboro Holiday Inn
7. Introduction to School Nursing in Massachusetts March 24 AND 25, 2011 (2 day program) Marlboro Holiday Inn
8. Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday March 30, 2011 Marlboro Holiday Inn: **A reminder: All ESHS programs are required to have at least one high school nurse trained in tobacco cessation and a program for the students. Middle school nurses may also attend.**

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2. **School Concussion Regulations:** We wanted to let you know that the school concussion regulations will be presented at Public Health Council 1/12/10. If approved for public hearing, the hearing dates will be set and I will let you know them as soon as possible, as, hopefully, school nurses and other school personnel will testify either in writing or in person---we need your input to make them the best that they can be within the limits of the law. Many thanks.

3. **Advice about Cholera for Travelers Arriving in the United States from Haiti | CDC Travelers' Health:** The following link found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov>)

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/cholera-travelers-returning-from-haiti.aspx>

4. **New Public Service Announcements: Take Steps to Help Prevent, Recognize, and Respond to Concussion.**

As you gear up for the big game, look for a new public service announcement (PSA) for concussion prevention airing at NCAA tournament sites. CDC and NCAA teamed up to create the PSA and other concussion educational resources, including a video for student-athletes, posters for every NCAA sport, fact sheets, and concussion management plans for medical staff. Take this opportunity to talk with others about concussion and take the steps to help prevent, recognize, and respond to this serious injury. **Learn More**

- [CDC and NCAA Team Up on Concussion Safety](#)
- [CDC Resources on Concussion in Sports](#)

**5. Scituate Public Schools, the Nurse Leaders in the MetroWest -South Region and the South Shore Hospital have kindly shared their publication and guidance on head injuries and return to school.** If you would like to access the PDF file it is on the Scituate Pediatrics website.  
[http://www.healthcaresouth.com/pdf/HeadSmart\\_Understanding\\_Concussions%20Handbook\\_%209-28-10.pdf](http://www.healthcaresouth.com/pdf/HeadSmart_Understanding_Concussions%20Handbook_%209-28-10.pdf)

This is excellent material to guide parents, schools and clinicians alike. Thank you to Marge Rossi, Scituate School Nurse Leader, for sharing.

**6. Data Reporting for BMIs:** We have had several phone calls asking how BMI data should be reported to the Department. Attached is the data reporting form and instructions on its use and where to send it (for those programs not using the ESHS reporting system). We are in the process of finalizing the FY10 ESHS report: 133 school districts (representing many more cities and towns) reported on more than 163,000 students in FY10. This is 58% of our target for FY11, when all public schools will be required to report. Thanks SO much. As soon as the data report is released, we will attach it to the weekly e-mail.

**7. IMPORTANT: The Department of Public Health and the Regional Consultation Schools are in the process of appointing BMI Nurse Consultants for all regions.** These consultant nurses (school nurses) will have the responsibilities of training nurses in unfunded programs, and providing support, etc. for these programs. Please contact your regional consultation school for assistance from these nurses. Once the training program is underway, nurses who attend may be eligible for vouchers for free digital scales and/or stadiometers, which will be distributed to the regions. We are trying our best to support public schools in this the first year when all public schools will be required to report BMI data. Thank you.

**Attachments:**

**Part 1:**

**1. BMI Reporting Form**

**2-3. Glucose Testing Strip Recall--sent previously**

**4. Parity between teacher certification and school nurse certification---  
IMPORTANT**

**5. Research article on autism and proximity to freeways**

**7. Position opening---  
Pregnant and Parenting Teen Coordinator**

**Part 2**

**Conferences and Webinars**

**8. CHMC Community Initiative-Conferences**

**9. Cyberbullying Webinar**

**10-11. Brain Injury Association Annual Conference and Other**

**Available Trainings--these are very good.**

**Part 3**

**12. Save the Date: Annual Adult Immunization Conference**

**13. MGH Educational sessions for families: Understanding Trauma and Loss**

**14. Conference on asthma**

**Have a good weekend! It is the beginning of a new year--may it be filled with joy, success---and, of course, new challenges!**

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