

DPH Email Updates October 15, 2009

This has been an incredibly busy week for all of you---but we hope you had a very nice Columbus Day weekend---and will have the chance to enjoy the foliage this weekend.

1. H1N1 Updates:

- **Additional School Health Institute Immunization Refresher Course:**

We have scheduled another Immunization Refresher Program for Wednesday October 28th at the Marlboro Holiday Inn from 4:30-7:00 pm (Sign in from 4:00-4:30). Nurses need to pre-register at www.cps.neu.edu/shi.

- **Missing Package Inserts:** We have received some reports that not all shipments of H1N1 vaccine contain package inserts. You can download all the H1N1 vaccine package inserts from the URLs below.

CSL Limited Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Prescribing Information

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM182401.pdf>

Novartis Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Prescribing Information

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM182242.pdf>

Sanofi pasteur Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Prescribing Information

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM182404.pdf>

MedImmune Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Live, Intranasal Prescribing Information

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM182406.pdf>

- **Safety Monitoring:** CDC is asking every provider to assist with the monitoring of the safety of H1N1 vaccine by reporting any suspected adverse events promptly and accurately. See attached letter describing this process. This document can also be found on the DPH website at http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/cdc/flu/swine_vaccine_adverse_reporting.pdf

Please share this with your colleagues. Thank you for your efforts.

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- **Training Video on FluMist:** Many of you have expressed an interest in a training video on Flumist- an updated version was just sent to me today. Please see the link below; and as always please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any in-service needs; questions or materials that I can you with.

The updated Handling and Patient Administration of FluMist Video is now available on FluMist.com. Click the following link to watch this video to learn how FluMist works in the body, how FluMist is stored, and how FluMist is administered to eligible patients. <http://www.flumist.com/Professional/Dosing-Administration/>

2. Northeastern University School Health Institute Programs Register @ www.cps.neu.edu/shi

Download Program PDF for date, times and location information (next to program title)

****Payment must be made on line to register for programs. We no longer accept PO's, cash or checks.**

ALSO check out the available On Line programs !

1. * **Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Thursday November 12th Marlboro Holiday Inn (4 other options as well)**
2. * **National Exam Prep Program for School Nurses Thursday October 22nd Marlboro Holiday Inn**

3. * **Mental Health Issues in Children and Adolescents Tuesday November 3rd Marlboro Holiday Inn**

4. * **Tobacco Cessation Training (3 Options) December, February and May**

SADD Updates: See attached.

Tobacco Control: BECOME AN 84 CHAPTER!

Chapters of *The 84 Movement** are groups of youth in Massachusetts spreading the message that most youth don't use tobacco and are doing positive things with their lives. (Your SADD group can become a chapter!) See attached application.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR GROUP? Youth in your group would...

- Be connected with youth across the state promoting positive, healthy lifestyles amongst their peers
- Gain leadership and communication skills
- Get to express themselves, fight Big Tobacco and make their school and/or community a better place!

ONCE YOU SIGN-UP, YOUR GROUP WILL RECEIVE:

- *The 84 Chapter Toolkit* (with exclusive 84 promo items and a resource booklet with tips, info sheets, activity ideas, and more)
- Invitations to training opportunities & statewide events (like *The 84 Kickoff & Statewide Training* in Worcester on **Saturday, November 7th**)
- Support from The 84 staff to build your chapter and successfully do activities in your school/community
- And much more!

WHAT WILL CHAPTERS DO?

- Chapters will all do an awareness raising activity on November 19th, which is national Great American Smoke-Out Day (you'll get great stuff to do this!)
- Chapters can promote statewide contests and can take part in a special Kick Butts Day activity at the statehouse
- Chapters may choose additional activities to promote *The 84* in their schools and/or communities

WHEN TO SIGN UP? ...ASAP!

Registration is now open (through Friday, October 16th) **BUT...**

*****TOOLKITS (with free gear, etc.) ARE IN LIMITED SUPPLY & will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. So, SIGN-UP TODAY to become a chapter!*****

Go to www.the84.org/chapters

Check out the attached info sheet and the attached flyer to use for recruiting members.

Please let us know if you have any questions! And, please spread the word to other adults and youth you know would be interested!

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5. School Health Index Workshop, October 19

Space is still available in the School Health Index Workshop to be held at the Marlborough Holiday Inn on Monday, October 19. The School Health Index, developed by CDC, is the best available tool to help schools assess the status of their school health programs and policies. Participants in the October 19 SHI workshop will be trained to lead others in their school through the process of using the School Health Index to identify current strengths and weaknesses, identify priority areas, and develop an action plan for improvement.

There is no cost for the School Health Index Workshop, though participants are asked to bring a large (2") 3-ring binder. Lunch will be provided. The Workshop is sponsored by the Coordinated School Health Program at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and will be facilitated by a CDC trainer. Schools are encouraged to send a team of up to 4 school staff, but individual applications will be accepted.

To register on-line, go to <http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=743>. For further information, contact Carol Goodenow at the MA Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education, at cgoodenow@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-3503

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6. CHMC Conferences: There's still time to Register!

Ø **November 3rd Regional School Nurse Conference**

Ø **Monthly Pediatric Health Assessment Series**

Ø **November 18th Pediatric Diabetes Update Conference**

See attached brochures for information.

Hosted by Children's Hospital Boston, Medicine Patient Services, Community Education Initiative

7. Growth Screening Guidelines (final) and the New Physical Examination Regulations: We are attaching these as many of you have asked for them.

8. Information from Schools:

Brockton Public Schools: We are always in search of free CEU's especially for professional development activities. Below is one web site that offers free online cues that you can choose from. You just have to individually register. If anyone knows any others please let us know. NASN also offers some if you are a member. <http://cme.medscape.com/nurses>

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9. Conference on LGBQ Youth: They are running 2 "Preventing Health Risks and Promoting Healthy Outcomes Among LGBQ Youth" programs. Am attaching the PDF Flyer!