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Events and Conferences

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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
Apr. 15	Community Health Care's Annual Luncheon For information: (253) 597-4550
Apr. 18	Health Disparities and Inequities: Mobilizing a Regional Response Washington State University Vancouver Campus Vancouver, Washington For information: http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/events/health/
Apr. 21-23	5th Annual World Health Care Congress For information: www.whcc2008.com

May 2008

Date	Name and Location
May 1-2	Health Literacy in Primary Care: Best Practices and Skill Building Irvine, California For information: http://www.iha4health.org/index.cfm/MenuItemID/226.htm
May 5-6	Washington State Tribal Healing & Wellness Conference Kiana Lodge, Port Madison Indian Reservation Poulsbo, Washington For information: http://adai.washington.edu/TribalConference/
May 8-9	Tribal B.E.A.R. Medical Update Conference: HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Little Creek Casino Resort Shelton, Washington
May 14	Making Connections for Health 2008 Luncheon The Sheraton Hotel Seattle, Washington For information: www.withinreachwa.org
May 15	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov
May 15-17	26th Annual WREN Conference - Western Regional Epidemiology Network Ashland, Oregon
May 18-21	7th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters Torrance, California For information: www.cphd.ucla.edu
May 20-24	2008 Spring Primary Care Conference Red Lion Hotel at the Park Spokane, Washington For information: https://www.nwrpca.org/onevent/details.php?id=1198
May 28	Community Forum on Health Equities Tacoma Campus - The Evergreen State College Tacoma, Washington For information: http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil/Forums/index.htm
May 29	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov

May 29 **Healthy Schools Summit**
University of Puget Sound
Tacoma, Washington

June 2008

Date	Name and Location
Jun. 2-3	Putting the Pieces Together...Building successful community healthcare collaboratives that improve healthcare access, care and quality Holiday Inn SeaTac SeaTac, Washington For information: http://www.wacommunitiesconnect.org/Conference.html
Jun. 12	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov
Jun. 22-25	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 72nd Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition Tucson, Arizona For information: www.neha.org
Jun. 26	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov

July 2008

Date	Name and Location
July 10	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov
July 24	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice workshop Seattle, Washington For information: Running Grass, Grass.Running@epamail.epa.gov

September 2008

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

Sep. 21-24 **Sixth National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations**
Minneapolis, Minnesota
For information: <http://www.diversityrxconference.com/>

Sep. 28 - Oct. 1 **ESRI Health GIS Conference: Shaping Global Health**
Washington, DC
For information: www.esri.com/healthgis

October 2008

Date	Name and Location
Oct. 25-29	Public Health without Borders - APHA 136th Annual Meeting and Exposition San Diego, California For information: http://www.apha.org/meetings/

June 2009

Date	Name and Location
Jun. 21-24	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 73rd Annual Education Conference Atlanta, Georgia For information: www.neha.org

June 2010

Date	Name and Location
Jun. 5-9	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 74th Annual Education Conference Albuquerque, New Mexico For information: www.neha.org

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Assistant Secretary

Washington State Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health
Closes: When Filled

Director

Washington State Department of Health, Public Health Systems Planning and Development
Closes: When Filled

Environmental Health Specialist I/II

Chelan-Douglas Health District

Closes: When Filled

For information: <http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/docs/EHS%20I-II%20Position%20Recruitment.pdf>

Health Policy Associate

Children's Health Alliance

Closes: March 1, 2008

For information: <http://www.childrensalliance.org/joinus/jobopenings.cfm>.

Public Health Nurse I

Yakima Health District

Closes: February 14, 2008

For information:

ellie.navarrete@co.yakima.wa.us

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>

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Publications - General Media

1 in 4 U.S. Toddlers Improperly Vaccinated

Washington Post, April 29, 2008

TUESDAY, April 29 (HealthDay News) -- New numbers show that more than a quarter of American toddlers may be under-vaccinated. The study of children aged 19 months to 35 months found that missed doses account for about two-thirds of non-compliance to official recommendations. However, miss-timed doses are also an issue, according to a study conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and published in the June issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Immunization delays put children at risk for a variety of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, mumps and chicken pox. On the other hand, immunization rates in the United States are decent, experts reasoned.

