



PPHTC LISTSERV - PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS AND INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 2004

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

a. Syndromic Surveillance Conference, Boston MA , November 3-4, 2004

This year's Syndromic Surveillance Conference, is scheduled for November 3-4, 2004, in Boston MA. For more information, visit <http://www.syndromic.org>

b. American Public Health Association (APHA), WA D.C. November 6-10, 2004

132nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association: "Public Health and the Environment," November 6-10, 2004, Washington D.C. <http://www.apha.org>

c. Health Information Technology 2004: Improving Chronic Disease Care in California, November 18-19, 2004

The California HealthCare Foundation and the Center for Health Research at UC Berkeley announce their third annual conference entitled Health Information Technology 2004: Improving Chronic Disease Care in California, November 18 - 19, 2004 in San Francisco, CA. To register and for more information, www.cahealthit.com

d. National Association of Health Data Organizations Annual Meeting, WA DC December 6-7, 2004

The National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) 19th Annual Meeting, is

scheduled for December 6-7, 2004, Washington D.C. visit: <http://www.nahdo.org/meetings.asp>

e. Ergonomic Evaluation & Design of Tools, Workstations & Tasks: Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in the Workplace, Emeryville, CA December 9-10, 2004

University of California Center for Occupational & Environmental Health (COEH) and University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health & Safety Engineering jointly announce a workshop entitled Ergonomic Evaluation & Design of Tools, Workstations & Tasks: Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in the Workplace. This workshop will be held on December 9-10, 2004 at Holiday Inn Bay Bridge, Emeryville, CA (San Francisco Bay Area). CE credits apply. For more information, visit <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce>

f. Infectious Diseases: A Course for Clinicians, Honolulu, HI February 18 - 20, 2005

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, The University of Hawaii and The Cleveland Clinic Foundation announce their clinical course "Infectious Diseases: A Course for Clinicians" at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort in Honolulu, HI. Additional information is available at www.nfid.org.

g. Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and control, Atlanta GA, March 1-3, 2005.

The 19th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, "Health Disparities: Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities (Accelerating the rate of progress in improving lives), March 1-3, 2005, Atlanta GA. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference>

h. National Environmental Public Health Tracking conference , Atlanta GA , April 20-22, 2005

National Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference: entitled "Vision to Reality," organized by CDC and other public health partners, will be held on April 20-22, 2005, Atlanta GA. For more information <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/tracking/savedate.pdf>

i. National DHPE/CDC Conference, Minneapolis MN, May 25-27, 2005

The 23rd National DHPE/CDC Conference on Health Education and Health Promotion, with the title "Health Promotion and Education at the Crossroads: New Public Health Directions," will be held at Hilton Hotel Minneapolis, MN May 25-27, 2005: For more information, visit <http://www.dhpe.org/nationalconference>

2. 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 accessed at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp#future>

b. Certificate in Health Geoinformatics (CHG), Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Loma Linda University School of Public Health announces the addition of Certificate in Health Geoinformatics (CHG) to the existing Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) in Health Geographics. For more information, visit <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/index.html>

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

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

d. Cal-OSHA Safety Courses

A 2-day comprehensive California OSHA Safety Course entitled, Essentials of Safety is scheduled at different locations through the American Safety Training, Inc., which provides the flexibility to attend the 30 hr program in 4 consecutive days or in 2-Day intervals at different course locations. CEU Credits apply for 14 hours for 2-Day, and 30 hours for 4-Day. Dates and locations are listed below: For more information and to register, visit <http://www.trainosha.com/newtrainmonthrequest.asp>

e. 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.pphctc.org/training/courselist.htm>

f. Online Executive Master of Public Health degree in Public Health Practice, Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Loma Linda University School of Public Health has a new Online Executive Master of Public Health degree in Public Health Practice. The program is designed to meet the needs of practicing health professionals who desire to augment their current careers with additional information and skills. For more information, visit www.llu.edu/sphonline

3. PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

a. Public Health Education & Training

A number of institutions that offer Education and Training programs in California and Hawaii including Universities, Colleges and others can be found at

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

b. HRSA 2003 Area Resource File (ARF) CD ROM

Copies of the Access version of the HRSA 2003 Area Resource File (ARF) CD ROM are available for purchase. ARF is a database containing over 6,000 variables for each county in the US. ARF is used for health service research, health policy analysis, and other geographically based activities. See <http://www.arfsys.com>

c. 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>

d. Online Geographic Data for Public Health: Interactive Atlas of Reproductive Health

The Interactive Atlas of Reproductive Health is an online geographic information system (GIS) dedicated to reproductive health issues such as infant mortality, fertility and low birth weight. For more information, visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/GISAtlas>

e. Environmental Data Standards Council

The Environmental Data Standards Council (EDSC or Council) develops environmental data standards to promote the exchange of information among States, Native American Tribes, and US EPA. Visit <http://www.envdatastandards.net>

f. Supercourse on Physical Activity and Health

Two new courses on physical activity and health are now available (beta) for readers to review and use in their own instructional settings. These are: "Physical Activity & Health" and "Exercise and Health, an Olympic Ideal." The Supercourse has 10,300 faculty from 151 countries who created a Library of Lectures with more than 1400 lectures on the Internet with quality control, and cutting edge cognitive design.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/index.htm>

g. Public Health Foundation (PHF), New TrainingFinder

Public Health Foundation (PHF) has launched a new online distance learning clearinghouse. For more information, visit

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

h. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Continuing Education Programs

AIHA has announced its 2005 Continuing Education Calendar. To view program descriptions, schedule, and to register for events visit www.aiha.org/ce.htm

g. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, is pleased to announce the availability of "BRFSS Maps" on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) website. BRFSS Web site will be able to create, save, and print state and MMSA level maps detailing a variety of health-related risk factors. For more information, <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/gisbrfss>

h. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Treatment Facility Locator

This is a searchable directory of drug and alcohol treatment programs that show the location of facilities that treat alcoholism, alcohol abuse and drug abuse problems. The Locator includes more than 11,000 addiction treatment programs, including residential treatment centers, outpatient treatment programs, and hospital inpatient programs for drug addiction and alcoholism. Visit <http://www.samhsa.gov> for more information.

i. Hawaii Health Portal

Hawaii Health Portal provides links to health information for Hawaii. For more information <http://hml.org/CHIS/portal/index.html>

j. Nationwide Health Data

The rural health policy research institute has launched a website that contains health data for public consumption. see <http://circ.rupri.org/index.asp>

4. GENERAL INFORMATION**a. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invites grant applications for Building Evidence to Promote Bioterrorism and other Public Health Emergency Preparedness in Health Care Systems. <http://www.ahrq.gov>

b. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

HHS Secretary Thompson announced his intention to award 76 new health center grants totaling \$49 million that will help an estimated 488,000 Americans, including many without health insurance, to obtain comprehensive primary health care services; see <http://www.hrsa.gov>

c. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is the only comprehensive source of health characteristics of the entire spectrum of Medicare beneficiaries. The MCBS Profiles series uses MCBS data to offer interesting insights into health care delivery. Visit <http://cms.hhs.gov>

5. ABOUT PPHTC LISTSERV

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