



For Your Information – August 2007

At the State Board of Health (SBOH), we believe information is essential. For several years we have been making SBOH and health-related information available through the distribution of our Board meeting agendas with an attached segment simply called, "FYI". To make this information more accessible we have created this Web page. This page will be updated on a regular basis and should be considered the go-to source for current information on correspondence to and from the Board, a selection of health publications, and health-related conferences.

- [Events and Conferences](#)
- [Correspondence](#)
- [General Interest](#)
- [Public Health Leadership Positions Available](#)
- Publications
 - [General Media](#)
 - [Inside this Issue](#)
 - [Highlighted Journal Articles](#)
 - [Reports](#)

Events and Conferences

Date	Name and Location
July 11-13	NACCHO Annual Conference: Health Equity and Environmental Public Health - From Local to Global Hyatt Regency Columbus Columbus, Ohio For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/nacchoannual07/
July 13-14	Navigating Conflicts When Parents and Providers Disagree about Medical Care Bell Harbor International Conference Center Seattle, Washington
July 16-18	The Public Health Congress Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C.

- July 17 **Tuberculosis in the 21st Century**
 iLink Conference Call
 For more information: <http://www.nwcphp.org/training/hot-topics/2007-hot-topics/tuberculosis-in-the-21st-century>
- July 23-24 **2007 National Healthcare Workforce Development Summit**
 Arlington, Virginia
 For information: <http://www.performanceweb.org/CENTERS/SP/Events/S246/>
- July 26-27 **Emergency Preparedness Conference**
 Portland, Oregon
 For information: Contact Tacey Casey, 503-416-3267

August 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|--|
| Aug. 5-9 | National Conference of State Legislators 2007 Annual Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts
For information: http://www.ncsl.org/annualmeeting/ |
| Aug. 9-10 | NPAIHB Emergency Preparedness Conference
Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach
Portland, Oregon
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/npaihb-emergency-preparedness-conference-2007 |
| Aug. 13-16 | 2007 CDC Cancer Conference on Meeting Future Challenges
Atlanta Hyatt Regency
Atlanta, Georgia
For information: www.cdccancerconference.net |
| Aug. 13-17 | UW Summer Institute for Public Health Practice: Keeping People Healthy: Renew your skills. Rethink your world.
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/training/summer-institute/index_html |
| Aug. 19-22 | The 2007 Quality Colloquium
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
For information: http://www.qualitycolloquium.com/ |
| Aug. 28-29 | Partnerships for Healthy Youth
Marriott Seattle-Tacoma Airport |

SeaTac, Washington

For information: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=133967>

September 2007

Date	Name and Location
-------------	--------------------------

Sept. 18-21	Prevent, Promote, and Protect: Building Board of Health Capacity ~ National Association of Local Boards of Health 15th Annual Conference The Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska For information: www.nalboh.org
-------------	---

October 2007

Date	Name and Location
-------------	--------------------------

Oct. 2-5	ASTHO 2007 Annual Meeting St. Louis, Missouri For information: http://www.astho.org/
Oct. 5-7	Washington State Medical Association Annual Meeting "Call to Professionalism" Tacoma Sheraton Hotel Tacoma, Washington For information: http://www.wsma.org/memresources/calendar.html
Oct. 6	5th Annual Conference on Children's Health and the Environment Hyatt Reston Virginia For information: http://www.gwu.edu/~macche/restonconference07/
Oct. 8-10	Washington State Joint Conference on Health Yakima Convention Center Yakima, Washington For information: http://www.wspha.org/JCH1.html
Oct. 14-16	NASHP's 20th Annual State Health Policy Conference Marriott Denver City Center Denver, Colorado For information: http://www.nashp.org/_conferences.cfm?LID=CON
Oct. 24-27	2007 National Conference on Tobacco or Health Minneapolis, Minnesota For information: http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2007/conference/index.cfm