AAMC: Medical home model holds promise

AHANewsNow, March 26, 2008

The Association of American Medical Colleges views the medical home model as promising and supports further research on how to best implement it, the association announced this week. In a position statement, AAMC said every patient should have access to a medical home, meaning a continuous relationship with a health care provider or team of providers to help them navigate the health care system. The association indicated it would work with medical schools and teaching hospitals to develop

a better understanding of how the medical home model can be adopted in academic and community settings. It said payment for the model should appropriately recognize and reward providers for prevention, care delivery and coordination; and that providers should be trained to understand and implement the model within a team environment.

Arizona, restaurants again pursue nutrition goals

The Arizona Republic, March 25, 2008

Arizonans soon may find it a bit easier to identify healthful meals at some chain restaurants, like McDonald's. In a new program launched Monday, the Arizona Department of Health Services is teaming with restaurants to identify items on their menus that meet certain healthful criteria - like calories from fat and milligrams of sodium - or help restaurants tweak their recipes to meet the nutritional standards. The program, called the Arizona Smart Choice Program, is voluntary. Participating restaurants will display a logo on menus and in their windows.

Canada declares chemical in plastic bottles unsafe

USA Today, April 2008

TORONTO (AP) — An ubiquitous chemical found in hard plastic water bottles, DVDs, CDs and hundreds of other common items came under increased pressure Friday when Canada said it's potentially harmful and may ban its use in baby bottles. Health Canada made the announcement shortly after a U.S. company said it would stop selling hard-plastic Nalgene water bottles made with bisphenol A because of growing consumer concern over whether the chemical poses a health risk. Health Canada's action could be the first step toward Canada banning the chemical altogether. Earlier this week, the U.S. government's National Toxicology Program said that there is "some concern" about BPA from experiments on rats that linked the chemical to changes in behavior and the brain, early puberty and possibly precancerous changes in the prostate and breast. While such animal studies only provide "limited evidence" of risk, the draft report said a possible effect on humans "cannot be dismissed."

CDC enters fray over tainted FEMA trailers

USA Today, April 2008

WASHINGTON — The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was accused by lawmakers and a whistle-blower on Tuesday of watering down a report on the dangers of formaldehyde exposure. "It was not acceptable science," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., a member of the House Science and Technology subcommittee on investigations and oversight. The panel is examining the CDC's role in investigating the dangers of formaldehyde fumes in trailers and mobile homes distributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to house people displaced by hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

CDC fears major measles outbreak

Seattle Times, May 2, 2008

CHICAGO — Federal health officials warned Thursday that the United States could be on the verge of a major outbreak of measles. The official tally of measles cases between Jan. 1 and April 25 was 64, the highest in recent years, officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said. That count doesn't include Washington state, where eight cases were reported this week. Those cases stemmed from an international church conference in suburban Seattle in March, according to the state health department.

Climate change brings health risks

The Olympian, April 10, 2008

A top government health official said Wednesday that climate change is expected to have a significant impact on health in the next few decades, with certain regions of the country - and the elderly and

children - most vulnerable to increased health problems. Howard Frumkin, a senior official of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, gave a detailed summary on the likely health impacts of global warming at a congressional hearing. But he refrained from giving an opinion on whether carbon dioxide, a leading greenhouse gas, should be regulated as a danger to public health. "The CDC doesn't have a position on ... EPA's regulatory decisions," said Frumkin, determined to avoid getting embroiled in the contentious issue over whether the Environmental Protection Agency should regulate CO2 under the federal Clean Air Act.

