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Information on 2009 H1N1 Flu Virus
(initially known as Swine Flu)

- Things You Can Do
- Guidance for Schools, Employers, and Child Care Providers
- Guidance for Clinicians & Health Professionals
- Newsroom
- Contact Information

View the latest updates and resources on the H1N1 flu outbreak in Kansas.

If you have questions about the H1N1 flu virus, call or email KDHE. Operators will be available to answer questions from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Toll-free number is 1-877-427-7317
 General Email: H1N1FluInfo@kdheks.gov
 Lab/Clinicians: epihotline@kdheks.gov

2009 MIDWEST REGION 7/8 HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE

submitted by the Health Homes Conference Committee



The 2009 Midwest Region 7/8 Healthy Homes Conference, "Building Capacity and Mainstreaming Healthy Homes," will be held May 26th-29th, at the Marriott Down-town, Kansas City, MO. The Healthy Indoor Environments Coalition, HUD, and the Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are the sponsors for this 11 state conference. Registration is through TRAIN at www.train.org, Course # 1016411.

What makes a healthy home or healthy indoor environment? As part of the 2009 Midwest Regional Healthy Homes conference, you can be part of the solution! The conference will cover how partnerships for building

healthy housing programs and initiative can be implemented from the local to state level. Sessions will include how creating capacity will provide a framework for healthy, affordable, green and energy efficient housing. Sessions will also cover how healthy housing principles can be mainstreamed into existing health and housing programs. During these four days, you will gain knowledge and background you need to make a difference the health and housing of your area.

Attendees to the conference include healthy homes professionals, lead professionals, contractors, housing professionals, public health nurses and medical providers, parents, community activists, environmental specialists, property managers/landlords, realtors, and public/community health officials. To learn more click the image above.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TRAINING

submitted by Sandy Johnson

Kansas Department of Agriculture, Homeland Security Specialist



The Kansas Department of Agriculture is sponsoring the Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training on KS-TRAIN course (1015636). This course is a US Department of Homeland Security approved course taught by instructors from the University of

Tennessee. The course goal is to help communities and industry prevent and deter criminal and terrorist acts that target agriculture and food production. Participants who complete this course will learn how to:

- Assess vulnerabilities of agriculture and food facilities on a community-wide basis;
- Assess vulnerabilities at the single facility level; and
- Harden targets, including the implementation of biosecurity and facility security programs.

The course is two and a half days of lecture and exercise activities. To register for this training on KS-TRAIN click on the Future is in Our Fields logo above. For information contact Sandy Johnson at (785) 296-8281.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

submitted by Theresa St.Romain

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is seeking applicants for its seventh training cycle (2009-10). The year-long cycle will begin with an orientation and training session in Wichita in July. The KPHLI provides competency-based leadership training to professionals in public health and allied fields from around the state.

Through four quarterly training sessions, participants hear renowned speakers and complete directed readings and reflective writings in consultation with a mentor/coach. The training cycle

culminates in the development and presentation of an applied public health capstone project.

Applicants must complete an online application form and a one-page biosketch/statement of interest and must provide a letter of professional recommendation. The application form, as well as a program brochure with all session dates, can be found on the KPHLI website by clicking on the KPHLI logo above.

For further information about applying to the KPHLI, contact KPHLI Assistant Director Theresa St. Romain at tstromain@kumc.edu. Applications should be submitted online no later than Friday, May 15. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status via e-mail by June 1.



KS-TRAIN ONLINE COURSES

<http://ks.train.org>

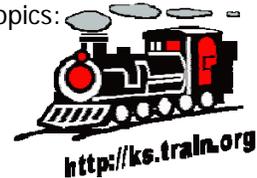
*submitted by the Local Health Section
Office of Local and Rural Health, KDHE*

Looking for training close to home? Why not use KS-TRAIN as one of your quality improvement tools to increase the competency of your workforce.

Learning with Lilly - Introduction to Public Health Nursing (1016614) can be used to orient new nurses or introduce students to basic public health nursing concepts. This interactive course is designed to be an educational tool and a source for reference material.