November 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|--|
| Nov. 1 | 2007 Health Policy Summit & Silver Anniversary Gala Honoring John K. Iglehart
The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Washington D.C.
For information: http://www.healthaffairs.org/summit.php |
| Nov. 3-7 | Politics Policy & Public Health: APHA 2007 Annual Meeting
Washington D.C.
For information: http://www.apha.org/meetings/ |
| Nov. 12 | Working with the Media in High Stress
and High Concern Situations:
A Journalist and Risk Communicator's Perspective
Sheraton National Hotel
Arlington, Virginia
For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758 |
| Nov. 13-14 | 2007 Preparing for Pandemic Influenza Conference
Sheraton National Hotel
Arlington, Virginia
For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758 |

December 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|--|
| Dec. 11 | Washington Health Legislative Conference
The Changing Face(s) of Health Care: New People, New Ideas
SeaTac Hilton Conference Center
SeaTac, Washington
For information: www.depts.washington.edu/rchpol |

April 2008

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|--|
| Apr. 4 | Institute of Medicine's Future of Public Health 20 Years Later ~ NALBOH's 9th Annual Lecture in Public Health
For information: http://www.nalboh.org/lecture/lecture.htm |

September 2008

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|---|
| Sep. 9-12 | ASTHO-NACCHO 2008 Joint Conference
Sacramento, CA
For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/NACCHOannual06/ |

[Index](#)

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board

To: John Glassco

From: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health

Response to Mr. Glassco's follow-up letter to public testimony provided on March 9, 2005 and further explanation of concerns about the new on-site septic rules WAC 246-272A.

To: Julia Patterson, Chair, King County Board of Health

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

Letter commending the King County Board of Health for its leadership on issues related to physical activity and nutrition by considering proposed regulations that would restrict the use of trans fats (R&R No. BOH07-02) and require menu labeling (R&R No. BOH07-01)

Correspondence from the Board

To: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health

From: James D. Dwyer, President and CEO, Washington Dental Service, July 11, 2007

Letter expressing concerns about dental disease in children and what Washington Dental Service is doing about it.

To: Washington State Board of Health

From: John Glassco, July 16, 2007

A follow-up letter to public testimony provided on March 9, 2005 and further explanation of concerns about the new on-site septic rules WAC 246-272A.

To: Washington State Board of Health

From: Scott Kingdon, Director of Information and Government Affairs, Ivar's, Inc. and Kidd Valley Hamburgers

Letter addressing concerns regarding King County's menu labeling law.

To: Washington State Board of Health

From: Shakti K. Matta, MD, MS, FAAP

Letter of support for inclusion of PCV4 as a required vaccine for daycare and preschool entry.

To: Washington State Board of Health

From: Stephen J. Pearson, MD, FAAP

Letter of support for inclusion of PCV4 as a required vaccine for daycare and preschool entry.

[Index](#)

General Interest

Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (WCPCAN) changes name

Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is now Children's Trust of Washington. In addition to their new name, they have moved to a new location:

605 First Avenue, Suite 412
Seattle, Washington 98104
Phone: (206) 464-6151
www.wcpcan.wa.gov
wcpcan@wcpcan.wa.gov

[Index](#)

Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Director

Public Health & Social Services Department
Closes: August 17, 2007
For information:
www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us

Environmental Health Specialist I/II

Chelan-Douglas Health District
Closes: When Filled
For information:
<http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/docs/Full%20EHS%20Recruitment.pdf>

Public Health Nurse II - First Steps Program

Kittitas County Health Department
Closes: When Filled
For information:
<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=348>

Senior Analyst - Operational Definition and Exploring Accreditation

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
Closes: When Filled
For information:
<http://www.naccho.org/careers/headquarters/HQ45.cfm>

[Index](#)

Publications - General Media

Bottom-up approach will work better here

The Everett Herald, July 22, 2007

The fight against fat escalated Thursday when the King County Board of Health voted to ban trans fats in restaurants and require chain eateries to list nutritional information on their menus. Good as its intentions are, the board's authoritarian approach is one Snohomish County should try to avoid.