Court Delays Posting of Calorie Counts

New York Times, April 23, 2008

A federal appeals judge on Wednesday delayed the enforcement of new city rules requiring calorie counts to be posted alongside prices in some restaurants. The delay ordered by Judge Robert A. Katzmann is only temporary, until Tuesday, when he said a three-member panel of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals would hear oral arguments on continuing the delay. The regulations had been scheduled to go into effect on Saturday. The delay was sought by the New York State Restaurant Association, which lost its challenge of the new rules in United State District Court in Manhattan last week. In opposing any delay, the city said that putting off the new regulations "will likely have a negative effect on the public health." City officials maintain that consumers will make healthier choices if they know how many calories are in each item on a menu. Officials also say that rampant obesity makes encouraging people to eat better is in the public interest.

Diabetes Rate Before Pregnancy Doubles

Wall Street Journal, April 28, 2008

In a troubling new perspective on the obesity epidemic, a large study found that rates of women who had diabetes before they became pregnant doubled to nearly 2% from 1999 to 2005.

The report is of concern, researchers said, because diabetes increases risk of miscarriage and birth defects and can have a long-term ill effect on women's own health as well. The results, being published Monday in *Diabetes Care*, are consistent with other data indicating that women are developing diabetes at younger ages. This pattern is likely related to increasing rates of obesity, a risk factor for Type II -- formerly called "adult-onset" -- diabetes, according to Jean Lawrence, study author and a researcher at Kaiser Permanente Southern California department of research and evaluation.

Finding Answers Awards More Than \$2.5 Million to Develop Interventions Aimed at Reducing Gaps in Health Care Among U.S. Racial and Ethnic Group: Ten grants given to organizations with demonstrated abilities to develop and test interventions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care.

RWJF, May 01, 2008

Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) housed at the University of Chicago, is awarding more than \$2.5 million to 10 organizations that are working to eliminate racial and ethnic health care disparities in their communities.

FDA warns Merck over problems at West Point plant

The Philadelphia Inquirer, May 1, 2008

Federal regulators warned Merck & Co. Inc. yesterday that it must fix recurring manufacturing problems at its West Point vaccine plant or face harsher action. The warning letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cited Merck for failing to follow good manufacturing practices and allowing recurrent problems documented during recent inspections, such as vaccine vials with unwanted "fibers."

Gov't seeks help with vaccine questions

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 11, 2008

WASHINGTON -- The government began an unprecedented effort Friday to give vaccine critics a say in shaping how the nation researches safety questions surrounding immunizations. The meeting, the first of more to be set, came amid new controversy about vaccines and autism - and a fledgling theory that vaccinations might worsen a rare condition called mitochondrial dysfunction that in turn triggers certain forms of autism. Federal health officials said the work, being planned for two years, wasn't in response to that controversy, and encompasses many more questions than autism - from rare side effects of the new shingles vaccine to how to predict who's at risk for encephalopathy sometimes triggered by other inoculations.

HHS Unveils Recommendations for Curbing Health Care Disparities

RWJF, April 8, 2008

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) has released a report designed to guide stakeholders in their efforts to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. The "Strategic Framework for Improving Racial/Ethnic Minority Health and Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities" report seeks to steer, organize and coordinate the systematic planning, execution and assessment of efforts undertaken within HHS and by outside organizations. The report outlines several key elements of a successful disparities elimination plan, including the use of "current science and expert consensus" on the nature and extent of disparities; the assessment of systems-level factors, such as the availability and use of resources and how those factors affect program efficacy; and the use of a systems approach to effectively leverage and coordinate available resources. OMH officials say the report offers a "rational and systematic, yet broad and flexible" framework for addressing the nation's efforts to eliminate health disparities.

Is nutrition still on the school menu?