The course is divided into modules and includes information about the following topics:

- Core functions and essential services of public health
- Population based public health nursing
- History of public health nursing
- Public health system in Kansas
- Minnesota Model of Population-Based Nursing Interventions



A certificate of completion is available post passing the final assessment and completing the online evaluation. This course is free and requires 2 hours for completion.

KPHA: An Orientation to Public Health in Kansas (1017215) manual was funded by the Kansas Health Foundation to create a common language for the Public Health workforce to help communicate consistent health messages to the public. It defines public health for public health workers and gives them information on how to better understand public health. In addition, the manual outlines the history of public health, and describes the core functions of assessment, policy development and assurance and the public health services that relate to these.

Covered also in the manual is public health accountability, and performance standards. The public health infrastructure system is discussed from the Federal Government, to the states, to the locals, and includes health promotion with many health advocates.

An Orientation to Public Health in Kansas, provides information about how public health is funded and governed in the nation, how public health is under-funded in Kansas, and presents the public health statutes and regulations, public health technology, and major technical systems for public health that are available in Kansas.

You can view this manual as many times as you like through the KS-TRAIN system. We encourage you to complete the evaluation survey at the end of the course in order to assist us in assuring that the material in the manual meets the informational needs of the public health workforce of Kansas.

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How to Enroll - Registration through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

1. Login to your user/learner account (see instructions below to create an account if you do not have one)
2. Add the Course Number to the Search by Course ID field located below the Seal of Kansas, Lower right hand side of the homepage
3. Select Go
4. Click the Course title to view course information and to register.
5. Login to your KS-TRAIN account and select the course title link above.

How to Create Your Learner Account **on KS-TRAIN (if you do not already have an account):**

1. Log onto <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click "create account" on the left hand side of the screen beneath the "login" button.
3. Complete the learner account by filling out all the necessary profile information on the subsequent pages. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).
4. Write down your User ID and Password in a secure place.

Don't remember your login or password? Call the helpdesk at 785-296-5655.

KANSAS CORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

*submitted by Kelly Kabler
KUMC-Wichita, Coordinator*

The second session of the Kansas Core Public Health Program was held simultaneously at two sites, Topeka and Wichita. ITV technology connected the two sites. The participants heard from speakers with expertise in epidemiology and community partnerships.

On day one of the session, after hearing Dr. Fred Tosh's reflections on his career in public health as an epidemiologist in Kansas and Colorado, the class heard from a panel of epidemiologists from KDHE. The panel gave the participants a greater understanding of the types of epidemiology that are relevant to various public health settings. The class was divided into groups and given case scenarios. Each group had an "Epi Coach" from the panel to help them through the scenario as they walked through of a real life example of an outbreak. The groups had to think like epidemiologists to come up with a solution to the outbreak. Each group then presented the scenario and the solution to the rest of the class.



CPH student, Jason Ybarra, discusses Kansas Administrative Regulations on epidemiology with Dr. Fred Tosh.



CPH students in Wichita work on their case scenario to create a solution to the staphylococcal food poisoning outbreak that actually occurred in Southeast Kansas in 2005.

Day two featured presentations on the importance of partnering with communities and state agencies during disasters. The class was able to hear from Alicia Parkman, KDHE, Mike Heideman, KDHE, and Director of Waste Management, Bill Bider of KDHE, who has played a large role in cleaning up after natural disasters in Kansas. His job is to ensure that volunteers and community members are safe when returning to disaster sites to clean up the debris. He shared stories from the tornadoes of Greensburg, Chapman and Manhattan, the Barton Solvents explosion in Valley Center, and several ice storms across the state.