California Hospital Launches Nurse Interpreter Program to Enhance Care for LEP Patients

RWJF, July 10, 2007

The University of California-Davis Medical Center has implemented a program that dedicates bilingual nurses to serve only non-English-speaking patients as part of a broader effort to improve care for patients with limited English proficiency (LEP), the Sacramento Bee reports. Under the Transcultural Linguistic Care (TLC) Nurse program, participating nurses conduct patient admission interviews, serve as interpreters for physicians and perform routine check-ins with patients throughout their hospital stay. Federal Lawmakers Propose Bill to Promote Health Equity, Reduce Disparities

Can hearing test predict risk of SIDS?

Research on deadly infant syndrome points to clues in the babies' ears

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 30, 2007

For reasons shrouded in mystery, several thousand babies die each year in the United States with little warning. Now, researchers who reviewed the medical records of five dozen Rhode Island babies are posing this intriguing question: Could a simple hearing test predict the newborns who are likely to succumb to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

Communication now part of the cure

USA Today, July 25, 2007

Retired Boston physician Jonathan Fine became a patient advocate in 2004 when he realized communication between doctor and patient is often the first casualty of a major illness. Miscommunication puts patients at greater risk of becoming victims of preventable medical errors, according to a report this year by the Joint Commission, a national hospital accreditation organization. And the Institute of Medicine reports that medical errors cause up to 98,000 deaths a year.

Federal Lawmakers Propose Bill to Promote Health Equity, Reduce Disparities

RWJF, June 29, 2007

Federal lawmakers on Thursday introduced legislation aimed at enhancing health care for racial and ethnic minority patients by increasing access to care, reducing language barriers and funding targeted community programs, CQ HealthBeat reports. Sponsored by Rep. Hilda Solis (D-Calif.) and Del. Donna Christensen (D-U.S. Virgin Islands), the measure includes provisions related to language services and would ensure Medicaid coverage for children of low-income legal immigrants. CQ reports that the House bill expands upon a similar disparities-reduction measure introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.). Both bills include provisions to support health disparities research, boost minority representation in health professions, eliminate language barriers and bolster community programs targeting specific health problems that disproportionately affect minority patients.

King County bans trans fats 'Obesity epidemic' also propels board to require nutritional labels

The Olympian, July 21, 2007

A measure banning artificial trans fats and requiring nutritional labeling for menu items at chain restaurants has been approved by the King County Board of Health. The measure, which applies to Seattle and most of its suburbs, was adopted after about six hours of discussion at a standing-room-only hearing Thursday over the objections of food industry and restaurant officials.

King County restaurants told to phase out trans fats

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 19, 2007

Joining what appears to be a national trend in the wake of the obesity epidemic, the King County Board

of Health told county restaurants Thursday to phase out trans fats and voted to require chain restaurants to provide nutritional information for all menu items. The new rules, opposed by the restaurant industry as too costly, were adopted after about six hours of discussion and comments from members of the public, most of whom supported the rules.

Local eateries split on trans fats

The Everett Herald, July 16, 2007

With the rates of obesity, diabetes and heart disease rising across the nation, local governments are stepping into the role of diet cops. This week, King County's board of health could join New York City and a growing list of other communities in barring restaurants from using trans fats, which increase the risk of heart disease. Snohomish County health officials say they're watching to see what happens in Seattle. Trans fats, contained in shortening and margarine, are found in a variety of foods, including crackers, cookies, doughnuts, pies and pastries. French fries can be dipped in these oils even before they hit the fry basket.

Mental-health parity clears last hurdle: Legislature is ready to send bill to Easley; 9 conditions covered

The Associated Press, July 13, 2007

A bill requiring North Carolina insurance companies to cover mental illnesses in the same way they pay to treat physical afflictions cleared its last legislative hurdle yesterday as the House gave it final approval. Representatives voted 111-2 to accept changes made in the Senate to the bill, subject of a nearly 15-year campaign by its supporters, and send it to Gov. Mike Easley for his signature. "This is another historic day in North Carolina," the bill's sponsor, Rep. Martha Alexander, D-Mecklenburg, said before the vote.