The Washington Post, April 15, 2008

New York students will have to settle for pizza without tasty turkey pepperoni topping. In Maryland schools, tomato slices were pulled for a few weeks from cafeteria salads in favor of less-expensive carrots or celery. And in North Carolina, Yoo-hoo drinks, which had been taken off the shelf in favor of healthier options, are back. Sure, officials would rather the kids chugged milk. But each Yoo-hoo sale brings in 36 cents of profit. Sharp rises in the cost of milk, grain and fresh fruits and vegetables are hitting cafeterias across the country, forcing cash-strapped schools to raise prices or pinch pennies by serving more economical dishes. Some school officials on a mission to help fight childhood obesity say it's becoming harder to fill students' plates with healthful, low-fat foods. School meal programs across the country are run somewhat like restaurants, relying on federal and state subsidies, and profits from meal and snack sales and catering services, to buy food and pay workers.

Life span shorter in parts of U.S.: Obesity, smoking cited; state not immune to trend

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 22, 2008

For the first time since the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, life expectancy for a significant proportion of the United States is on the decline largely because of an increase in chronic diseases related to obesity, smoking and high blood pressure. Although life expectancy for all other Western nations and for most of the U.S. has continued to improve over the past several decades, researchers at Harvard University and the University of Washington say many of the worst-off here are getting much worse. One of every five American women, and one of every 25 men, are either dying at a younger age or seeing no improvement in life span. Although this deadly trend is mostly centered in the southern parts of the nation, several largely rural counties in Washington -- Cowlitz, Lewis, Benton and Grays Harbor -- are also on the verge of seeing a decline in overall life span.

Philadelphia Group Addresses Language Barriers to Health Care Among Southeast Asians

RWJF, March 27, 2008

A coalition of Philadelphia-area health care providers, public broadcaster WHYY and the Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition Inc. on Wednesday launched a project designed to address language barriers in health care, the Philadelphia Business Journal reports. Supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the "Media Partnerships for Community Engagement in Southeast Asian Health" project also includes the University of Pennsylvania Health System's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. Over the coming months, the project will work with Laotian and Vietnamese seniors to create videos addressing various health issues. Specifically, the first-person videos will address experiences with hypertension, language barriers and patient-provider communication.

Pollution imperils 17 shellfish sites

The Olympian, May 2, 2008

The state Department of Health has identified 17 commercial shellfish growing areas threatened with harvest restrictions or closures if pollution problems aren't fixed. Three are in South Sound, including the area near Woodard Bay in Henderson Inlet, McLane Cove in Pickering Passage in Mason County and North Bay near Allyn. On the plus side, lower Eld Inlet, one of 15 areas on the 2007 early warning list, has been removed from the list because of improved water quality, said Bob Woolrich, growing-area manager for the health department.

Public Forum to Address Safety Issues on Vaccines

New York Times, April 11, 2008

WASHINGTON — In the midst of yet another controversy about whether vaccines cause autism, the federal government will hold its first ever public meeting on Friday to discuss a governmentwide research agenda to explore the safety of vaccines. The meeting is intended to help defuse years of criticism from vaccine skeptics that the government is hiding what it knows about vaccine safety or failing to investigate the issue diligently. But the gathering is unlikely to appease the government's many critics in part because the latest notion to grip vaccine skeptics — that vaccinations trigger or worsen something called mitochondrial dysfunction, which in turn causes autism — will remain largely unaddressed.

Public health: More challenges to meet

The Everett Herald, April 8, 2008

I will bet you weren't thinking about public health when you woke up this morning. But guess what? Public health was there when you yawned and filled your lungs with clean air. We were with you when you brushed your teeth, and the wastewater emptied into a septic system we reviewed and approved. If you drove your car to work, you buckled up first. If you biked, you strapped on a helmet. In your workplace restroom, you washed up with hot water and soap, and dried off with a single-use towel that you placed in a trash container for sanitary disposal. Did you go out to lunch? The people who made and served your meal were trained in safe food handling, and the restaurant or school kitchen was inspected for hygienic practices. On your way home you might hear a radio update about flu season, or perhaps a public service announcement encouraging you to stock an all-hazards emergency kit at home. You experience all of those things day in and day out without thinking twice about public health, but we're with you all the time.