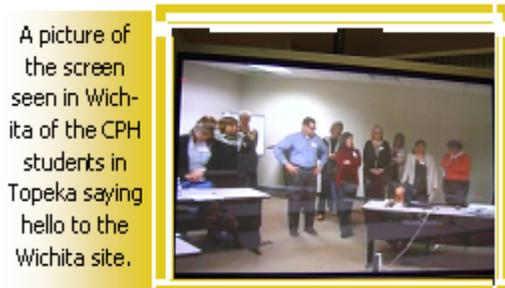
Participants were also able to hear from Sedgwick County Commissioner, Tim Norton. Commissioner Norton explained different ways for public health workers to communicate to elected officials. This is a necessary and sometimes difficult task for many public health professionals. He stressed the importance of

getting to know your elected official and what specific topics within public health are of interest to him/her.

The next two day session will also be held at both sites, and will fall on May 14 and 15. CPH students will be hard at work on their final projects and their inter-session online courses before the next session. The May session will focus on public health policy and public health law.



CPH student, Donna Martin, presents her group's outbreak scenario and the solution her group devised as acting epidemiologists.



A picture of the screen seen in Wichita of the CPH students in Topeka saying hello to the Wichita site.

Session 1 Feedback:

- * Enjoyable experience looking forward to the next session.
- * I thought that the Session was very well organized and went smoothly. It was a good learning experience and I feel that I gained much. Thanks, looking forward to the next session.
- * Really enjoyed it!
- * You guys are doing a GREAT job! I am very impressed and have already learned a lot. Thanks so much for offering this program.
- * The sessions gave an excellent overview of public health which included aspects of the past, present and future.

- * Great program with great teachers and classmates!

Session 2 Feedback:

- * What an excellent two days! It related completely to my capstone project so it was a big help. I got to do a significant amount of networking as well. Thank you.
- * All the [presenters] were excellent, Tim Norton's presentation and built in activities were particularly useful! The presentation on trauma registry was also useful. I think that Dr. Hawley's presentation on her research

on epilepsy would also have been a nice addition to the class. I think it would be great to connect research to practice when possible.

- * Homework level is perfect.
- * Objectives were on par with public health studies.
- * I enjoyed having the panel of epidemiologists which gave a more in depth explanation of epidemiology's role in public health.

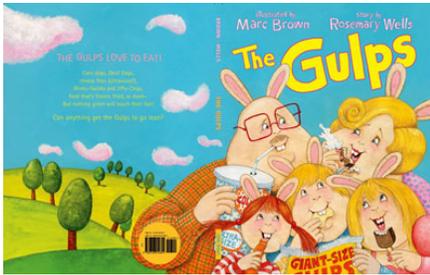
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK JOHNSON COUNTY STYLE

*submitted by Barbara Mitchell
Johnson County Health Department*

The Johnson County Health Department celebrated Public Health Week with several activities. We started by getting the word out to our residents through message posters on the local bus line, "The JO". Ninety posters were displayed on forty-five buses during most of the month of April. The posters encouraged people to change their everyday behaviors to be healthier by taking the stairs. The messages were: "Change Happens, One Step at a Time" and "Step Up to a Healthier Lifestyle." The posters reached 41,300 individuals.



The Health Department also coordinated the promotion and giveaway of the book "The Gulps" to local elementary schools. The book promotes physical activity, proper nutrition and family choices. It encourages families to take a holistic approach to family eating styles and physical activity through family play. "The Gulps" books were distributed to 15 elementary schools in Johnson County. The book was read during second grade nutrition lessons; also discussed was the



importance of encouraging parents and siblings to adopt the same kind of healthy behaviors. The books were placed into the school's library for future education activities and student checkout. The program reached approximately 75 students/family members per school.

A third activity was the promotion of healthy food choices to our Health Department employees. Employees were encouraged to bring healthy foods to share with their co-workers at lunch. The lunch was a great success and a good way for the different Divisions to interact. There were approximately 50 employees who participated at two sites.

BEHIND EVERY GREAT LAB IS A GREAT TEAM

*submitted by Dennis Dobson, Interim Director
Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories*



The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) celebrated National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week in April, with this year's theme, "Behind Every Great Lab is a Great Team". The Laboratory Improvement Program through KHEL is one example of a great team, even while going through major transitions. The program is made up of three sections: Breath Alcohol, Environmental and Clinical.