New Hampshire's Child Vaccination Program Seen as Model for Other States

RWJF, July 3, 2007

Health officials across the nation are looking to New Hampshire's child vaccination initiative as a potential model for ensuring that children receive recommended vaccinations, the Concord Monitor reports. Facing rising vaccine costs and the ongoing release of new, recommended vaccines, many states have reduced the amount of vaccine they purchase from the national Vaccines for Children Program, created in 1994 to provide states with an opportunity to purchase discounted vaccine doses for distribution to children with Medicaid or without insurance coverage. In addition, many individual physicians must shoulder significant upfront costs to purchase and store vaccines before obtaining reimbursement from insurers.

New risks discovered for HPV: Virus found under men's fingernails, pointing to more ways of it spreading

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 31, 2007

Controversy continues to plague efforts to protect young women against cervical cancer by vaccinating them against HPV, the human papillomavirus, but one leading scientist's discovery could throw a monkey wrench into the debate. "We found HPV under the fingernails of young men," said Dr. Laura Koutsky, a University of Washington epidemiologist.

Newborn testing expands to more states, disorders

USA Today, July 11, 2007

Nearly nine out of 10 newborns in the USA are screened for more than 20 medical conditions, according to the March of Dimes' annual report card, out today. Last year's report card found that only two-thirds

of U.S. newborns were getting screened for that many conditions. Many of these conditions can be fatal or lead to mental retardation and other serious disabilities if not detected early and treated. "We are making terrific strides in getting all of our newborns covered by these screening tests," March of Dimes president Jennifer Howse says.

Nutritional info is good, banning trans fats isn't

Yakima Herald, July 23, 2007

The King County Board of Health was able to do the near-impossible last week when, rather than jumping from the flame to the fryer, it was able to do both with two new rules on what we eat. The flame came from heated debate over requiring chain restaurants -- those with 10 or more outlets nationwide -- to post nutritional information where it is readily available to customers. Restaurant owners have a year, until Aug. 1, 2008, to comply.

Pierce officials, restaurants work together

The News Tribune, July 21, 2007

Pierce County isn't likely to follow King County's lead in demanding that restaurants list nutritional content on menus and replace trans fats with more healthful fats and oils, a local Health Department official said Friday. The county health board has no resolutions in the works similar to the one the King County Board of Health passed Thursday, said Rick Porso, senior public health manager at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Instead of issuing edicts, "we are working with the industry," Porso said.

RPCI adds patient navigation

Business First of Buffalo, July 24, 2007

Roswell Park Cancer Institute has initiated a program to act as a guiding hand for patients who need help understanding their diagnosis and getting to the appropriate services. The Patient Navigation System uses trained, culturally competent health-care workers to help patients, families, physicians and the health system to ensure patients' needs are addressed. Two such "navigators" have been hired so far to work, initially, with medically underserved patients diagnosed with breast cancer. The program is expected to expand to other care areas within Roswell Park.

Strow seeks to replace Shelton

The Everett Herald, July 19, 2007

COUPEVILLE - Veteran Island County Commissioner Mike Shelton is leaving office, and state Rep. Chris Strow is among those lining up to succeed him. Shelton, a Republican from Langley whose term runs through 2009, announced Monday that he will step down Aug. 31 in order to move to Olympia to be the executive director of the Washington Counties Insurance Fund. Within hours, Strow, a Republican from Freeland, declared he would apply for the appointment to succeed Shelton and finish the unexpired term.

Trans-fat ban gains eateries' assent: Group won't oppose bill before Legislature

Boston Globe, July 12, 2007

A statewide ban on artery-clogging trans fat lost its biggest potential roadblock yesterday when the leading association of restaurateurs told legislators it will not fight the measure. Massachusetts would become the first state to order restaurants to remove trans fat, a staple of frying oils and baked goods that has been linked to heart disease in humans and to diabetes and obesity in animal studies. New York City approved a similar ban last year, a move that has inspired campaigns across the nation to consider similar regulations. The ban took effect last week amid little complaint.