Putting health on Pierce County restaurant menus: Pierce County restaurant menus ‘get fit’ by reducing fat, calories and salt in four menu items for one year

The News Tribune, April 23, 2008

When it was time to order soup, numbers determined the first course of my dinner. Per serving, Fife City Bar and Grill’s butternut squash soup contains 40 calories and 1.5 grams of fat. By comparison, corn chowder contains 240 calories and 13 grams of fat. Guess which one I ordered? And guess what? I didn’t miss the additional calories and fat.

Report Claims Clinical Trials Miss Many Populations

HealthDay Reporter, April 1, 2008

A new analysis of the American clinical trial process suggests that the system for testing new drugs has routinely excluded or under-represented women, older people, minorities, disabled individuals and rural populations for decades. "We've got a big problem," said Daniel S. Goldberg, chief policy adviser for the report. "And it's extremely urgent that we fix it. Because we're trying to figure out how to streamline health care and make people healthy, of course. And the fact that we have under-representation in clinical trials undermines both of these goals and undermines the quality of the evidence we come up with."

Restaurants Must Post Calories, Judge Affirms

New York Times, April 17, 2008

Calorie counts must be posted alongside prices in some New York City restaurants, a federal judge ruled on Wednesday in upholding revised city regulations. The restaurant association that lost on Wednesday said it would ask the judge to stay the ruling pending an appeal. The decision, by Judge Richard J. Holwell of United States District Court in Manhattan, rejected First Amendment claims by the New York State Restaurant Association, which maintained that the mandatory labeling requirements were impermissible.

Schools that cut fat and sugar saw dramatic results

Globe Life, April 22, 2008

Schools that get rid of high-fat snacks and soda may see quick results in the battle to prevent children from becoming overweight, new research shows. A Temple University study, published in the current issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, found that schools that overhauled their nutrition policies saw a 50-percent reduction in new cases of overweight children in two years. The growing rates of overweight and obese children have driven researchers to get outside of the health clinic and into the schools to study solutions, the study's lead researcher, Gary Foster, said in a statement. "We focused on school because children spend most of their lives there and eat at least one if not two meals there."

State Senate passes ban on trans fat in school lunches

Chicago Tribune, April 17, 2008

SPRINGFIELD—Thousands of public school students whose favorite meal is french fries and chicken nuggets would eat something else for lunch under legislation the state Senate passed Thursday to ban trans fat from Illinois schools that participate in the state lunch program. Sen. Donne Trotter (D-Chicago) touted the ban as a way to provide healthy food to schoolchildren, particularly those who may be receiving their only hot meals at school.

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Journals Reviewed

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

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

- Vol. 34, No. 5, May 2008

American Journal of Public Health

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

- Vol. 98, No. 5, May 1, 2008
- Vol. 98, No. 4, April 1, 2008

Health Affairs

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

The Journal of the American Medical Association

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

- Vol. 299, No. 17, May 7, 2008
- Vol. 299, No. 16, April 23/30, 2008
- Vol. 299, No. 15, April 16, 2008
- Vol. 299, No. 14, April 9, 2008
- Vol. 299, No. 13, April 2, 2008

The Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law

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

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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

- Vol. 57, No. 17, May 2, 2008
- Vol. 57, No. 16, April 25, 2008
- Vol. 57, No. 15, April 18, 2008
- Vol. 57, No. 13, April 4, 2008

The New England Journal of Medicine

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

- Vol. 358, No. 18, May 1, 2008
- Vol. 358, No. 17, April 24, 2008
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- Vol. 358, No. 15, April 10, 2008
- Vol. 358, No. 14, April 3, 2008

Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

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

Highlighted Journal Articles

The Effect of Vaccinated Children on Increased Hepatitis B Immunization Among High-Risk Adults

AJPH, Vol. 98, No. 5, May 1, 2008

Objectives. We sought to examine trends in hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccination among high-risk adults and assess the potential effect vaccinated adolescents have on these trends as they age.

Conclusions. A cohort effect, in which successfully vaccinated adolescents have reached young adulthood, contributes significantly to recent trends showing improved HBV vaccination among high-risk adults.

