



For Your Information – September 2008

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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Events and Conferences

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| 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

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| Oct. 5-7 | 21st Annual State Health Policy Conference Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina Tampa, Florida For information: http://www.nashp.org/_conferences.cfm?LID=CON |

- Oct. 8 **The Latino Health Forum**
Jerry Brockey Center, South Sound Community College
Seattle, Washington
For information: <http://groups.google.com/group/latino-health-forum-seattle>
- Oct. 8 **Equity Town Hall: Our Neighborhoods, our Health**
Nordstrom Recital Hall at Beneroya Hall
Seattle, Washington
For information: Call Desmond Skubi at 425-308-8936 or email at dskubi@comcast.net
- Oct. 17-18 **2008 Washington State Prevention Summit**
Yakima Convention Center
Yakima, Washington
For information: <http://dasa.casat.org>
- Oct. 25-29 **Public Health without Borders - APHA 136th Annual Meeting and Exposition**
San Diego, California
For information: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>

November 2008

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|-----------------|---|
| Nov. 6-7, 2008 | American Indian Health Commission's Bi-annual Tribal Leaders Health Summit Little Creek Casino-Resort Shelton, WA For information: slowe@aihc-wa.org |
| Nov. 7-11, 2008 | 137th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition Pennsylvania Convention Center Philadelphia, PA For information: www.apha.org |

December 2008

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| Dec. 16-18, 2008 | The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center National Harbor, Maryland For information: http://www.blsmmeetings.net/2008healthdisparitiessummit/ |

June 2009

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

June 2010

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

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Correspondence

Correspondence to the Board

To: Mr. Treuman Katz, Chair

From: Mary Lindquist, Washington Education Association, August 22, 2008

Letter requesting the Board to adopt the proposed new school health rules without delay.

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General Interest

Closing the Disparities Gap in Healthcare Quality With Performance Measurement and Public Reporting ~ August 26, 2008, National Quality Forum

The National Quality Forum (NQF) issue brief highlights challenges to removing health care quality disparities in the United States and summarizes initiatives taking place at all levels—national, regional and local—to address these issues. Previous reports by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluded that significant health care disparities still exist, particularly in chronic disease care, and that little progress was made in narrowing gaps in health care quality and access from 2000–2005.

HPV Vaccine - Cost-Effectiveness of HPV Vaccine ~ August 28, 2008, CDC

There has been recent media attention related to a study of the cost effectiveness of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in the United States published in the New England Journal of Medicine on August 21, 2008. This study confirms the cost-effectiveness of HPV vaccination of 11 and 12 year old girls and is consistent with the main focus of the CDC's recommendations which call for routine HPV vaccination of 11 and 12 year old girls in the United States. The HPV vaccine is highly effective in preventing four types of HPV in young women who have not been previously exposed to HPV. The vaccine targets HPV types that cause up to 70% of all cervical cancers and about 90% of genital warts.

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Chief--Assessment, Policy Development & Evaluation

Public Health -- Seattle & King County

Closes: August 31, 2008

http://agency.governmentjobs.com/kinghealth/default.cfm?action=viewjob&JobID=115465&hit_count=Yes&headerfooter=1&promo=0&transfer=0&WDDXJobSearchParams=<wddxPacket version='1.0'

Environmental Health Director

Island County Health Department

Closes: June 10, 2008

Health Officer

Spokane Regional Health District

Closes: When filled

For information: Contact Barbara Lorang, 509-324-1502, blorang@spokanecounty.org

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>

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Publications - General Media

25 schools to get state fruits, vegetables: But critical piece of Local Farms-Healthy Kids program is on hold because of hiring freeze

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 22, 2008

Twenty-five schools statewide will be able to buy Washington-grown fruits and vegetables as snacks this year, thanks to new legislation. The Local Farms-Healthy Kids bill passed nearly unanimously in Olympia earlier this year aims to get nutritious food to schoolchildren and provide economic opportunities to state farmers. But one of the most important parts of the plan -- hiring two staff people to connect schools with farms and do outreach that busy school nutrition directors can't -- was delayed because of the state government hiring freeze imposed three weeks ago by Gov. Chris Gregoire.