Trans fats may soon be coming off local menus

Seattle Times, July 10, 2007

In the biggest change to the menu since it started selling Diet Coke, Dick's has begun experimenting with different oils for its fries. Over the past four months, cooks have conducted side-by-side tastings of potatoes fried in Primex — the oil that has created the crispy magic since Dick's opened in 1954 — vs. nontrans-fat oils. It's a risky enterprise for a reputation built on flavors that never change. "Our goal is to remain the same so our customers will have the same experience they had in '54, '64 or '74," said Ken Frazier, general manager for the five Dick's Drive-Ins. "Consistency is an absolute for us."

[Index](#)

Publications - Inside This Issue

Advances

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, July 2007

<http://www.rwjf.org/publications/newsletterlist.jsp>

- Competition Seeks to Identify Ways Games Can Improve Health
- Young Adult Smokers Want to Quit, But Most Do Not Seek Proven Treatment
- Report Offers Review of Publicly Funded Integrated Programs
- Envisioning PHR Tools for Patients to Better Manage Their Health
- Connecting Active Living Research to Policy Solutions
- Foundation Offers Video Highlights of Transforming Care at Bedside®
- Let's Get America's Kids Covered Advertisements
- RWJF Appoints David C. Colby, Ph.D., Vice President of Research and Evaluation

E-Health

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/2/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mg%3D%3D>

Elaborations

Department of Health

http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/3/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mw%3D%3D>

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 47, No. 7, July 2007

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

- Rabies Risk Associated with Contact with Bats, Raccoons, and Other Critters
- New Tests for Pertussis and Shiga Toxin Offered by PHSKC Laboratory
- West Nile Virus Monthly Update
- Attention We Moved

The Nation's Health

Affiliates

- Colorado Affiliate works for stronger public health voice
- Affiliates hold annual meetings

APHA News

- National Public Health Week 2007 targets most vulnerable: Kick-off event held in Washington, D.C.
- National Public Health Week celebrated nationwide: Health departments, schools, communities hold events
- 'Fitness is no joke' during events in Brookline, Mass
- CDC puts the spotlight on pandemic flu preparedness
- Students in the Dominican Republic raise awareness of health
- Arlington, Va., celebrates week with health fair, puppet show
- Tampa students host busy week of events
- Garrett, Gerberding, Armstrong headline APHA Annual Meeting: Registration open online for 135th meeting
- APHA Executive Board meets in D.C.
- APHA Learning Institute topics announced for upcoming meeting
- APHA Advocates
- The Nation's Health, APHA book receive national publication awards

General

- Bonus: U.S. environmental public health tracking programs gain success: Partners working on nationwide network
- School playgrounds, athletic fields often inaccessible on weekends
- In memoriam

Globe

- Traffic crashes among youth a worldwide problem: International health leaders highlight needed interventions
- 2007 World Health Day focuses on health security, global cooperation

Health Findings

Healthy You

- Easy steps can help keep your precious cargo safe on the road

Job Openings

Journal Watch

Letters

Nation

- Preparedness training critical for emergency health workers: Personal, professional readiness an asset
- Supreme Court decisions are shaping efforts on greenhouse gases, abortion: States taking action
- Federally requested report finds abstinence education not effective
- Americans with disabilities still facing barriers to care, assistance
- Former CDC directors come together
- IoM report proposes new school food standards

- New national coalition aims to improve kids' flu vaccine rates
- Nation in brief

Newsmakers

President's Column

- APHA, WFPHA work together for worldwide public health vision: Get active on the global public health stage

Resources

Special Report

- Public health program bringing infant eye care into better focus

State/Local

- Missouri, Tennessee Medicaid changes endangering health
- States in brief

Web Exclusive

- Online only: Children inundated by food ads on TV
- Online only: Breast and colorectal cancers linked to alcohol consumption
- Online only: Physician ties to drug industry stronger than ever
- Online only: Capability expands for influenza research and surveillance
- Online only: Authorities fail to protect indigenous women from rape
- Online only: Threat of jail time doesn't keep drunken drivers off the road
- Online only: Significant link found between smoking, mental disorders in pregnant women
- Online only: Parents open door to drinking for many teens
- Online only: International forum endorses salt reduction to prevent heart disease and stroke
- Online only: Walking more likely in neighborhoods with more four-way intersections, diverse business mix
- Online only: World moves closer to eradicating ancient worm disease
- Online only: Rapid response was crucial to containing the 1918 flu pandemic, gave lesson for future

NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health, Second Quarter, 2007

<http://www.nalboh.org/publications/newsbrief/newsbrief.htm>

Report from Washington

- Federal Budget Update
- Public Health Advocacy Tips
- Spring Action Item

Tobacco Free USA

- Legislation Introduced to Give FDA the Authority to Regulate Tobacco Products
- Letters of Support Program
- Cowboy Ted Hallisey in Minnesota to Help Students Give Tobacco the Boost
- Smoking Ban Approved for Madison County, KY
- NALBOH's Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Tool Kit for Boards of Health
- American Lung Association Releases New Report

National Public Health Performance Standards Program

- Version 2 Instrument Update
- Improving Performance
- Public Health Accreditation Board Established, Names Dr. Albert Gray as First Executive Director

Environmental Health & Emergency Preparedness

- Process Evaluation of PACE EH
- New Partnership
- New Food Defense Awareness Initiative: ALERT
- Detainment of Robert Daniels
- Integrated Wireless Network
- Employers Take on the Employee Health Issue

State Association of Local Boards of Health

- SALBOH's Meet in BG
- New Jersey News
- Introducing Registered Dietitians to Local Boards of Health
- Nebraska Annual Report

Community Health Status Indicators

- A Nationwide Approach to Developing Community Health Profiles
- What are the rules?

Medical Reserve Corps

Oral Health

- Subcommittee on Health "Insuring Bright Futures: Improving Access to Dental Care and Providing a Healthy Start for Children
- Choice Hotels Comfort Suites Brand to Go Completely Smokefree

Membership Application

Calendar of Events

National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/9/archives.php?u=Jmk9OQ%3D%3D>

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, Issue 496, July 23, 2007

- Taming the information beast: states consider how to restrain costs, protect patients ~ As health information technology enables drug companies and others to more closely track physicians' prescribing patterns, lawmakers are debating how best to protect patients. At least 13 states are considering limiting "data mining," while others bar "pop ups" from software.
- Increasing incidence of lyme disease-especially in 10 states-leads to new legislation ~ Connecticut is considering a bill that would require providers to report cases of Lyme disease to the state. A bill in Maine would mandate insurance coverage of treatment—even though some argue that prolonged treatment is not efficacious.
- Immigration debate continues: who should get health care? ~ The difficult issue of immigration reform may be dead (at least for now) in Congress, but it's very much alive in the states. And it's no less divisive. Another new report says that immigrants contribute more to states coffers than they take away.
- Highlights ~ Obesity in TX...Medicaid Lawsuit Decided...Congress and the Nursing Shortage
- Graphically speaking closing the divide: medical homes and disparities ~ Combining insurance coverage with "medical homes" can help states reduce or even eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health care, according to a new study. Read more

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, No. 495, July 9, 2007

- Garden state aims to reduce HIV transmission by "requiring" pregnant women to be tested ~ A bill passed by the New Jersey Legislature requires that pregnant women be tested twice, and some infants once, for HIV. Women who decline would have to do so in writing. Based on recent CDC guidelines, the legislation could lead to a cost-effective reduction in the transmission of HIV.
- Reducing unwanted pregnancies: A national campaign takes shape ~ One-third of all pregnancies in the U.S. are "unwanted" or experienced by women who did not want to get pregnant at that, or at any, time. Reducing such pregnancies would lessen human and financial costs and decrease the number of abortions that take place, an advocacy group says.
- Highlights ~ Court Approves Oral Health Aides...Home Health Workers and the Minimum Wage...WI Substance Abuse Prevention...Illicit Drugs "Stabilized"
- Graphically speaking ~ The 2005 Deficit Reduction Act will enable more states to adopt the RWJF's Long-Term Care Partnership Program. The Program enables policyholders to protect some assets but still enroll in Medicaid.

Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation

<http://www.whf.org/News/ThriveMagazine.aspx>

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

Zoonotic Disease Newsletter

Washington State Department of Health, July 2007

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/zdnewsletter.html>

- One-health movement seeks stronger ties between veterinarians, physicians, and public health
- Rainy weather a reminder to reduce mosquito habitat
- Mosquito misting systems fact sheet
- Turtle associated salmonellosis in humans
- West Nile virus activity in the northwest, weekly update, and news headlines

[Index](#)

Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

Journals Reviewed

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

<http://www.ajpm-online.net/>

American Journal of Public Health

<http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>

- Vol. 97, No. 8, August 1, 2007
- Vol. 97, No. 7, July 1, 2007

Environmental Health Perspectives

Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health

<http://www.ehponline.org/>

Washington State Board of Health ~ FYI Newsletter ~ August 2007

<http://www.sboh.wa.gov/FYI/FYI.htm>

Page 14 of 18

- Vol. 115, No. 8, August 2007

Health Affairs

<http://www.healthaffairs.org/>

- Vol. 26, No. 4, July/August 2007

The Journal of the American Medical Association

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/>

- Vol. 298, No. 5, August 1, 2007
- Vol. 298, No. 4, July 25, 2007
- Vol. 298, No. 3, July 18, 2007
- Vol. 298, No. 2, July 11, 2007

The Journal of Environmental Health

National Environmental Health Association

<http://www.neha.org/JEH/>

- July-August, 2007

The Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law

<http://jhppl.dukejournals.org/archive/>

- Vol. 32, No. 4, August 2007

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

- Vol. 56, No. 30, August 3, 2007
- Vol. 56, No. 29, July 27, 2007
- Vol. 56, No. 28, July 20, 2007
- Vol. 56, No. 27, July 13, 2007
- Vol. 56, No. 26, July 6, 2007

The New England Journal of Medicine

<http://content.nejm.org/current.shtml>

- Vol. 357, No. 5, August 2, 2007
- Vol. 357, No. 4, July 26, 2007
- Vol. 357, No. 3, July 19, 2007
- Vol. 357, No. 2, July 12, 2007
- Vol. 357, No. 1, July 5, 2007

Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

<http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/>

Highlighted Journal Articles

- **Cryptosporidiosis Outbreaks Associated with Recreational Water Use --- Five States, 2006**
MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 29, July 27, 2007

Cryptosporidiosis is a gastrointestinal illness caused by parasitic protozoa of the genus *Cryptosporidium* and can produce watery diarrhea lasting 1--3 weeks (1); one or two cases per 100,000 population are reported annually in the United States (2,3). Fecal-oral transmission of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts occurs through ingestion of contaminated drinking or recreational water, consumption of contaminated food, and contact with infected persons or animals (e.g., cattle or sheep). Unlike bacterial pathogens, *Cryptosporidium* oocysts are resistant to chlorine disinfection and can survive for days in treated recreational water venues (e.g., public and residential swimming pools and community and commercial water parks*) despite adherence to recommended residual chlorine levels (1--3 ppm) (4).

- **Disparities in Infant Mortality: What's Genetics Got to Do With It?**

American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 97, No. 7, July 2007

Since 1950, dramatic advances in human genetics have occurred, racial disparities in infant mortality have widened, and the United States' international ranking in infant mortality has deteriorated. The quest for a "preterm birth gene" to explain racial differences is now under way. Scores of papers linking polymorphisms to preterm birth have appeared in the past few years. Is this strategy likely to reduce racial disparities? We reviewed broad epidemiological patterns that call this approach into question. Overall patterns of racial disparities in mortality and secular changes in rates of prematurity as well as birth-weight patterns in infants of African immigrant populations contradict the genetic theory of race and point toward social mechanisms. We postulate that a causal link to class disparities in health exists.

- **Hepatitis A Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 24--35 Months --- United States, 2004--2005**

MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 27, July 13, 2007

After the licensure of hepatitis A vaccine in 1995 for children aged >24 months, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) incrementally expanded the proportion of children for whom it recommended the vaccine. In 1996, ACIP recommended vaccinating children in communities that had high rates of hepatitis A virus (HAV) infection, including American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities and selected Hispanic and religious communities (1).

