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## 1. UPCOMING EVENTS

**a. *Center for Public Health Preparedness Offers Summer Program, Berkeley, CA***

The CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness, the annual Core Infectious Disease Emergency Readiness (CIDER) summer program offers public health practitioners an array of educational opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills in core infectious disease emergency readiness. Topics include: Key Microbial Threats, Contact Investigation, Mass Vaccination & Post-exposure Prophylaxis, Infection Control including Isolation and Quarantine, Risk Communication, Disaster Preparedness for Special Populations, Designing Drills & Exercises, Incident Command System, Field Epidemiology, and Database Design and Management. For more information, [www.idready.org](http://www.idready.org)

**b. *National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBH) Conference, Nashville TN***

13th Annual Conference of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBH), "Responding to Our Community's Needs," August 10-13, 2005, Nashville TN <http://www.nalboh.org>

**c. *California Environmental Health Association Educational Update – Palm Springs, CA***

The California Environmental Health Association is having a one-day educational update at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway on Thursday, August 25th. Topics for this event include vector control, solid waste, drinking water, hazardous materials, and more. For more information, <http://www.ceha.org/>

**d. *Environmental Effects of Agricultural Practices –Hawaii***

The "International Conference on Environmental Effects of Agricultural Practices: Remediation, Prevention, and Sustainability" conference will be held August 21-24 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo, Hawaii. The conference will provide an opportunity to promote agricultural productivity and environmental quality worldwide. Visit [www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/ag&environment/](http://www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/ag&environment/)

**e. *Conference on Critical Connections in Treatment – Baltimore, MD***

Foundations Associates presents a national conference titled "Critical Connections in Treatment: Methamphetamines and Club Drug Addictions, HIV and Mental Illness." Topics discussed will include moving from clinical practice to redesigning systems of care, 12-step support using the co-occurring recovery workbook series, HIV and dual diagnosis, outpatient treatment for drug court offenders and much more. The conference will be held from August 29 - 31 at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD. For more information, and to register, visit <http://www.foundationassociates.com/>

**f. *Community Health Assessment Conference – Seattle, WA***

CDC will be co-sponsoring the Community Health Assessment Conference, which is designed to share information on innovative systems and methods that improve the way data is used to inform the public of health programs, services, and policy at the state and local level. The four sessions of the conference will cover the community health assessment process, community health assessment outcomes, data dissemination, and statistical issues. The conference will be held in Seattle, Washington, from , September 20 -22 at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel. Registration is free, and will be available online until September 9. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/dphsi/AI/conference/2005/Conference05.htm>

**g. *TeleWeb Virtual Seminar on Nanotechnology, September 14, 2005***

A New TeleWeb Virtual Seminar on Nanotechnology, September 14, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET presented by Andrew Maynard, PHD, of NIOSH. Additional details available at: [www.aiha.org/UpcomingTeleWebs.htm](http://www.aiha.org/UpcomingTeleWebs.htm)

**h. *2005 Syndromic Surveillance Conference – Seattle, WA***

The 2005 Syndromic Surveillance conference (SSC) will take place September 13-15 at the Renaissance Hotel in Seattle, WA. The conference will focus on health functions, such as surveillance, which has been recognized as an essential component of the US Health and Human Services Health IT Strategic Framework sponsored by syndromic.org. The 2005 SSC will showcase interdisciplinary collaboration to

advance disease surveillance, and will include plenary sessions and oral paper presentation tracks, as well as a poster session. New this year will be a poster showcase focusing on descriptions of existing systems. For more information, visit [http://www.syndromic.org/con\\_2005.html](http://www.syndromic.org/con_2005.html).

**i. National Center for Healthcare Leadership Symposium, Rosemont, IL**

The National Center for Healthcare Leadership is pleased to announce that Marie Sinioris, president & CEO, will be featured as a member of the panel discussing professional development through *Creating a Learning Continuum* at JCAHO's symposium *Transforming Health Professional Education: Core Competencies, Microsystems and New Training Venues*. For more information and to register, visit [www.jcrinc.com](http://www.jcrinc.com)

**j. Conference on Community Health Assessment, Seattle, WA**

Conference on Community Health Assessment, September 20-22, 2005, Seattle, WA See <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/dphsi/AI/conference/2005/Conference05.htm>

**k. Conference on Children's Health and the Environment - Baltimore, MD**

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) will be hosting an annual conference on Children's Health and the Environment on October 1 at the Inner Harbor Marriot in Baltimore, MD. Conference topics include, emerging issues in children's environmental health, childhood obesity and the environment, school environmental health problems, asthma, mold, outcomes of environmental exposures, birth defects, learning problems, risk communication, and the resources of a pediatric environmental health specialty unit. CME or CEU credits are available to physicians and nurses. For details, see <http://www.gwu.edu/~macche/events.html>

**l. Pan Flu satellite broadcast, Richmond, CA**

This satellite broadcast of a live training seminar in Richmond, California, October 6, 2005, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. PT will provide essential information and highlight the interventions needed to minimize the consequences of a pandemic event. An optional tabletop exercise will accompany this broadcast to provide participants an opportunity for interaction

during a mock pandemic outbreak.