Over the past three years, the Breath Alcohol Program has been transitioning from the use of the Intoxilizer 5000 to the new Intoxilizer 8000. This transition brought about the challenge of training 4,500 operators and changing instruments for 250 agencies across the state. The program had to make the transition in a very short period of time and was handled by KHEL employees Amanda Thurman, Tucker Porter and Sherry Sunderman, under the guidance of Chris Houston. This team is making sure that if you are ever pulled over and given a breath test, the operator of the instrument will follow Kansas protocol and will handle administering the test in a professional manner to assure the most accurate result.

The Environmental Laboratory Improvement Program is also undergoing a major transition. The State of Kansas is one of 12 states that is National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) certified. NELAP is a national program to certify environmental laboratories that assures that certain standards in testing are being met. Kansas is one of the founding members of NELAP because of the efforts of KHEL employee Jack McKenzie. Jack is retiring at the end of this month, but thankfully, Michelle Wade and Michelle Probasco have stepped up to become the new certifying officers of the program. This team makes sure that the results that come from every public drinking water supplier are from a certified laboratory, giving us confidence that the results are following prescribed procedures.

Finally, in our Clinical Laboratory Improvement Program, we have Connie Fitz and Ruby Bower who have been surveying clinical laboratories since 1998. They work to make sure that the diagnostic tests you receive when you go to the hospital are the best that they can be by helping to assess and train clinical laboratory staff. In fact, just this month Ruby was recognized for her outstanding work in the field for over 40 years. You can read about her accomplishments by clicking on the logo above. It is because of the great teams in Breath Alcohol, Environment and Clinical that the citizens of Kansas can be assured that the results being provided by the laboratories surveyed are going to meet the professional standards we all expect.



THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY!

submitted Janis Goedeke

Kansas Public Health Association, Past-President



During this economic crisis, we are facing situations that could be classified as the good, the bad and the ugly. Historically, an economic crisis results in employees who have increased stress and decreased morale. The consequences are employees who are unhappy with their jobs, and employers that are unhappy with their employees.

As administrators, we want to be sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our employees motivated during this economic crisis. So what things should I be exploring?

- Treat employees as an indispensable member of the agency
 - Each employee brings their own strengths to the team. Employers should capitalize on those strengths, and then each member will be a valuable and indispensable team member.
- Encourage professional growth
 - After an employee has mastered the skills for their present position, challenge them with new or expanded duties. This will keep the employee motivated, and they will be proud of their accomplishments.
- Open communication
 - Communicate frequently with staff and let staff know that your door is always open to them.
- Recognize team work
 - Most everyone likes to be recognized, so when the agency is successful recognize the team members that made the project a success.
- Create environment of trust
 - As administrators we should be strengthening our agency in work performance and fiscal responsibility.
- Encourage: Encourage staff by having some fun days or staff appreciation days. This could be casual days, recipe days, bring snacks to your staff, or even fun contests.

Administrators look for employees that are:

- Dependable: These are the employees to whom you can give a task to and know that it will be done and be done properly.
- Trustworthy: The employer knows that the employee will be truthful, honest and steadfast in duties that are assigned to them.
- Cross trained: Employees who are cross trained or willing to cross train may indeed be saving their positions.
- Manageable: Employees who take on new projects with enthusiasm
- Teamwork: Employees should work well with their peers. Avoid creating strife. Treat other team members with respect and appreciation. Avoid forming work cliques.

When the economy pushes administrators to downsize, the employees with these traits will keep their job the longest. Seniority is a good attribute to have, but it is not going to be the only consideration in this economic crisis.

As an employee, what can you do?

- Show up for work each day on time and ready to begin work rather than taking 30-40 minutes to settle into your job.
- Volunteer to pick up additional duties when there are gaps in service/staffing.

