

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES Sept 9, 2010

Welcome back to school! We hope the summer was a good one!

This e-mail will be in three parts as there are so many attachments. I will try to label the most important issues, as we know you are very busy and may not have time to read all of the items now.

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

- BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday September 15th HYANNIS Cape Codder FREE
- BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Tuesday September 21st CHELMSFORD Radisson FREE
- BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Thursday September 23rd PLYMOUTH John Carver Inn FREE
- BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday September 29th MARLBORO Holiday Inn FREE
- More trainings will be scheduled pending additional DPH funding....
- Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Wednesday October 6th
MARLBORO Holiday Inn
- Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday October 6th MARLBORO Holiday Inn
- Introduction to School Nursing in MA Thursday AND Friday October 21-22 MARLBORO
Holiday Inn
- Mandated Screening Training Friday October 29th MARLBORO Holiday Inn. (School Nurses
and PE teachers need to register separately)
- Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Wednesday November 10th
STURBRIDGE Host Hotel
- Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday November 10th STURBRIDGE Host Hotel

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2. IMPORTANT--Conference Call on Seasonal Flu: Local health and school officials are encouraged to work together this fall to ensure that as many children as possible are protected against the spread of influenza in the coming year. This year we hope to build on the excellent collaboration between local health and school departments that was established during last year's H1N1 response in so many communities across Massachusetts. DPH has organized a conference call to share information with local health and school officials about the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccination effort. Representatives from DPH, DESE, and local health and schools will be on the call to share information about vaccine availability, reimbursement, and other issues; and to answer questions. Local health officials are encouraged to contact their community's school Superintendent and/or School Nurse Leader and invite them to join you for the call.

The agenda for the call will include:

update from DPH on vaccine availability and reimbursement

planning for fall flu clinics

review of school guidance for 2010-2011

Q&A session Date: Tuesday September 14, 2010 Time: 3:30 PM Call in #: 1-800-857-2875

Code: Public Health

See attached agenda.

3. IMPORTANT: Children's Behavioral Health Initiative: As promised, Emily Sherwood from the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative has shared the schedule of the CBHI local System of Care meetings. Nurse leaders might want to attend these meetings to connect with the behavioral health resources in their service areas.

4. Letter regarding Obtaining Spanish and Portuguese BMI Packets: Maria Bettencourt from the Wellness Division has sent all of you a letter with an order form for Spanish and Portuguese parent letters and healthy weight information. The order form is also attached.

5. IMPORTANT: The 2010-2011 ESHS data forms are attached. There have been some major changes, and these are summarized below. The new forms should also be posted on our web site in

in partner districts.

The database used for submitting Monthly data is being updated. It is not yet available, but it will be sent out when it is completed. It will take 3 - 4 weeks to update the program, however, so please be patient.

If you have any questions about the content of the form, please contact your school health advisor.

Thank you.
Bob Leibowitz

FY10 form changes:

Status Report form

- 1: Section I Question 6 changed: Count all asthma action plans now, not just "Massachusetts Asthma Action Plans"
2. Section I Question 10 replaced: The question about MDPH-approved waivers was removed and is no longer required. **In its place, questions 10a & 10b (Preschool Vision Screening) have been added.**
3. Section I Question 11a changed: "Height/Weight screening" removed and replaced with "BMI screening"
4. Section II question 4 changed: licensure information by type of degree is now requested.
5. Section III question 1D: changed "Permanent substitute nurse" replaced by "Permanent per diem nurse"

Monthly Activities Report form

1. First page modified significantly and some questions moved to different locations and re-numbered
2. Question 3 added (Number of STUDENT encounters for nursing services this month)
2. Question 5 (which is the old question 3) modified: Some categories changed.
"Health maintenance"
"Miscellaneous"
4. Question 9 -8A modified: Glucagon PRN prescriptions added.
5. Question 8 added: Number of diagnosed or suspected head injuries, students and staff

Requests/Information from Schools

Hudson Public Schools: Nice article on school nursing

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x2001473759/Nurses-say-theyre-important-to-Hudson-schools>

Concord-Carlisle Regional High School: 18 hour RN DESE licensed position available. Will be posted by September 8, 2010. Please contact: concordpublicschools.net and click on "Human Resources" Christine V. DeBruzzi RN, MSN, NCSN, Concord-Carlisle Regional High School, 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA. 01742, Phone 978-341-2490 x7158, Fax 978-318-1431

Northborough/Southborough – Seeking DESE certified 0.2 FTE school nurse for high school. Please email lpardee@nsboro.k12.ma.us with any questions. Deadline for applications is September, 17th.

COMPASS School in Dorchester is seeking a school nurse. The COMPASS school is a special education private therapeutic day school. COMPASS serves children with severe emotional, behavioral and learning disabilities, ages 6-22. This is a full time position, with excellent compensation and benefits. Please send your cover letter and resume to Elizabeth Labbe, beth.labbe@compassboston.org. For more information please visit the COMPASS website at www.compassboston.org.

Advisory on Mosquito Borne Illness: The Department is working on an advisory on mosquito borne illnesses to be sent to the schools. As soon as it is approved, I will send it to you.