The program will:

1. Describe two measures that reduce the transmission of influenza.
2. Identify an issue related to the availability of vaccine during an influenza pandemic.
3. Identify an issue related to the availability of anti-virals during an influenza pandemic.
4. Describe at least one way that the laboratory is involved in responding to a pandemic influenza emergency.
5. Identify at least one non-medical intervention to decrease the spread of a pandemic influenza emergency.
6. Explain why it is essential to collaborate with outside agencies during a pandemic influenza emergency. Continuing education will be offered for various professions based on 1.5 hours of instruction. To register, visit [http://www.dlnets.com/CDLHNprogram\\_reg.htm](http://www.dlnets.com/CDLHNprogram_reg.htm). The broadcast will also appear for 30 days after the satellite broadcast as a webcast, through [www.cdlhn.com](http://www.cdlhn.com).

**m. Professional Conference on Industrial Hygiene (PCIH), Denver, CO**

The 20th Annual Professional Conference on Industrial Hygiene Held in partnership with the AIHA Rocky Mountain Local Section, Denver, Colorado is scheduled for October 20-21. For more information and to register, visit [www.aiha.org/pcih.htm](http://www.aiha.org/pcih.htm)

**n. 3rd National Prevention Summit, Washington, DC**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Prevention Summit, sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services, will focus on chronic disease prevention and health promotion and will feature innovative prevention programs that are making a difference in communities across the country. The summit will be held on, October 24 - 25, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

To register or submit an abstract online, visit <http://www.healthierus.gov/>. Registration is free, and early registration is recommended as space is limited. All participants must register to attend. There will be no onsite registration.

**o. International Environmental Exposures Meeting, Tucson, AZ**

The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is co-sponsoring, with the International Society of Exposure Analysis (ISEA) and various federal agencies, an international meeting on environmental exposures, exposure assessment and health responses, to take place October 30-November 3 in Tucson, AZ. For more information, see

<http://www.scarrittgroup.com/scarrittgroup/isea/>

**p. *American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition (AIHce), Chicago, IL***

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.

## 2. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**a. *Transforming Health Professional Education: Core Competencies, Microsystems and New Training Venues***

Joint Commission Resources presents "Transforming Health Professional Education: Core Competencies, Microsystems and New Training Venues," a conference covering core competencies, Microsystems, and new training venues will be held , September 14 to 15. For more information, <http://www.jcrinc.com/education.asp?durki=8901&site=5&return=8386>

**b. *Loma Linda University Offers Bachelor Degree Programs in Public Health***

Loma Linda University School of Public Health (LLUSPH) offers several BS degree programs in different disciplines of public health including, Health Geographics, Biomedical Data Management, Healthcare Administration, and Wellness Management. For more information about LLUSPH programs <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/programs.html>

**c. *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 <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp>

**d. *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, <http://www.hawaii.edu/ogsas/mchcert.htm>

**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.pphtc.org/training/courselist.htm>

## 3. PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

**a. *New Publication -Public's Health***

The July/August '05 issue of the Public's Health has been published and can be found at: <http://www.ladhs.org/media/>

**b. *Just released: America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-being 2005***

This report is a compendium of statistics from 20 federal agencies with the latest available data on 25 key indicators related to children's economic security, health, behavior and social environment, and education and on nine background measures related to population and family characteristics. This year the report presents three special features on children's with asthma, children with specified blood lead levels, and parental reports of emotional and behavioral difficulties in children. In addition, a special section highlights family structure and children's well-being. Visit <http://childstats.gov/>

**c. *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://scephd.org/odms/du>

**d. *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>

**e. *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>

**f. *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. <http://www.envdatastandards.net>

**g. *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.

**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. <http://www.samhsa.gov>.

**i. *Hawaii Health Portal***

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

**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>

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

CDC announces that the recently-published *Guide to Community Preventive Services: What Works to Promote Health?* can now be viewed online and downloaded from the Community Guide website, <http://www.thecommunityguide.org>.

## 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH 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/>

**c. *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005***

Dietary Guidelines provides science-based advice to promote health and to reduce risk for major chronic diseases through diet and physical activity. For more information, visit <http://www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines>

**d. *Hawaii Health System Forms Telemedicine Network***

Hawaii Health Systems partners with University of Hawaii School of Medical Pathology, Clinical Labs of Hawaii and other organizations to form a telemedicine network that will use telemedicine and telepathology technology for treatment purposes and distance learning. The network provides education and training to medical pathology residents, distance learning services for rural health professionals and patients and access to certain medical care through telemedicine consultations. The technologies allow physicians to receive test results in just a few minutes instead of several days.

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

**e. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services***

The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is a 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>

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## 5. ABOUT PPHTC LISTSERV

PPHTC LISTSERV is a service of the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) <http://www.pphtc.org/>, which comprise of California Schools of Public Health (Loma Linda University, School of Public Health; UC Berkeley, School of Public Health; UCLA, School of Public Health; San Diego State University, Graduate School of Public Health) and University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

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