Ads before movies urge teens to catch up on vaccinations

The Everett Herald, August 10, 2008

As theatergoers in Everett and Marysville dip into their popcorn and wait for the movie to begin, they might be surprised at what flashes up on the screen. Not an ad for the next summer blockbuster, but one aimed at coaxing teens to get caught up on their immunizations before they head back to school or college. The ads, targeted at youths ages 11 to 18, are being played at Everett Mall Stadium and Regal Marysville cinemas through Sept. 11. The vaccine to prevent meningitis, which can spread in college dorms, is one of the shots the ads are encouraging teens to get. Other immunizations the ads promote for adolescents prevent hepatitis B, cervical cancer and influenza.

County reports first case this year of West Nile virus in a person: Infection found after woman donates blood

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 19, 2008

A 50-year-old King County woman appears to be the first known human to be infected by the West Nile virus in Washington this year, even though she was not made seriously ill. The woman, according to state public health officials, was told of the viral infection after she donated blood. The blood center identified the virus during routine testing used to screen out donations that may be contaminated or carrying infectious agents before they get sent to the community blood supply.

Diversity fair branches out by adding workshops Booths showcase efforts to encourage inclusiveness

The Olympian, August 5, 2008

Dawn Coffinberry, an office assistant with the Department of Labor and Industries, wowed the crowds by tying a shoelace, and blowing and tying a balloon with one hand. "Want to try?" she asked state workers as they wandered through the eighth annual Washington State Diversity Fair on Monday. The annual event started eight years ago and had been held at the Capitol Campus. This year, the event moved to the L&I building in Tumwater and added workshops to the entertainment, food and booths for state agencies and local organizations. (Council staff, Tamara Fulwyler, quoted)

Jump in measles outbreaks worries health officials

USA Today, August 21, 2008

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of measles cases in the U.S. is at its highest level since 1997, and nearly half of those involve children whose parents rejected vaccination, government health officials reported Thursday. The number of cases is still small, just 131, but that's just for the first seven months of the year and doctors are troubled by the trend. There were only 42 cases for all of last year. Measles, best known for a red skin rash, is a potentially deadly, highly infectious virus that spreads through contact with a sneezing, coughing, infected person.

Measles, Once Declared At An End, Makes A Return

NPR, August 22, 2008

About a decade ago, health officials declared an "end" to measles in the United States. Now, that has changed: 131 cases of measles have been reported so far this year, more than three times the number in 2007. Viral disease expert Dr. Jane Seward says the dramatic increase is a reminder that Americans are still at risk for measles, an easily transmissible airborne virus. "Measles, although it's not transmitting in this country, it's just a plane ride away," says Seward, deputy director for the division of viral diseases at the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Newborn screening is essential: Health matters

The Olympian, August 9, 2008

Have you noticed all of the new babies around you lately? It must be because the weather is nice and more people are out with their babies getting a dose of fresh air and sunshine. A few years ago, I received a warm letter from a fellow Lewis County employee. He wanted to thank the health department for the Newborn Screening program that detected galactosemia in his baby before the baby became sick. The baby is a healthy, thriving, active, normal 3- year-old. The screening program is run by the state Department of Health. The state Board of Health determines which tests are included in the screens, periodically reevaluating to add new tests.

Police death may be second Wash hantavirus case

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 19, 2008

SEATTLE -- The death of an Ellensburg police officer appears to be the second hantavirus infection in Washington in less than a week, and homeowners should be careful with fall cleaning, a state epidemiologist said Tuesday. Sgt. Nelson Ng, 34, died Friday of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, the Yakima County coroner reported. Rebecca Baer, zoonotic disease epidemiologist with the state Health Department, said Ng's death remains under investigation but looks like it could be from hantavirus.

Report shows health disparities for Pacific Islanders

The News Tribune, August 11, 2008

Pacific Islanders are more likely than other King County ethnic groups to smoke, to have premature and unhealthy babies, to die young, and to be obese and poor, a report says. In previous studies, the county's 15,000 Pacific Islanders were grouped with all other Asians. The new report by King County Public Health studies them as a distinct group. "Before, our health issues were invisible," Pastor Mabel Fatialofa-Magalei, director of the social service agency PASEFIKA, told The Seattle Times on Saturday. "Now we can clearly see the health disparities that exist in our community."