Health Disparities Probed

JAMA, Vol. 299, No. 16, April 23/30, 2008

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has established a new center to explore how genetic and socioeconomic factors affect health.

The Intramural Center for Genomics and Health Disparities (NICGHD) will use genomics techniques to analyze genetic, clinical, lifestyle, and socioeconomic data to better understand the influences of diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and hypertension on various populations. The center will be based on the NIH's Bethesda campus and will be administered by the National Human Genome Research Institute. Although the genomes of any 2 individuals are very similar, there are many subtle differences that may contribute to biological traits, such as a person's response to medications or susceptibility to diseases, according to the NIH. It is hoped that by examining the ways these subtle genomic differences interact with each other and with environmental factors, researchers at the new center may provide insights into why some diseases affect various racial or ethnic groups differently. The center's head will be Charles N. Rotimi, MPH, PhD, genetic epidemiologist and former director of the National Human Genome Center at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Report from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): Decision Not to Recommend Routine Vaccination of All Children Aged 2--10 Years with Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)

MMWR, Vol. 57, No. 17, May 2, 2008

At its February 2008 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) decided not to recommend routine vaccination of children aged 2--10 years against meningococcal disease unless the child is at increased risk for the disease. This report summarizes the deliberations of ACIP and the rationale for its decision and restates existing recommendations for meningococcal vaccination among children aged 2--10 years at increased risk for meningococcal disease. ACIP continues to recommend routine vaccination against meningococcal disease for all persons aged 11--18 years and those persons aged 2--55 years who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease (1--3).

Updated Recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for Use of 7-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV7) in Children Aged 24--59 Months Who Are Not Completely Vaccinated

MMWR, Vol. 57, No. 13, April 4, 2008

This notice updates the recommendation for use of 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) among children aged 24--59 months who are either unvaccinated or who have a lapse in PCV7 administration.* In February 2000, PCV7, marketed as Prevnar® and manufactured by Wyeth Vaccines (Collegeville, Pennsylvania), was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in infants and young children. At that time, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that children aged 24--59 months who have certain underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised receive PCV7. In addition, ACIP recommended that PCV7 be considered for all

other children aged 24--59 months, with priority given to those who are American Indian/Alaska Native or of African-American descent, and to children who attend group day care centers (1). The recommendation also provided schedules for administering PCV7 to children aged 24--59 months who were either unvaccinated or who had a lapse in PCV7 administration; these schedules included 1) 1 dose of PCV7 for healthy children, and 2) 2 doses of PCV7 >2 months apart for children with certain chronic diseases or immunosuppressive conditions (1).

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, April 2008

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

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- Chronically Ill Patients Get More Care, Less Quality, Says Latest Dartmouth Atlas
- Projects on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Autism Take Top Honors in National Science Competition
- New Report Finds Midwestern States Receive Least Federal Support for Public Health
- Public Health Workforce Shortages Imperil Nation's Health
- New Foundation-Supported Campaign To Help Smokers Quit
- Playing Interactive Games to Improve Health
- Safe Routes to School National Partnership Issues Annual Progress Report

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- Public Health Laboratories Microbiology Unit: New Specimen Submitter Forms
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EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 48, No. 3, March 2008

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

- World TB Day March 24, 2008: Tuberculosis (TB) in King County
- Monthly Influenza Update

EpiTrends

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http://ww2.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/epitrends/08-epitrends/2008_trend.htm

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Health & Human Services Solutions Group of ESRI, Winter 2008

http://www.esri.com/industries/health/news_community/healthy_gis.html

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- Health Leaders Explore the Power of Place
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- Awards Recognize Outstanding Contributions to Health GIS

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- Curbing teen drinking difficult in urban areas
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- Investing in community health centers would bring high return
- Quantity and frequency of drinking influence mortality risk
- Rodent study finds artificial butter chemical harms lungs
- Somalia passes polio-free landmark
- Stress hormone impacts memory, learning in diabetic rodents
- Study shows adults may not get enough rest or sleep
- Teens with a TV in bedroom less likely to engage in healthy habits

Newsmakers

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NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health

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

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Volume 29, Issue 514, April 28, 2008

State News

- Ohio to cover children with serious health conditions
- The quandary over methadone clinic
- ADAP waiting lists vanish

Highlights

- Organ donation in OK and DE...State quality ratings.

