



PPHTC LISTSERV - PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS AND INFORMATION  
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## 1. CURRENT NEWS

### a. *Type B Influenza Circulating in Los Angeles County*

Public Health has recently identified a late season increase in type B influenza occurring in Los Angeles County; type A influenza peaked as usual in December. Since type B influenza strains are more stable and less likely to undergo seasonal changes, they typically affect infants and children as opposed to adults who are often immune by either natural exposure or vaccination. So influenza should remain in your differential diagnosis of upper respiratory infection. More importantly, treatment and prophylaxis decisions are limited since only two antivirals are effective against type B influenza strains—zanamivir and oseltamivir. However, antivirals should be prescribed only for seriously ill patients or those with comorbidities. For more information about influenza antivirals, visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/treatment/indications.htm>

## 1. UPCOMING EVENTS

### a. *POVERTY, RACE, PLACE: Research and Community-Based Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities – April 19, 2006*

The fourth in the Center's *Science & Society* series, this April 19th conference will highlight the latest place-, race-, and poverty-based research, as well as strategies and interventions to reduce health inequities. Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 ~ 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA. [Registration](#) is now open and will continue on a first-come, first-served basis.

### b. *PRIVILEGE, BIAS, AND OPPRESSION: Addressing Barriers to Elimination Health Disparities Within Health Organizations (The “-isms” Conference) – April 20, 2006*

In recent years, people working on health disparity and cultural competence initiatives in Bay Area public health and health care organizations have found that powerful and underlying “-isms” sometimes limit their ability to move these initiatives forward. These “-isms” include racism, class-ism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism, able-body-ism, etc., and involve issues of oppression, bias, and privilege. This conference will be held Thursday, April 20, 2006 ~ 7:45 am - 6:00 pm at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA. [Register here.](#)

### c. *National Public Health Leadership Development Network 2006 Annual Conference – April 26-28, 2006*

The National Public Health Leadership Development Network 2006 Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, April 26 – Friday, April 28 in St. Louis, Mo., at the Drury Plaza Hotel. For more information, visit <http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/nln/>

### d. *CEHA Educational Seminar – May 8-12, 2006*

The California Environmental Health Association is hosting a week long annual educational seminar at the Crown Plaza Resort in Anaheim, CA from May 8th-12th, 2006. Topics to be discussed include food safety and sanitation, food borne illnesses, water quality, land use, hazardous materials, vector control and environmental health legislations. For more information, visit <http://www.ceha.org/>

### e. *American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition (AIHce), May 14-16, 2006*

Co-located with VENT 2006-May 14-16, 2006, Chicago, IL. Please visit [www.aiha.org/aihce.htm](http://www.aiha.org/aihce.htm) to submit a presentation and for detailed information.

**f. 33rd Annual Conference on Global Health – May 30 – June 2, 2006**

The Global Health Council will host the 33rd Annual Conference on Global Health, "Excellence, Innovation and Influence: Pathways to Results," from Tuesday, May 30 – Friday, June 2 in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit

<http://www.globalhealth.org/conference/>

**g. 9th Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference, May 31-June 3, 2006**

9th Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference, "Walking the Talk: Achieving the Promise of Authentic Partnerships," May 31-June 3, 2006, Minneapolis MN. See the Partnerships for Health website at: <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/index.html>

**h. Health Geoinformatics Summer Institute, June 19 – September 1, 2006**

Loma Linda University School of Public Health, Health Geoinformatics Unit is offering a Health Geoinformatics Summer Institute. The 10-week program is divided into two sessions. Students will receive instruction in the entire certificate program curriculum. Contact: Seth Wiafe (909) 558-7596 or [swiafe@llu.edu](mailto:swiafe@llu.edu) and/or visit <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/chg06.html>. Participants can take all courses or as many courses as desired. Interested faculty, staff, and students who would like to learn about GIS applications in health and earn a Certificate in Health Geoinformatics (CHG) may apply. Students who successfully complete the CHG during the summer institute will receive a free copy of ArcView software with some extensions and free student licenses of the TerraSeer Space-Time Analysis Suite. Apply online at <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/apply.htm>.

**i. Second American Congress of Epidemiology, June 21-24, 2006**

The Second American Congress of Epidemiology 2006 will be taking place in Seattle, WA at the Westin Seattle Hotel from June 21-24, 2006, please save the date. The planning committee and sponsors are currently listed at <http://www.epicongress2006.org/>.

### 3. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**a. Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web cast series**

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners can be found at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp>

**b. New Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)**

The University of Minnesota, School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). UM PHET is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including: disease surveillance and investigation, contact investigation, isolation and quarantine, special populations, disaster mental health, personal protective equipment and decontamination. Each UM PHET module contributes to development of a subset of the Bioterrorism/Emergency Readiness Competencies created by Columbia University and the CDC. The modules are free and can be found at <http://www.sph.umn.edu/umncphp/phet.html>

**c. Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii**

A certificate "The Public Health Certificate in MCH Leadership" is developed by university of Hawaii to strengthen Maternal and Child Health (MCH). For more information, <http://www.hawaii.edu/ogsas/mchcert.htm>

**d. PPHTC - Online Training in Food borne Illness and Principles of Public Health**

Food borne Illness and the Principles of Public Health are online courses sponsored by the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC). Food Borne Illness course describes different contaminants, specific illnesses, and prevention techniques related to food borne illnesses. The principles of Public Health course provides an overview of the most important issues and topics related to public health departments and public health practice. To take the course (s) visit

<http://www.pphtc.org/training/courselist.htm>

### 4. RESOURCES

**a. The Public's Health: Newsletter for Medical Professionals in Los Angeles County**

Feb/March edition of Public's Health is now available online. Full of valuable information, this edition focuses on Avian Influenza, Child Immunizations, Brain Injury Prevention, Prevention of Child Automobile Injuries, Rabies, Botulism in L.A. County, Living with HIV/AIDS and more.

