



## For Your Information – February 2006

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.

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### Announcements and Press Releases

#### Washington State Department of Health

*Release date: February 3, 2006*

#### Glacier Motel in Fife suspended for unsanitary, unsafe conditions

The state Department of Health has immediately suspended the license of the Glacier Motel in Fife because it poses an immediate threat to its occupants. Department investigators discovered the motel has been violating electrical, maintenance, fire, and safety codes and operating under unsanitary conditions. The motel was vacated on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 due to electricity being shut off by the power company. The Glacier Motel may not offer accommodations until a hearing is held.

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### Events and Conferences

#### April 2006

Date	Name and Location
April 17-19	The 3rd Annual World Health Care Congress For information: <a href="http://www.worldcongress.com">www.worldcongress.com</a> or 800-817-8601 Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, DC

April 26-28 61st Annual Educational Conference  
Environmental Health: Building the Future, Honoring the Past, Expanding Today's  
Horizons, and Developing Tomorrow's Leaders  
For information: [kathy@wseha.org](mailto:kathy@wseha.org)  
Red Lion Vancouver at the Quay  
Vancouver, Washington

## May 2006

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
May 5-6	23rd Annual Primary Care Update For information: <a href="http://www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu">www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu</a> Red Lion Hotel at the Park Spokane, Washington
May 8-10	National Health, Wellness, & Prevention Congress For information: <a href="http://www.nhwpc.com">www.nhwpc.com</a> NHWPC/CDHCC Expo Hall San Francisco, California
May 10-12	The Disease Management Colloquium For information: <a href="http://www.DMConferences.com">www.DMConferences.com</a> or 1-800-546-3750 Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 21-24	5th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters For information: <a href="http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/">http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/</a> Hilton Long Beach Long Beach, California
May 22-24	2006 National Farmworker Health Conference For information: <a href="http://www.nachc.com">www.nachc.com</a> Westin Riverwalk San Antonio, Texas

## June 2006

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
June 12-14	Management Skills for Emerging Leaders in Environmental Health and Safety For information: <a href="mailto:contedu@hsph.harvard.edu">contedu@hsph.harvard.edu</a> Harvard School of Public Health Kresge Building Boston, Massachusetts
June 25-27	AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting 2006

For information: [www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts](http://www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts)  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center  
Seattle, Washington

## July 2006

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
July 26-29	The National Association of Local Boards of Health's 14th Annual Conference For information: <a href="mailto:tiffany@nalboh.org">tiffany@nalboh.org</a> San Antonio, Texas

## October 2006

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
October 26-27	Blood Borne: A Silent Epidemic For information: <a href="mailto:amy.shaeffer@commonhealthcenter.org">amy.shaeffer@commonhealthcenter.org</a> Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois

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## Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

**Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health**  
February 1, 2006

- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda
- Regular Agenda
- Director of Health Comments
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session

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## Public Health Leadership Positions Available

**Director, Coordinating Center for Health Promotion**  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health & Human Services  
For information: Nancy Cheal at 770-488-6540 or Anita Gregoire at 770-488-1875

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## Publications - General Media

- **Environmental Health Perspectives**

*February 2006, Volume 114, Number 2*

Articles of interest: "New Thinking on Neurodevelopment," "Flu Vaccine Production Gets a Shot in the Arm," "Pesticides and Parkinson's Disease," "Sex-Related Effects of Developmental PBDE Exposure," "Children's Dietary Pesticide Exposure," and "Phthalate Monoesters and Infant Hormones."

- **Pandemic readiness is all local**

*Source: USA Today, February 1, 2006*

Your chance of surviving a flu pandemic could depend on where you happen to live. The USA has a federal pandemic plan. But in an emergency, it will be the local response that matters the most, says Jeffrey Levi, senior policy advisor at the Trust for America's Health, who spoke here Wednesday at a meeting of flu experts. "The basic day-to-day, where the rubber hits the road for pandemic preparedness is being left to state and local governments," he says.

