



News You Can Use

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What is there to be thankful about during this H1N1 pandemic?

Actually there are many reasons we should be feeling thankful during this challenging time. Here are five:

1. It is not H5N1, the highly virulent "bird flu."
2. The fear of the H5N1 in SE Asia did teach us lessons and pushed us to accelerate our planning efforts that we now are using for the H1N1.
3. We have a vaccine for H1N1! It was feared that one could not be ready so quickly.
4. All the advanced planning from public health professionals has improved our level of readiness. Things could be much worse than they are.
5. We receive frequent and comprehensive communications come from the CDC and our State Department of Health.

There are many myths and fears about the flu vaccine and alternate preventive measures. The following site is an excellent resource that addresses many of them. Consider posting it on your website to address your patients' concerns. <http://www.flu.gov/myths/index.html>

8th Annual Indiana Rural Health Public Policy Forum **You Won't Want to Miss It**

This is a reminder that the Indiana Rural Health Association is hosting the 8th Annual Indiana Rural Health Public Policy Forum on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis. Please take some time to review the powerful agenda below and outstanding list of speakers.

Invite your legislator to join you for lunch as your guest. Bring others from your community.

Plan now to invite others, attend yourself, and participate in our legislative process.

Register to attend and/or register to be a sponsor or exhibitor by going to the IRHA website at www.indianaruralhealth.org and click on "Events" tab.

Limited number of vendor spaces available. Reserve your space now!!!

Tentative Agenda

8th Annual Indiana Rural Health Public Policy Forum **January 19, 2010** **Hyatt Regency, One South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana**

I.	Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Visit with Exhibitors		8:00 a.m.
II.	Welcome	Kathy Cook, President, IRHA	9:00 a.m.
III.	Welcome from U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar's Office	Lane Ralph, Deputy State Director Senator Richard G. Lugar's Office	9:05 a.m.
IV.	Healthcare Issues from the National Perspective	Brock Slabach Senior Vice President, NRHA	9:10 a.m.
V.	Break and Visit with Exhibitors		9:45 a.m.
VI.	AHA - Impact of Health Reform on Rural Health	John Suplitt. AHA	10:15 a.m.
VII.	FSSA Changes Affecting Rural Health	Speaker to be confirmed	11:00 a.m.
VIII.	Effective Outreach and Enrollment Strategies to Maximize Reimbursement	Marci Toler Director of Enrollment Assistance Covering Kids & Families Indiana	11:15 a.m.

IX.	Rural Caucus	Senator Jean Leising	11:30 a.m.
X.	Lunch and Presentation on Health Care Issues from the State Perspective; Visit with Exhibitors	Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman	12:00 noon
XI.	A Coordinated Mental Health Delivery System Helps Rural Populations	1 Matthew Brooks, BS	Panel Discussion 1:15 p.m.
		2 Larry Ulrich, PharmD	
		3 Jonathan Neufeld, PhD, HSPP	
		4 Kathy Cook, ASPIN, to facilitate panel	
XII.	The 119 th General Assembly and Rural Health	Brian Tabor, BS, MS Vice President, Government Relations Indiana Hospital Association	2:15 p.m.
XIII.	Summary and Adjournment	Spencer Grover, IHA	3:00 p.m.

**Join Us in 2010 for the 13th Annual Rural Health Conference
June 15 and 16, 2010
Indianapolis Marriott East**

Register to attend the Annual Conference and/or register to Sponsor/Exhibit by going to the IRHA website at www.indianaruralhealth.org and click on the “Annual Conference” tab.

CALL FOR SPEAKER PROPOSALS

The Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) is now accepting proposals for the 2010 Annual Conference breakout sessions. Presentations will be selected based on the need for the topic as it relates to rural health and the speaker's knowledge and expertise on the subject. The IRHA Annual Conference Planning Committee will make final selection of breakout session presentations.

The Call for Educational Proposals submission process allows IRHA members and others to present relevant and timely information at its Annual Conference. The 2010 Conference will offer keynote speakers and plenary sessions. Concurrent breakout sessions will provide an opportunity for deeper explorations of topics.

Deadline is December 15, 2009.

Visit the Annual Conference page of the IRHA website for the speaker proposal form.

SPONSOR AND/OR EXHIBIT AT THE IRHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to take advantage of the opportunity to sponsor and/or exhibit at the IRHA Annual Conference on June 15-16, 2010.

Download a listing of sponsor and exhibit benefits and register online to sponsor/exhibit by visiting the IRHA website and clicking on the "Annual Conference" tab.

The event is designed to provide health care leaders in rural/small communities of Indiana with networking and educational opportunities, as well as renewed motivation to tackle their challenging jobs. Last year, more than 420 health care providers, government representatives, rural community leaders, educators, and students attended the Conference.

CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) is now accepting proposals for the poster session of the IRHA 2010 Annual Conference. The poster session will provide an opportunity for an informal exchange of information on innovative educational curricula, health practice projects, community outreach initiatives, research or other health-related projects. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to present.

Visit the IRHA Annual Conference page on the IRHA website to submit a poster proposal.

Thank You to the IRHA 2010 Poster Contest Underwriter – Benefit Strategies, Inc.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Available to Order

Additional doses of VFC Seasonal Influenza (TIV) vaccine are now available to order. Only the following presentations are available at this time.

- 0.25mL single dose pre-filled syringe
- 5mL multi dose vial
- 0.5mL single dose vial
- 0.5mL single dose pre-filled syringe

Providers wishing to order additional doses of Seasonal Influenza vaccine should

- Email Judy at jwilkiso@isdh.in.gov
- Include your VFC Provider PIN in the email
- List the number of doses of each vaccine presentation you are requesting

Remaining doses will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What To Do If a Local Health Department (LHD) Would Like to Transfer the H1N1 Vaccine to Another LHD

If a LHD wants to transfer vaccine to another LHD, they should:

1. Contact the Immunization Epidemiologist, Angie Cierzniewski at (317) 234-3072.
 - The only exception would be if the LHD is re-distributing H1N1 vaccine within their county to approved H1N1 providers.
 - If the vaccine transfer is with another LHD, ISDH will ask if the LHD would like to stop the delivery of that specific presentation (if they are unable to use it or do not want that presentation) and explain that those will be lost doses for their county and will not be replaced with another presentation.
2. If the LHD still wants to proceed, they should fill out a vaccine transfer form and fax it to Angie Cierzniewski at (317) 233-3719.
3. The transferring LHD must remove the vaccine from their CHIRP inventory.
4. The receiving LHD must add the vaccine to their CHIRP vaccine inventory.
5. The two LHDs will coordinate the actual transfer of vaccines between themselves.

After Angie receives the vaccine transfer form, she will adjust the county allocation numbers to ensure accurate reports.

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman's October in Review

Visit

<http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe7a1d7972630c7471&m=ff001770746300&ls=fe2d1575746c0c7c751777&l=ff2a11737c60&s=fe5c16747565037b731d&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe531c747462037f7c13> for the entire article.

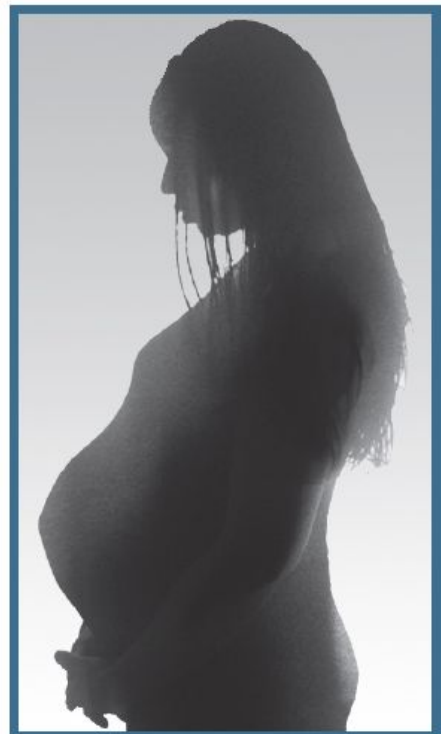
Article includes housing, energy, economic development, and volunteerism.

Incorporating Screening for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs into Routine Prenatal Care

Indiana has an alarmingly high incidence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by pregnant women.

Only 5-10% of pregnant women are identified and receive treatment for their substance use disorder.

JOIN US for a unique training focusing on substance use during pregnancy.



WHEN:

Wednesday, November 25, 2009
8:15 - 9:30 am

WHERE:

IU Cancer Research Institute, Room R4 101

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Medical students, interns, residents, house staff and other interested staff are invited

WHY ATTEND:

- ▶ Hear from the state's leading expert on substance use during pregnancy, Dr. James Nocon (*Director of the Prenatal Recovery Clinic at Wishard Memorial Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor at the IU School of Medicine*)
- ▶ Learn about the nature of addiction in pregnancy and receive hands-on skill development training in screening and intervention techniques.
- ▶ Preview a copy of the new IPN provider training DVD, which combines practical role-play scenarios with clinical and research-based information



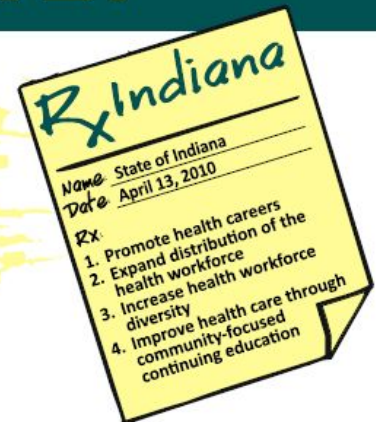
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