Graphically speaking

- A new report finds that federal funding of public health programs varies widely from state to state.

State Health Notes

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State News

- California: Try, try again
- Drug residues in drinking water
- DC council considers universal coverage

Highlights

- VA reforms mental health system...State budget crises...WV offers free Rx
- Graphically speaking
- A new report finds that federal funding of public health programs varies widely from state to state.

Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation, Winter-Spring 2008

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

- Celebrating Heroes and Health
- Washington Moves up to Number 12
- 2007 Governor's Health bowl Winners
- Healthy Schools
- Washington Quits!
- Healthy Recipe: Mojo Beef Kabobs
- Healthy Highlights: Health Care Checkup; New Year's Resolution Challenge

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

Zoonotic Disease Newsletter

Washington State Department of Health, Volume 2 Issue 2, Spring Issue

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

- Illegally kept monkey bites three people, tested for rabies
- Stop the spread of salmonella from baby chicks outreach
- Pull up your socks: ticks are active with warm weather
- Importing dogs brings fear of introducing canine rabies
- Grant to WSU supports global animal health research
- West Nile virus response planning workshops
- How to properly clean-up mice contaminated areas

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Publications - Reports

Identifying and Evaluating Equity Provisions in State Health Care Reform

The Commonwealth Fund, April 23, 2008

Millions of people in the United States—principally racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, and those who lack proficiency in English—face barriers to high-quality health care. Such problems are largely due to high numbers of uninsured individuals among these groups, though it persists even when they are

insured. By expanding health insurance coverage and addressing issues of access to care, quality of care, patient empowerment, infrastructural reforms, and social and community-level determinants of health, states have the potential to achieve equity. This report seeks to identify state policies that promote equitable health care access and quality and to evaluate existing laws, regulations, or reform proposals in five states—Massachusetts, **Washington**, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and California. These states' initiatives, all of which move toward universal health insurance coverage, also address other innovative strategies such as improving health care provider diversity, distribution, and cultural competence.

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Rule Development

Proposed Rule Making (CR-102)

- **Chapter 246-650 WAC Newborn Screening**

CR-102 filed: April 1, 2008

CR-102 filed as: WSR 08-08-086

The purpose of the proposed rule is to: update the definitions in WAC 246-650-010; revise WAC 246-650-020 to add 16 new disorders to the panel of required screening tests for all newborns; and to provide a timeline for implementation of the screening for the 16 disorders in WAC 246-650-030. Screening will be conducted by the Department of Health using the same blood spot specimen currently submitted by hospitals for screening for the ten conditions currently specified in WAC 246-650-020.

- **WAC 246-282-006 Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan**

CR-102 filed: April 1, 2008

CR-102 filed as: WSR 08-08-087

The purpose of the proposal is to protect public health by establishing a state-specific control plan to reduce the incidence of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*-associated illness (vibriosis). The control plan consists of time-to-temperature controls, training, illness response, record-keeping requirements, and modified Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point plans.

Proposed Rule Making (CR-101)

- **WAC 246-100-166 Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.**

CR-101 filed: March 19, 2008

CR-101 filed as: WSR 08-07-097

The purpose of the rule proposal is to maintain consistency between Washington's school and child care immunization requirements and national immunization standards set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), reference to the ACIP Immunization schedule needs to be updated from the 2007 version to the 2008 version. To protect the health of young children, adding pneumococcal to the list of diseases for required vaccination will be considered. For clarity and administrative efficiency, WAC 246-100-166 needs to be re-codified into multiple sections within a new chapter under WAC title 246, including necessary amendments. The Board will also explore opportunities to better define terms used throughout WAC 246-100-166.

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