Schools' health reviewed

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 8, 2008

Mark Cooper remembers his frustration when he tried repeatedly to sound the alarm about contaminated drinking water at his children's elementary school in Northeast Seattle. It just didn't look safe to drink, teachers had warned. Sure enough, when Cooper turned on the tap in his daughter's kindergarten classroom, orange-colored water trickled out. He and another parent found elevated levels of lead and other contaminants in samples. But Cooper, a University of Washington associate professor of biology, still couldn't get anyone to listen. It wasn't until he hand-delivered bottles of the discolored water to School Board members at a public meeting that the district took action.

Study: HPV vaccine by age 21 a sound public health investment

USA TODAY, August 21, 2008

A new economic analysis shows that the HPV vaccine, which protects against the viruses that cause most cervical cancers and genital warts, could be a good financial investment in public health if given to those who have the most to gain: preadolescent girls and women up to age 21. Authors of the study, in today's New England Journal of Medicine, measured the Gardasil vaccine's value by calculating the cost of giving one person an extra healthy year of life and balancing the expense of vaccinations with the benefits of avoiding cancer, death and related expenses.

Study: Restaurant kids' meals loaded with calories

The Seattle Times, August 5, 2008

Parents looking for healthy meal choices for their children are likely to find slim pickings on the menus of the nation's top restaurant chains, according to a report released Monday by a nonprofit public health group. Nearly every possible combination of the children's meals at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Sonic, Jack in the Box, and Chick-fil-A are too high in calories, the report by the Center for Science in the Public Interest said. The report looked into the nutritional quality of kids' meals at 13 major restaurant chains. The center found 93 percent of 1,474 possible choices at the 13 chains exceed 430 calories - an amount that is one-third of what the National Institute of Medicine recommends that children ages 4 through 8 should consume in a day.

Study Questions Cost-Effectiveness Of Gardasil Cervical-Cancer Vaccine

The Wall Street Journal, August 21, 2008

A new study suggests that giving Merck & Co.'s cervical-cancer vaccine Gardasil to women through their mid-20s may not be worth the price, despite U.S. recommendations that this age group receive the costly shot. The study, published online Wednesday by The New England Journal of Medicine, comes as Merck already is having difficulty persuading college-age and older women to get the vaccine, which was introduced in 2006 and costs about \$360 for a three-dose regimen. This has contributed to a slowdown in Gardasil sales, casting a cloud on Merck's financial outlook.

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Journals Reviewed

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

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

- Vol. 35, No. 3, September 2008

American Journal of Public Health

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

- Vol. 98, No. 9, September 1, 2008

Environmental Health Perspectives

<http://www.ehponline.org/docs/2008/116-8/toc.html>

Health Affairs

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

The Journal of the American Medical Association

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

- Vol. 300, No. 9, September 3, 2008
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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. 34, August 29, 2008
- Vol. 57, No. 33, August 22, 2008
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The New England Journal of Medicine

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

- Vol. 359, No. 10, September 4, 2008
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Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

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

Highlighted Journal Articles

Approaching Health Disparities From a Population Perspective: The National Institutes of Health Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities

AJPH, Vol. 98, No. 9, September 1, 2008

Addressing health disparities has been a national challenge for decades. The National Institutes of Health–sponsored Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities are the first federal initiative to support transdisciplinary multilevel research on the determinants of health disparities. Their novel research approach combines population, clinical, and basic science to elucidate the complex determinants of health disparities. The centers are partnering with community-based, public, and quasi-public organizations to disseminate scientific findings and guide clinical practice in communities. In turn, communities and public health agents are shaping the research. The relationships forged through these complex collaborations increase the likelihood that the centers' scientific findings will be relevant to communities and contribute to reductions in health disparities.

Arsenic Exposure and Prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes in US Adults

JAMA, Vol. 300, No. 7, August 20, 2008

Context: High chronic exposure to inorganic arsenic in drinking water has been related to diabetes development, but the effect of exposure to low to moderate levels of inorganic arsenic on diabetes risk is unknown. In contrast, arsenobetaine, an organic arsenic compound derived from seafood intake, is considered nontoxic.