- **Notice to Readers: Satellite Broadcast and Webcast: Immunization Update 2007**

MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 28, July 20, 2007

CDC and the Public Health Training Network will present a satellite broadcast and webcast, Immunization Update 2007, on August 9, 2007. The 2½-hour broadcast will occur live during 9:00--11:30 a.m. EST and will be rebroadcast the same day during 12:00--2:30 p.m. EST. Both broadcasts will feature a live question-and-answer session in which participants nationwide can interact with the course instructors via a toll-free telephone number. Anticipated topics include influenza, rotavirus, varicella, and zoster vaccines and other emerging vaccine topics. Continuing education (CE) credits will be provided. Additional information about the program is available at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/immup-2007>.

- **Overt and Subtle Racial Discrimination and Mental Health: Preliminary Findings for Korean Immigrants**

American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 97, No. 7, July 2007

Objectives. We examined differential effects of overt and subtle forms of racial discrimination on 2 dimensions of mental health—positive affect and depressive symptoms, and explored the mediating roles of emotional arousal and cognitive appraisal.

Conclusions. The results emphasize the salience of subtle discrimination for the mental health of Asian immigrants. Experiences of overt racial bias seemed to be of little importance for the levels of depressive symptoms among those in our sample, although the experience of blatant discrimination tended to reduce positive mood.

- **Perinatal Group B Streptococcal Disease After Universal Screening Recommendations --- United States, 2003--2005**

MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 28, July 20, 2007

Group B streptococcus (GBS) is a leading cause of neonatal morbidity and mortality in the United States. In 2002, CDC, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued revised guidelines for the prevention of perinatal GBS disease. These guidelines recommend universal screening of pregnant women by culture for rectovaginal GBS colonization at 35--37 weeks' gestation and the use of intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis for GBS carriers (1). To examine rates of neonatal and pregnancy-associated GBS disease after the revised guidelines were issued, CDC analyzed surveillance data from the Active Bacterial Core surveillance (ABCs) system from the period 2003--2005 and compared them with data from 2000--2001, the period immediately preceding the universal screening recommendations. This report describes the results of that analysis, which indicated that annual incidence of early onset GBS disease (i.e., in infants aged 0--6 days) was 33% lower during 2003--2005 than during 2000--2001. However, although incidence among white infants decreased steadily during 2003--2005, incidence increased 70% among black infants. Incidence of GBS disease among infants aged 7--89 days (i.e., late-onset disease) and pregnant women remained stable after revised universal screening guidelines were issued. Continued surveillance is needed to monitor the impact of the guidelines on perinatal GBS disease and trends in racial disparities and to guide interventions to reduce disparities.

- **Racial/Ethnic Differences in Physician Distrust in the United States**

American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 97, No. 7, July 2007

Objectives. We examined the racial/ethnic and geographic variation in distrust of physicians in the United States.

Conclusions. Racial/ethnic differences in physician distrust are less uniform than previously hypothesized, with substantial geographic and individual variation present.

- **The Relationship between Early Childhood Blood Lead Levels and Performance on End-of-Grade Tests**

Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 115, No. 8, August 2007 Background: Childhood lead poisoning remains a critical environmental health concern. Low-level lead exposure has been linked to decreased performance on standardized IQ tests for school-aged children.

Objective: In this study we sought to determine whether blood lead levels in early childhood are related to educational achievement in early elementary school as measured by performance on end-of-grade (EOG) testing.

Conclusions: Our emphasis on population-level analyses of children who are roughly the same age linked to previous (rather than contemporaneous) blood lead levels using achievement (rather than aptitude) outcome complements the important work in this area by previous researchers. Our results suggest that the relationship between blood lead levels and cognitive outcomes are robust across outcome measures and at low levels of lead exposure.

[Index](#)

Reports

2006 Annual Report

Washington Health Foundation, July 2007

[Index](#)