[http://www.ladhs.org/media/tph/TPH06/TPH\\_febmar\\_06.pdf](http://www.ladhs.org/media/tph/TPH06/TPH_febmar_06.pdf)

**b. Indian Health Services Environmental Health Support Center**

The Environmental Health Support Center sponsors [training courses](#) on a wide variety of subjects related to the programs of the Indian Health Service's Office of

Environmental Health and Engineering. Courses are advertised on a monthly basis by the IHS Area Training Coordinators. For more information visit the Environmental Health Support Center public Web site at <http://www.opheng.ihs.gov>

**c. *New Online Resource Health Professionals***

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health has released the Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit, an online resource aiming to provide health professional faculty with a set of tools to carefully plan and document their community-engaged scholarship and produce strong portfolios for promotion and tenure. The toolkit offers guidance, resources and successful examples of portfolio materials from faculty that have been promoted based on their community-engaged scholarship. The toolkit is available at <http://www.communityengagedscholarship.info/>

**d. *Preventing Chronic Disease - Special Section on Chronic Disease in Times of Disaster***

The November special issue of *Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD)* is now available! Please visit [www.cdc.gov/pcd](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd) where you will find downloadable articles and information on *PCD*.

**e. *Health United States, 2004***

*Health, United States, 2004* has been added to the NCBI Bookshelf in PubMed. The new addition can be accessed <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?call=bv.View.ShowTOC&rid=healthus04.TOC>.

**f. *Disaster University-Santa Clara County(CA) Public Health Department***

Santa Clara County public Health Department Disaster University offers opportunities to learn and practice response to public health emergencies and disasters. For schedule of courses, visit <http://sccphd.org/odms/du>

**g. *Public Health Education & Training***

Institutions that offer Education and Training programs in California, Hawaii and others can be found at <http://www.pphtc.org/training/training.htm>

**h. *CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program***

Environmental public health tracking is the ongoing data collection, integration, analysis, and interpretation of data about environmental hazards, exposure to environmental hazards, and human health effects potentially related to exposure to environmental hazards. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/tracking>

**i. *NLM Launches New Resource Site***

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) recently launched a new resource webpage entitled Resources for

International Librarians, Health Professionals and Researchers. The webpage, which can be found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/ref/international.html>, links to a variety of resources, including courses, document delivery, and NLM sites of interest.

**j. *Hawaii Health Portal***

Hawaii Health Portal provides links to health information for Hawaii <http://hawaiihealthportal.org/>

**k. *CDC Community Guide Available Online***

CDC announces *Guide to Community Preventive Services: What Works to Promote Health?* This publication be viewed online and downloaded at <http://www.thecommunityguide.org>

**l. *ASPH's Case Studies Resource Center***

ASPH's Case Studies Resource Center is aimed at both public health academics and professionals who are interested in accessing and disseminating cases in public health. The purpose of the center is to provide faculty with real life examples to use in teaching. Individuals may register to add case studies [www.asph.org/casestudies](http://www.asph.org/casestudies) and registered members may post and access case studies contributed by schools and programs of public health and other friends of graduate public health education. ASPH is currently working on populating this site. Once resources are added, it will become an excellent mechanism to search and access case studies and related resources. Please visit the site to add your most successful case studies and related materials.

## 5. GENERAL INFORMATION

**a. *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Improving patient safety and preventing medical Errors***

A new web site announced by HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a national "one-stop" portal of resources for improving patient safety and preventing medical errors. The site, AHRQ's Patient Safety Network, or PSNet, can be found at <http://psnet.ahrq.gov>

**b. *Health Trends in Hawai'i - a profile of the Health Care system***

Hawai'i Health Information Corporation (HHIC) is pleased to present the sixth edition of the *Health Trends in Hawai'i: A Profile of the Health Care System*, sponsored by the HMSA Foundation. The foundation supports this biannual publication as a means of providing objective, reliable health care data in an easy-to-use format. In this edition, Health Trends in Hawaii is divided into demographics, health status, health market, health resources and health resource utilization. Visit <http://www.healthtrends.org/>

## 6. ABOUT PPHTC LISTSERV

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PPHTC LISTSERV is sent to Public Health workforce in California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah usually once a month and whenever we receive several educational and training related items that are of potential interest to Public Health workers.

Please let us know if there is a training program, product or service that you need in support of your capacity building efforts. For more information, contact PPHTC program manager Ms Kirstin Chickering at [kchickering@pphtc.org](mailto:kchickering@pphtc.org).

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