Conclusions: After adjustment for biomarkers of seafood intake, total urine arsenic was associated with increased prevalence of type 2 diabetes. This finding supports the hypothesis that low levels of exposure to inorganic arsenic in drinking water, a widespread exposure worldwide, may play a role in diabetes prevalence. Prospective studies in populations exposed to a range of inorganic arsenic levels are needed to establish whether this association is causal.

Hearing Screening at Birth

JAMA, Vol. 300, No. 8, August 27, 2008

All newborns should be screened for congenital hearing loss before 1 month of age, according to a recommendation from the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) published in July (US Preventive Services Task Force. *Pediatrics*. 2008;122[1]:143-148). Those who do not pass this hearing test should then undergo otoacoustic emissions testing before they are 3 months old. The recommendation and a summary of evidence supporting it are available online at <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf/uspsnbhr.htm>.

Update: Measles --- United States, January--July 2008

MMWR, Vol. 57, No. 33, August 22, 2008

Sporadic importations of measles into the United States have occurred since the disease was declared eliminated from the United States in 2000 (1). During January--July 2008, 131 measles cases were reported to CDC, compared with an average of 63 cases per year during 2000--2007.* This report updates an earlier report on measles in the United States during 2008 (2) and summarizes two recent U.S. outbreaks among unvaccinated school-aged children. Among those measles cases reported during the first 7 months of 2008, 76% were in persons aged <20 years, and 91% were in persons who were unvaccinated or of unknown vaccination status. Of the 131 cases, 89% were imported from or associated with importations from other countries, particularly countries in Europe, where several outbreaks are ongoing (3,4). The findings demonstrate that measles outbreaks can occur in communities with a high number of unvaccinated persons and that maintaining high overall measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination coverage rates in the United States is needed to continue to limit the spread of measles.

West Nile Virus Update --- United States, January 1--August 19, 2008

MMWR, Vol. 57, No. 33, August 22, 2008

This report summarizes 2008 West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance data reported to CDC through ArboNET as of 3 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, August 19, 2008. A total of 28 states have reported 236 cases of human WNV illness to CDC (Figure, Table). A total of 137 (58%) cases for which such data were available occurred in males; median age of patients was 48 years (range: 10 months--86 years). Dates of illness onset ranged from January 17 to August 14; two cases were fatal. A total of 37 presumptive West Nile viremic blood donors (PVDs) have been reported to ArboNET during 2008. Of these, 20 were reported from California, four from Texas, three each from Louisiana and Minnesota, two from Mississippi, and one each from Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, Nevada, and Wisconsin. Of the 37 PVDs, one person aged 24 years subsequently had neuroinvasive illness, one person aged 48 years subsequently developed other/unknown illness, and 10 persons (median age: 43 years [range: 29--55 years]) subsequently had West Nile fever.

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

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

- Positive Hepatitis A IgM in Persons Without Hepatitis A-Like Clinical Illness
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- West Nile Virus Detected in a King County Blood Donor

EpiTrends

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

- West Nile Virus and Blood Donation
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Healthy GIS

Health & Human Services Solutions Group of ESRI

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

The Nation's Health

American Public Health Association, August 2008

<http://www.apha.org/publications/tnh/>

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Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation

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

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Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health

CSDH, August 2008 - Geneva, World Health Organization

“.....The Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health sets out key areas of daily living conditions and of the underlying structural drivers that influence them in which action is needed. It provides analysis of social determinants of health and concrete examples of types of action that have

proven effective in improving health and health equity in countries at all levels of socioeconomic development.

- Executive summary
- Full report online PDF [256p.] at:
http://www.who.int/entity/social_determinants/final_report/csdh_finalreport_2008.pdf

F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Falling in America

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, August 2008

This is the fifth annual edition of F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies Are Failing in America, which tracks trends in obesity-related rates and policies. This report finds that much progress has been made during the past 5 years in bringing attention to the obesity problem and in better understanding the reasons for the rise in obesity rates. In addition, many communities and states have been taking action with promising programs to make physical activity and good nutrition more accessible to more Americans.

Partnering for Clean Water

Kitsap County Health District, 2007

This year's annual report spotlights the excellent work of our Water Quality and Drinking Water Programs.

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