

Weekly Email Updates October 7, 2009

We hope the week is going well for all of you---and we re thankful you are there for the families and staff!

1. **H1N1 Updates: Weekly conference call: today:** Starting this week, we are re-instituting the weekly conference calls to provide information, updates, and answers to questions from local health, hospitals, community health centers, schools, EMS, and other partners regarding H1N1 planning and response activities. The first call will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, from 3pm to 4:30, with weekly calls thereafter. We will send out conference call-in information over the HHAN and the various listserve.

Call-in number 1-800-857-2875

The pass code is Public Health

The Agenda for the call as discussed in today's Steering Committee meeting will be:

Brief Introductions/H1N1 Activity Update

Vaccine Consent Forms/VIS (Donna Lazorik)

Vaccine Distribution (Donna Lazorik)

Plans for Next Phase of Public Education (Suzanne Crowther)

Questions and Answers

This information will go out to our partners through the HHAN and listservs tonight or first thing in the morning.

- B. **Statewide H1N1 Conference:** If you missed the "Statewide H1N1 Conference", which took place in Worcester, yesterday September 30, and want to access the archived webcast.

Go to: <http://video.webcasts.com/events/pmny001/viewer/index.jsp?eventid=32329>

In the left bar Click on "Agenda"

On the list next to each item on left side you may find the archived information (PDF slides sets and videos). (Some are already archived and other will be added later)

P.S. you may need to register to the webcast to see the archived information.

C. The Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for both the inactivated and live, intranasal H1N1 influenza vaccines are now available for download from the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm#download>. Please remember that it is a federal requirement for all providers (including public clinics, private provider offices, commercial vaccinators, and pharmacies) to provide the most recent VIS before administering each dose of vaccine (NCVIA: 42 U.S.C. Section 300aa-26). VISs provide risk-benefit information. Each patient or parent/legal representative receiving vaccine must receive a copy of the VIS prior to administration of vaccine. Donna Lazorik, RN, MS, Adult Immunization Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 617-983-6821, MDPH Flu Website: www.mass.gov/dph/flu

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

Download Program PDF for all 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 checkout the available On Line programs !

1. * **DITEP (Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals)** has been postponed to late fall. New dates will be up soon.
2. **Immunization Refresher Training Programs (7 options: Burlington, Hyannis , Middleboro, and Northampton)** Limit 50 attendees per program... Must pre-register for each program.....Download PDF for full information.

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3. * **Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Thursday October 15th Marlboro Holiday Inn (4 other options as well)**
4. * **Mandated Screening Training October 16th Marlboro Holiday Inn (separate registration for PE Teachers)**
5. * **National Exam Prep Program for School Nurses Thursday October 22nd Marlboro Holiday Inn**
6. * **Mental Health Issues in Children and Adolescents Tuesday November 3rd Marlboro Holiday Inn**
7. * **Tobacco Cessation Training (3 Options) December, February and May**

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3. Video Contest: The Mass. Association of Safety and Fire Educators and the state Department of Fire Services in conjunction with the MA Property Insurance Underwriting Association, is sponsoring a 2009 YouTube™ Video Contest for

Burn Awareness

The entries will be judged based on how well the rules were met and how informative the video is. A link from the Department of Fire Services website will direct the public to the uploaded video on YouTube™, with attribution to the creator(s). The creator(s) of the winning video will also receive a digital video camera for the school. Last year's winning entry can be viewed on U-Tube.

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&LO=Home&L1=Public+Safety+Agencies&L2=Massachusetts+Department+of+Fire+Services&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=dfs_osfm_pubed_safe_you_tube_contest_you_tube_contest_2009&csid=Eeop

4. **IMPORTANT: 911 Forms: The ESHS Evaluation Committee reviewing 911 calls. AIIESHS programs and Partner/Mentor Programs should complete the attached 911 form for all calls and send it to Barbara Mackey, Infectious Disease Response Nurse, School Health Unit, MDPH, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108.**
 5. **IMPORTANT: FOR ESHS Nurse Leaders only: Please e-mail your choice of a CQI project to Mary.Gapinski@state.ma.us by 10/16. Thanks so much!**
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6. Requests from Schools

Southwick Tolland Regional School District will be rewriting the school nurse evaluation tool. Anyone with an evaluation tool they would like to share with us? Please email to cdraghetti@strsd.southwick.ma.us or fax to 413-596-1710 attn school nurses. Thank you for your help. Thanks. Cathy Draghetti RN, Powder Mill Middle School, 94 Powder Mill Road, Southwick MA 01077, Phone: 413-596-5951 X 109 Fax: 413-569-1710

The Waldorf School in Lexington is looking for a part-time school nurse. It is one of our Non-Public Partners in the ESHS Grant. They are looking for someone 14 hours/week. Would you please post the attached job description on your next weekly updates?

Thank You, Margaret Waugh, RNBSN, Liaison to Non-Public Schools, Lexington, MA, Cell: 617-548-0152

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7. REMINDER: School Nurse Licensure Requirements: We re hearing that some schools are hiring new graduates and LPNs as school nurses. This is out of compliance with the DESE school nurse licensure requirements: 603 CMR.711(2):

Initial License.

1. Valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts.
2. A bachelor's or master's degree in nursing.
3. A minimum of two full years of employment as a Registered Nurse in a child health, community health, or other relevant clinical nursing setting.
4. Completion of an orientation program based on the requirements for delivery of school health services as defined by the Department of Public Health.
5. Passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills test.

Attachments

1. **Revised 911 form**
2. **Adolescent conference**
3. **Registration for adolescent conference**
4. **MGH Conference on Schizophrenia**
5. **MA Coordinated School Health Announcements**
6. **Criteria for H1N1 testing at the State Lab**
7. **New England Prevention Conference**
8. **Additional Updates**
9. **Job posting**

May you have a good "end of the week" and weekend!

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