- Keep Quiet –Leave the work problems at work. There is no need to communicate work issues to your family or friends. Do not talk negatively about other employees or your employer to other coworkers, friends or family.
- Knowledge: Keep your skills updated—look for ways to increase your knowledge base.
- Communicate your concerns, and listen to the concerns of others with an open mind.
- Professional behavior: Dress professionally and behave professionally.
- Follow employee policies.
- Take responsibility for mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes. Only the employees who are not working EVER make a mistake!
- Use time well. Be self motivated and put in a full days work---even when the boss is away.
- Don't keep a tally. It doesn't matter if you answered the phone two more times than the other person.
- Make yourself invaluable: If you have finished your tasks, then ask the supervisor if there is anything that you can do to lighten their load.
- Work FOR your agency. By working FOR your agency you will have job satisfaction, and increased job security.

As administrators, let's keep our employees challenged and satisfied so that we can continue to serve our public with a highly qualified staff. We are all hoping to see good things happen in our economy soon. However, if the bad economy continues, the ugly results will be a reduction in work force.

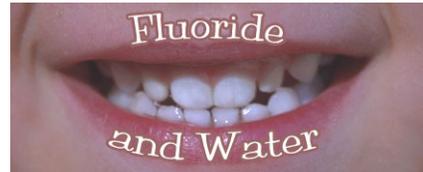
FLUORIDE IS OUR TEETH'S BEST FRIEND

*submitted Marcia A. Manter
Community Development Specialist, Oral Health Kansas*

What is fluoride? It is a natural mineral that helps harden our teeth's outer surface – called the enamel. It helps make babies' teeth stronger so they fight off dental decay. It also helps children, teenagers, adults and elders, protecting their enamel and resisting tooth decay

What are the typical ways to apply fluoride to our teeth?

- Fluoride in Toothpaste. All toothpaste approved by the American Dental Association contains fluoride. It is safe to apply a very tiny dot of children's fluoride tooth to babies' first teeth, especially children who are risk for tooth decay. When we brush daily, fluoride toothpaste reduces decay by 11 percent.
- Fluoride in Drinking Water. When we drink water with fluoride, our saliva naturally coats our teeth with it. Fluoride is found in water that comes out of our tap in the kitchen. Not all tap water has enough natural fluoride so cities add it to improve the oral health of residents. People who use well water need to have it tested: some have too much fluoride and some have not enough. If children are not getting enough fluoride in water they drink, dentists may prescribe a vitamin with fluoride to help strengthen tooth enamel. Be aware: most bottled water does not contain the recommended level of fluoride. Drinking water with fluoride can reduce tooth decay by 45 – 60 percent.
- Fluoride Varnish. Fluoride varnish is painted on our teeth, just like varnishing a piece of wood to protect it from damage. Since it is safe, easy and quick to apply, children and adults can have fluoride varnish applied in dental offices, medical offices, early childhood programs, schools, nursing homes, and health departments. Fluoride varnish strengthens the enamel and at times helps damaged teeth repair themselves. Having regular applications of fluoride varnish reduces decay by 40 – 75 percent.



Please remember: fluoride is only one important step in your fight against oral disease. Having regular dental care and eating a "tooth healthy" diet – limited amounts of food with sugar and other processed carbohydrates -- helps us stay cavity-free our entire life. For more information, please contact Oral Health Kansas (785) 235-6039 or mmanter@oralhealthkansas.org.

**I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown,
for going out, I found, was really going in.**

John Muir, Preservationist, 1838-1914

IN THE NEWS

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

submitted by Linda Frazier

Public Health Workforce Development Specialist



The 9th Annual Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Awareness Conference will be held on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, at the DoubleTree Hotel 10100 College Blvd, Overland Park. Hosted by the Fibromyalgia Coalition International

A 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization NURSES approved for 14.7 CNEs Chiropractors approved for 12.25 CCEs. This conference is designed to bring together patients, physicians, nurses, therapists, caregivers and businesses who are involved with the diagnosis, treatment, and recovery of people suffering from Fibromyalgia/CFS and related illnesses.

You will be able to network with patients and healthcare providers from treatment centers throughout the nation. Most importantly, everyone will have the opportunity to share experiences and ask the experts questions. Attendees will participate in two days of lectures featuring some of the brightest minds in Fibromyalgia/CFS treatment. Don't miss this exciting event packed with powerful speakers and life changing information!

