

Weekly Email Updates 9/24/10

This e-mail is again in three parts, and, hopefully, will be helpful to you as you continue to launch into FY11!

Several months ago, at their request, I began sharing these e-mails with the nurse practitioners working in college health in order to keep them apprised of DPH updates (some of which pertain to their practice). Would those of you with SBHCs also share these e-mails with the nurse practitioners with whom you work? Thank you.

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

****If you have a Professional Development Day on Tuesday November 2nd, see program offering # 9 below.**

1. BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Thursday September 23rd PLYMOUTH John Carver Inn FREE

2.. BMI Training 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday September 29th MARLBORO Holiday Inn FREE

Four more additional trainings will be scheduled shortly --see NESHI website.

IMPORTANT: Any school nurse from an unfunded program will be eligible to receive a voucher for a free stadiometer when attending the program!

3. Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Wednesday October 6th MARLBORO Holiday Inn

4. Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday October 6th MARLBORO Holiday Inn

5. Introduction to School Nursing in MA Thursday AND Friday October 21-22 MARLBORO Holiday Inn

6. Mandated Screening Training Friday October 29th MARLBORO Holiday Inn. (School Nurses and PE teachers need to register separately)

7. Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools Wednesday November 10th STURBRIDGE Host Hotel

8. Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday November 10th STURBRIDGE Host Hotel

9. ****Update for School Nurses Tuesday November 2nd Marlboro Holiday Inn (Super bug update; New Epi-pen regulations; Impact of Concussions; Bullying; Presenting Your BMI data) Registration available Wed September 22nd.**

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2. IMPORTANT: Submission of BMI Data: Unfunded Programs: As you know, this year is the first year that all public school districts (including regional vocational technical schools, charter schools, collaborative, etc.) are required to complete BMI screening on all students grade 1-4-7-10 per the new regulations (105 CMR 200). Data must be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on the attached form per the instructions on the form.

Please submit to DPH only ONE summary report for the entire district (not 1 report for each school). Do not include data from affiliated schools, private schools, or schools that are not part of the district identified above. If you are including data from charter schools that are part of the district, please attach a listing of each charter school included.

ESHS Programs and their partner schools should continue to use the annual Status Report form for submitting their data. All data must be submitted by 7/15/11.

ESHS Regional Schools: Would you please ensure that this information is sent to all the unfunded programs in your regions? Please advise the schools that there are ongoing School Health Institute Programs, and a voucher for a free stadiometer is available for the unfunded programs attending the training. Thanks so much.

3. IMPORTANT: Latest Version of the Epinephrine Administration Reporting Form: Please see attached. Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Mackey, the entire School Health Unit and allergists from MGH and CHMC, we have revised the form and tried to make it more user-friendly with many check boxes. We have also added a section on emergency room

care as we would like to share the results with the hospitals. Again, thanks for your help on this important topic. Of note is that NASN has requested the Massachusetts form to include in their national standards.

4. Congratulations to Mary Ann Gapinski, President, and the National Board for Certification of School Nurses on the excellent newsletter they recently published. This is another example of how school nurses in Massachusetts are contributing to national practice standards.

5. Congratulations to all who work so diligently to ensure that the children of Massachusetts are properly immunized: Massachusetts continues to lead the country in the childhood immunization series 4:3:1:3:3:1 (Description below) for 19 months to 35 months of age. MA was 81.1% (+ or – 5) and the US average was 69.9% (+ or – 1.2). I have attached the 2009 National Immunization Survey table from CDC.

Series Description:

† 4 or more doses of DTaP, 3 or more doses of poliovirus, 1 or more doses of MMR, 3 or more doses of Hib (regardless of brand type),

3 or more doses of Hepatitis B, and 1 or more doses of Varicella.

6. New MASSTART Brochures: Please see attached revised brochures on MASSTART. The brochures are in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

7. IMPORTANT: Revised 911 Form: Attached please find the revised 911 form for FY11. The ESHS Performance Improvement Committee has worked diligently for several years to identify issues relating to the 911 calls. They presented at the Summer Institute and are in the process of writing an article. Of note, their findings reflect that approximately 24% of calls relate to behavioral health. The reasons are being teased out and policy recommendations will be forthcoming. We thank all of you for submitting the forms. Last year the committee received approximately 1500, a reasonable sample to reflect what is happening in so many schools.

8. Requests/Information from Schools:

Amesbury Public Schools: I have started to work with Connie at Health Master to see what we can do to update the MA 904 report to reflect the changes made this summer to the Monthly Reporting form. Jill Gasperini (Lexington) contacted me and would like to work with me. **At the 9/29 ESHS Nurse Leader Meeting, we will be asking all the Health Master users to meet VERY briefly at the beginning of lunch (while waiting in line) to develop an ongoing plan to work with Health Master.** Joan Schleewis-Connor, School Nurse Leader, connorj@amesburyma.gov (978) 388-3393

Boston Public Schools: See attached position for the lead nurse in Boston ("Assistant Medical Director") and please share this with your colleagues.

Hudson Public Schools: Wal-Mart offers \$4.00 prescription on certain items. It looks like anyone is eligible to pay this amount for the listed items unless they have a prescription payment plan through their insurance company, then they may pay a little more or less. Here is the link.

<http://www.walmart.com/cp/4-Prescriptions-Program/546834> Lee Waingortin, RN, BSN, CCM, Resource Nurse/Regional Consultant, Hudson Public Schools, 978-567-6116, ext 145978-567-6129 (fax) lwaingortin@hudson.k12.ma.us

9. ESHS Meeting 9/29/10: Andy Epstein, the new Interim Director of the Division, will be present so that you can meet her! She has been very supportive of school health. Also, Emily Sherwood from the Behavioral Health Initiative will present--please come prepared to discuss the issues you are facing with mental/behavioral health in your nursing practice. We have advised her that school nurses are often the entry point into the health care delivery system for these children.

10. Resources on Diabetes from Joslin: Joslin has an eNews link filled with valuable info: Diabetes in the Classroom, College Bound with Diabetes, School lunch and Diabetes Meal Planning, Halloween and Diabetes, On-line Classes, etc... You can subscribe at: http://www.joslin.org/joslin_newsletters.html

Attachments:

**1. BMI Reporting Form:
Unfunded Programs**

**2. Epinephrine
Administration
reporting Form**

3. Revised 911 Form

**4-6. MASSTART
Brochures**

**7. Coordinated School
Health**

**8. Conference for
Parents of Behaviorally
Challenged Children--
MGH**

**9. brochure of the
Massachusetts
Immunizations Action
Partnership Program**

**10. Conference on
Home Care**

**11. Children's Hospital
Medical Center
Community Outreach
Conferences**

**12. DESE and HIV /AIDS
Conference on
Promoting Healthy
Decisions**

**13. Boston School
Nurse Leader Position**

**14. CHNA Workshop of
Reducing Health
Disparities**

**15. National Board for
Certification of School
Nurses Newsletter**

**16. Safe Routes to
School Information**

**17. State immunization
rates**

**18. Transcript---Conf
Call on Seasonal Flu**

**19. Article on school
nursing and chronic
care**

**20. Conf.: Considering
the Whole Child When
Addressing Sexual
Issues**

**21. IMPORTANT:
Information on Bed
Bugs**

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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