- **Calif., national groups split on secondhand smoke**

*Source: USA Today, February 1, 2006*

California regulators, the first to brand secondhand smoke an air pollutant, are convinced it causes breast cancer in younger women. But they're butting heads--at least for now--with conventional wisdom in the cancer research establishment.

- **In New York Schools, Whole Milk Is Cast From the Menu**

*Source: The New York Times, February 2, 2006*

For generations of children, a serving of whole milk, customarily in a red and white carton, has been as synonymous with school as a yellow No. 2 pencil. When President Harry S. Truman signed the National School Lunch Program into law in 1946, a half pint of milk was one of the five dietary staples required by the bill. But children today are fat, or at least too many of them are, and to cut the risks of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems, New York City--the nation's largest school district--has decided to cut whole milk from the menu.

- **Overhaul Urged for Laws on AIDS Tests and Data**

*Source: The New York Times, February 2, 2006*

New York City's health commissioner, Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, called yesterday for changing state laws so that health officials could more aggressively test people for HIV and AIDS and use the medical information the city already collects to help treat those infected.

- **Student funds suffer as nutrition improves**

*Source: The Olympian, February 2, 2006*

More students are eating healthfully, thanks to new school nutrition policies. But that has meant less vending machine and snack-shop revenue, which helps to pay for student activities. A new state law required all Washington school districts to enact policies last summer that addressed the nutritional content of all food sold at every school in an attempt to curtail childhood obesity.

- **Free class will help people prepare their families to survive disasters**

*Source: The News Tribune, February 2, 2006*

How to prepare one's home and family to survive for three days without help will be part of a free emergency preparedness course February 8 at Green River Community College in Auburn. The two-hour course will cover items that should be in a disaster supplies kit; techniques to secure items in your home for an earthquake; ways to purify water; and tips for working with your neighbors before and after a disaster.

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## Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

- ***American Journal of Public Health***

*February 1, 2006; Vol. 96, No. 2*

<http://www.ajph.org/content/vol96/issue2/?etoc>

- **Scientists Develop Faster Process To Produce Vaccine for Bird Flu**

*Source: The Wall Street Journal, February 2, 2006*

Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Purdue University have developed a technology that they say could make a vaccine for a pandemic strain of avian influenza more effective and easier to manufacture than a vaccine produced with currently available methods.

- ***MMWR Weekly***

*February 3, 2006, Volume 55, No. 4*

Articles of interest: "Assessment of Health-Related Needs After Tsunami and Earthquake," "Imported Vaccine-Associated Paralytic Poliomyelitis," "Childhood Influenza Vaccination Coverage," "Update: Influenza Activity," "Errata: Vol. 55, No. SS-1," "QuickStats: Percentage of Births Attended by Midwives," "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, February 7, 2006," and "Notifiable Diseases and Reported Deaths."

- **Childhood Influenza Vaccination Coverage--United States, 2003-04 Influenza Season**

*Source: MMWR Weekly, February 3, 2006/55(04); 100-103*

Children aged <2 years are at increased risk for influenza-related hospitalizations (1,2). Beginning in 2002, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) encouraged that, when feasible, children aged 6-23 months and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers for children aged <2 years receive influenza vaccinations each year (1).

- **Imported Vaccine-Associated Paralytic Poliomyelitis--United States, 2005**

*Source: MMWR Weekly, February 3, 2006/55(04); 100-103*

Paralytic poliomyelitis is rare in the United States because of the success of universal childhood immunization and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Poliovirus vaccine was introduced in the 1950s. Since then, the United States has eliminated indigenous wild poliovirus transmission, controlled imported wild poliovirus cases, and, through a vaccine policy change (i.e., from live, attenuated oral polio vaccine [OPV] to inactivated polio vaccine [IPV]), eliminated vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP) cases.

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