For more information and to register click on the Fibromyalgia Coalition International logo above.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES TOOL

submitted by Linda Frazier

KDHE, Public Health Workforce Development Specialist

In past Connections, we have highlighted five of the functions it could be used for:

1. Increase understanding of Essential Services and Core Public Health Competencies
2. Create job descriptions
3. Develop Training Plans
4. Begin a Community Health Assessment
5. Complete the National Public Health Performance Assessment Tool

The last two functions listed for the tool are:

6. Find Kansas public health data
7. Research public health literature

Under each Essential Service, the resource list contains data sites, and resources for research are with the tenth Essential Service, "Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems."

The Essential Services Tool is now a year old and due for updates. Please send sites you have found that should be included to lfrazier@kdheks.gov. We will be inserting more Kansas specific courses into the tool.



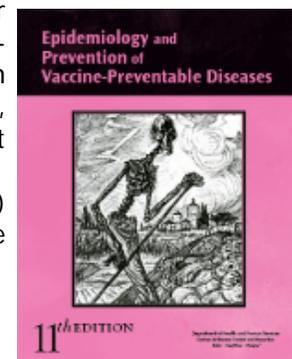
CDC's PINK BOOK

submitted by the Public Health Foundation

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 20% of children are not fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. To continue to protect America's children and adults, we must obtain maximum immunization coverage in all populations, establish effective partnerships, conduct reliable scientific research, implement immunization systems, and ensure vaccine safety.

The CDC's Pink Book (*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases*) is an essential resource for all public health and health care professionals who provide immunizations. The all-new 11th Edition contains information on:

- Principles of Vaccination
- General Recommendations on Immunization
- Immunization Strategies for Healthcare Practices and Providers
- Vaccine Safety
- Vaccine Schedules and Recommendations
- Vaccine Storage and Handling
- Vaccine Administration



The new 11th Edition of "The Pink Book," *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases*, is on sale now with special pre-order pricing! Save 15% by [ordering now](#) for just \$29.75 per copy. This sale ends April 10, 2009.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPAIGN Refocus National Attention on the HIV Crisis in the United States



Officials from the White House, Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have announced a new five-year national communication campaign, Act Against AIDS, which highlights this alarming statistic and aims to combat complacency about the HIV/AIDS crisis in the United States. Click on the CDC logo to view completed press release.

CYBER SECURITY TIPS

submitted by Norma Jean Schaefer

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Information Technology Director



The use of credit cards to pay for goods and services is a common practice around the world. It enables business to be transacted in a convenient and cost effective manner. However, more than 100 million personally-identifiable, customer records have been breached in the US over the past two years. Many of these breaches involved credit card information. Continued use of credits cards requires confidence by consumers that their transaction and credit card information are secure. The following provides information as to how the credit card industry has responded to security issues and steps you can take to protect your information.

What can I do to secure my credit card information? You can help secure your credit card information by adhering to the following guidelines:

- *Don't respond to email or pop-up messages.* If you get an email or pop-up message while you're browsing, don't reply or click on the link in the message or any attachments, especially if personal or financial information is requested. Legitimate organizations don't ask for this information in these ways.
- *Guard the security of your transaction.* When purchasing online, look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar and be sure "https" or "s-http" appears in the website's address bar. The "s" stands for "secure."
- *Use temporary account authorizations when available.* Some credit card companies offer virtual or temporary credit card authorization numbers. This kind of service gives you use of a secure and unique account number for each online transaction. These numbers are often issued for a short period of time and cannot be used after that period. Contact your credit card company to see if they offer this service.
- *Limit your online shopping to merchants you know and trust.* If you have questions about a merchant, verify it with the Better Business Bureau or the Federal Trade Commission.

For more monthly cyber security newsletter tips click on the Multi-State Vigilance and Resilience logo above.

PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH IN YOUR WORKPLACE

submitted by Office of Local and Rural Health

Almost every day, Americans spend just as much time, if not more, in their workplaces than they do in their communities or at home. Therefore, promoting health and safety in the workplace is an essential part of public health's role in building the foundation for a healthy America.

