

DPH SHU Weekly Updates September 28, 2009

1. H1N1 Updates:

A. The Northeastern University School Health Institute has scheduled 2 additional refresher trainings to the ones already listed on the website: Please register on the SHI website as there is a limited amount of space: www.cps.neu.edu/shi

Wednesday October 21st in Burlington (Northeastern Campus 4:00-7:00pm)

Thursday October 22nd in Northampton (DPH Regional Center 4:00-7:00 pm)

B. CDC Guide for Vaccination Clinics: Here is the URL to the CDC Guide.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/slv/planners.htm> I have also attached it (last attachment).

C. MA Specific Documents under Development: These are some other MA-specific documents that are in development. We will send them when finalized.

1. **Directions for H1N1 Vaccine Screening Forms, Consent Forms and Permission to Share Information.**
2. **Consent Form for H1N1 Vaccine Combination form for Injectable and Nasal Spray**
3. **Consent Form for H1N1 Vaccine Injectable only (can be used in setting where no nasal spray given. Screening is simpler.**
4. **Permission to Share Form for Adult**
5. **Permission to Share Form for Children being vaccinated when parent is present and no consent needed.**

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MDPH website: www.mass.gov/dph

D. Articles: This article addresses how a shortage of school nurses could hurt responses to H1N1 and other health issues – not news to us, except that this is national news.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33018634/ns/health-swine_flu/

Another article on national school nurse shortage and H1N1...

<http://www.comcast.net/articles/news-general/20090925/US.Swine.Flu.School.Nurses/>

E. Webcast on the September 30 Summit (just in):

Below please find the link to register for the webcast of the Statewide H1N1 Conference that will take place in Worcester, on September 30. Due to unprecedented demand, we were unable to register everyone who wanted to attend the conference, but this webcast will allow a much larger audience to access the content shared at the meeting. All of the information will also be archived on the webcast web site for one year, to make it even more convenient to access the information. The morning plenary session will include video of the proceedings, and the concurrent afternoon breakout sessions will include slides and audio from each session. <http://video.webcasts.com/events/pret001/32329/>

2. Youth Tobacco Prevention Chapters: The Chapters are a new way to promote tobacco prevention activities in schools and communities. Each chapter will receive a toolkit with activity ideas and tools to help make them happen. Also there will be an order form for some free materials to help promote the 84 social norm messages. There is a simple online application. See attached. Patricia P. Henley, Community Program Manager & Youth Prevention Coordinator, Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 250 Washington St, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, (617) 624-6040 *email: patricia.henley@state.ma.us*

3. CHMC Community Education Initiative: The Community Education Initiative will once again be hosting a Regional School Nurse Conference on Tuesday November 3rd, 2009. We will be running two different programs, North & South. Attached is the brochure with the pertinent information.

If you have questions about the *topics being offered* please contact Stephanie Porter (South), stephanie.porter@childrens.harvard.edu OR Christine Obusek (North), christine.obusek@childrens.harvard.edu.

If you have any questions regarding the *registration* portion please feel free to contact Christine Doyle or myself at the number listed below.

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4. Requests from Schools:

Randolph Public Schools: NURSE LEADER-See attached position description. To apply, candidates may send cover letter, resume, 3 letters of reference, certification, transcripts, to: Randolph Public Schools, Gayle McCrackin, HR director, 70 Memorial Pkw Randolph, MA 02368

Northboro-Southboro Public Schools: I'm interested in any policies that you have for piercings in PE. Do you make students remove their jewelry? What about new piercings which they are not supposed to remove? Do students play at their own risk if they have piercings that they can't remove? Thanks for any info!

Lori Johnson [ljohnson@nps.org], Nurse Leader

Leominster Public Schools: School Nurse Leader: Please see attached position description. Ann Pickering, Human Resources Office, Leominster Public Schools Pickering, Ann @MAG [ann.pickering@leominster.mec.edu]

5. Communicating with Teens: The National Center for Health Marketing (NCHM) at CDC has published a new issue brief on communicating with teens that may be of interest. It reports on use of the internet, mobile phones etc.

Audience Insights: Communicating to Teens (Aged 12-17)

Today's teens are the most marketing savvy and brand-conscious generation to date. Their health behaviors and outcomes reflect their economic, racial, gender, and geographic disparities. These Audience Insights will help you capture the attention of the 25 million teens in the United States.

http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/pdf/AudienceInsight_teens.pdf

Attachments:

1. **Tobacco Chapters (Also attachment 1A)**
2. **Video Contest for Students**
3. **Middlesex County conferences**
4. **CHMC Community Education**
5. **Healthy Environment--tips from Food Play**
6. **New Information on talking about H1N1**
7. **Connecting for Change: Youth Empowerment Initiative**
8. **Nurse Leader Position: Randolph**
9. **Nurse Leader: Leominster**

May you have a good week and we hope to see many of you at this week's programs.