From worksite wellness programs aimed at helping workers adopt healthy behaviors to safety regulations aimed at keeping them safe on the job, public health works in a variety of ways to address health where we work.

Today, think about how public health provides the founda-

tion for the health and well-being of people in Your Workplace. What can you do to help create a healthier environment at work?

Make a special effort to share the [Healthiest Nation in One Generation](#) viral video with your co-workers today. And don't forget to [add your organization's name](#) to the list of those who have committed to make a difference.



**Building a
Foundation
for a Healthy
America**

Here are some other things you can do to promote public health in your workplace:

- Start a workplace wellness program. Well-constructed workplace wellness programs can reduce costs to the employer and improve employee health and morale. Form a committee and start making changes today!
- Stress the importance of healthy food options. Find yourself tempted by the high-calorie, low-nutrient foods in the vending machine when late afternoon hunger sets in? Get rid of the temptation! Organize your co-workers to advocate for healthy food choices.
- Start a walking group with your colleagues. Workers who are sedentary throughout the workday would have to spend most of their evenings in motion to meet the recommended 10,000 steps a day. Incorporate more physical activity in your day by forming a walking group to keep each other motivated.

UPDATED REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS – 2009

Upcoming Regional Public Health Meetings and Billing Workshops.

- **North Central Region:** 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 for meeting location and time.
Mar. 31 June 23 Sept. 29 Dec. 22
- **Northeast Region:** Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641 if you have any questions.
Mar. 19 June 18 Sept. 17 Dec. 17
- **Northwest Region:** NW Educational Service Center, Oakley, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mar. 12 June 4 Sept. 10 Dec. 10
- **South Central Region:** Reno County Health Department, 209 W. Second, Hutchinson, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
May 27 Aug. 6 Nov. 25
- **Southeast Region:** Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
May 14 *Cancelled* Aug. 13 Nov. 12
- **Southwest Region:** Finney County Administration Building, 311 N. Ninth, Garden City, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
May 15 Aug. 21 Nov. 20

BILLING WORKSHOPS - 2009

- **NE Billing Group** will meet on Feb. 5 at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641.
May 7 Aug. 6 Nov. 5
- **Billing Biddies** (North Central) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mar. 4 June 3 Sept. 2 Dec. 2
- **Billers Anonymous** (Northwest) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Apr 14 July 14 Oct 13
- **Mission Impossible Group** (South Central) 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson.
May 22 Aug. 27 Nov. 19
- **KUG's** meets from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Satanta District Hospital's education room (in basement).
- **Billers-R-Us** (Southeast) Southeast District Office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Apr. 7 July 7 Oct. 6

ALERT! ALERT!

**Jardine Announces Second Recall Expansion of Cribs Sold by Babies'R'Us;
Cribs Pose Entrapment and Strangulation Hazards**

Click on the crib to read more.



**JOB OPENING
SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Sedgwick County Health Department is taking applications for the following positions:

- Community Health Nurse II – Maternal & Infant [20002336021309](https://www.scdhs.gov/jobs/20002336021309)
- Healthy Babies Fiscal Associate / Interpreter [20003160031809](https://www.scdhs.gov/jobs/20003160031809)



Click on a job number to view details. For more information click the Sedgwick Seal on the right, or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.

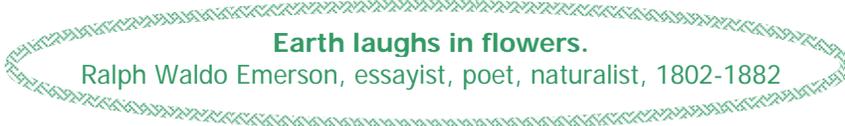
CHILDREN'S MERCY HOSPITAL



Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO, is taking application for the following position:

- [PRN-Interpreter #18165](#)

Click on the job title to view details. For more information click on the Children's Mercy Hospital Logo or contact Stacy Barr, Recruiter, Children's Mercy Hospital at (816) 983-6307.



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