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### KDHE COMPUTER SERVICES RESTORED

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s (KDHE) is pleased to report that its computer services have been restored.

“We are happy to report that as of Mon., Aug. 27, all of our public-facing information systems are fully functional,” said Roderick Bremby, KDHE Secretary. “The Office of Vital Statistics was the last major information system to come online.”

The agency began experiencing technical problems on Aug. 5 which caused disruption to many services accessed by the public. On Aug. 11, it was discovered that the problems stemmed from a failure of the storage area network (SAN). In response to this discovery, the SAN vendor, Xiotech, deployed personnel and a new SAN, at their expense, to assist in the assessment and recovery process.

In addition to a new SAN, Xiotech has agreed to cover the full costs of recovery and system upgrades. These costs include third-party consultants brought in to assist with data recovery and system restoration. In addition, Xiotech has agreed to reimburse the state for overtime wages and cover the costs associated with reverting to a hard copy system for filling requests for vital records. This means Kansans won't have to pay for these costs.

“This has been a long and unexpected event for us and for our customers and partnering agencies,” said Secretary Bremby. “We are grateful for your patience. We’re also tremendously grateful for the assistance provided by our vendors, Xiotech and OnTrack. Because of their assistance, data has been restored quicker than anticipated. And, most of all, I’m especially grateful to KDHE’s Information Technology staff. Without their dedication and knowledge, I am confident that this event would have been significantly worse.”

## ASK YOUR DOCTORS AND NURSES TO GET THE FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR

*An Op-Ed Column by Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD*

*Kansas State Health Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)*

Every doctor, nurse and other health care professional knows that the first rule of medical care is "to do no harm." The ethical obligation to safeguard patients from unintended illness or injury is imbedded in the Hippocratic Oath, the moral compass that has guided the practice of healing arts for more than 2,000 years. That's why it is so puzzling that about half of all health care professionals today don't bother to protect themselves and their patients against influenza by getting the annual flu vaccine.



Even during last year's flu pandemic – the global outbreak that caused more than 12,000 deaths in the United States – only 37 percent of US health care professionals said they got the additional H1N1 flu vaccine, according to a new report.

What's going on here? Virtually none of these highly trained professionals would think of approaching a patient with unwashed hands that could transmit infectious agents. None would blithely permit their patients to be exposed involuntarily to tobacco smoke or other toxins that could lead to cancer or heart disease. Yet after 30 years of irrefutable evidence that flu vaccines are safe and effective in protecting patients, tens of thousands of health care professionals decline to receive them each year. Despite intensive education campaigns every year to get health care staff immunized in most hospitals and large clinics, such voluntary efforts rarely achieve more than 70 percent coverage.

Studies have shown that health care professionals turn down flu vaccines for the same reasons that other people do. They have doubts about their risk of getting infected, or their need for the vaccine. Some question how well it really works, or express concerns about side effects. Some just don't like getting injections.

Frankly, this is appalling. Health care providers should know better than this by now. And they should set a better example for their patients and their communities in the coming flu season by getting themselves in line for the new flu vaccine as it comes on the market in Kansas in the next few weeks. It has been well established that flu vaccination of health care professionals lowers patient risk and saves lives. When health care staff members are immunized against influenza, they are much less likely to transmit the flu virus to their elderly and other high-risk patients, some of whom may otherwise die from the disease.

There is also strong evidence that an immunized health care workforce has less absenteeism during the annual winter peak in community flu cases. This allows hospitals and clinics to keep more qualified staff on duty when the demand for care is highest, and to keep down the cost of care. So we all benefit when doctors, nurses and other members of the clinical team do the right thing and get themselves immunized against the flu. That's why it may be time for patients and other concerned Kansans to give the health care professionals in our lives a good-natured reminder about the importance of getting the flu vaccine this year. A gentle word coming from you may be just what some hesitant doctors and nurses need to roll up their sleeves and get the vaccine.

This year's vaccine – which will cover both the H1N1 strain and the common seasonal strains – promises to be available in abundant supplies. And, according to new national guidelines, virtually everyone over six months of age is recommended to get the vaccine. There is simply no good excuse for a doctor, nurse or other health care professional not to be immunized against the flu this year. This is a critical patient safety issue, a matter that goes to the heart of every health care professional's obligation "to do no harm."

## IS YOUR TEENAGER GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

*An Op-Ed Column by Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD*

*Kansas State Health Officer, KDHE*



With school starting up again in Kansas, the lazy days of summer for children and adolescents are coming to an abrupt end. For teenagers who have gotten used to sleeping late during the summer months, the early start times at many of our state's high schools are bound to cause a few rude awakenings. In recent years, more schools than ever have begun requiring their bleary-eyed students to arise before dawn to make it to classes that start at 7 a.m., or even earlier. Without the help of caring adults, these young people will limp through their school days in a chronic state of sleep deprivation.

Sleep loss is becoming a serious concern for teachers, parents and health professionals who care about the well-being of young people. Recently, the American Medical Association House of Delegates voted to identify insufficient sleep and daytime sleepiness among adolescents as a critical public health problem needing more

attention. Evidence is growing that sleep-deprived teenagers suffer from an array of problems related to attention, memory, and control of inappropriate behavior. As a group, drowsy teens are more likely to underperform in school, to drive recklessly on the street, and to miss out on getting the exercise they need to avoid obesity and other health problems.

Compelling research now shows that most adolescents need about nine or even ten hours of restful sleep every night to function at their best. But surveys tell us that today only 15 percent of teens get even eight and one-half hours of shut-eye on school nights, and that many are getting by with barely six hours of sleep, or even less.

What this means is that most teenagers today, kids whose lives are filled with homework, sports, after-school activities and part-time jobs, are falling well short of the sleep their bodies require for good health and full enjoyment of life. Some kids get so little sleep they might best be described as walking zombies.

One seemingly simple solution is to get teens into bed at an earlier hour. After all, wise people like Ben Franklin have told us for years that good things will happen to those who make a habit of being “early to bed and early to rise.” What Franklin didn’t know was that normal adolescents undergo a physiological change around the time of puberty, a change that sleep experts call the “sleep-wake phase delay.”

During the teenage years, humans naturally begin to feel more awake in the evening than they did as children. This means that throughout the world teens will unavoidably shift their bedtimes by at least two hours into the night, and arise later the next morning – unless early school bells say otherwise. For American teens today, this biologically determined sleep cycle puts them directly in conflict with school start times, with hours of precious sleep lost as a result.

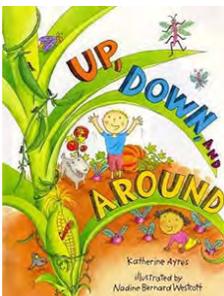
What can parents and other concerned adults do about the problem of teenage sleep deprivation? First, we can lend our support to later school start times by raising the issue with school administrators and local school boards. In schools around the country where later start times have been implemented, adolescents have shown improved motivation, better class attendance, heightened academic performance, fewer incidents of misbehavior and greater overall alertness.

With all that we know now about the importance of teens getting enough sleep, it may be time for Kansas educators to consider seriously the benefits of an 8:30 a.m. start time in high schools around the state. On the home front, parents can help their teens get better sleep by assuring that their bedrooms are quiet havens for real rest, with all electronic devices turned off at night. They can also help their teens avoid caffeine late in the day, ensure that they get adequate physical activity during the day to improve nighttime sleepiness, and see that they take 30 minutes or more before bed to wind down by reading something light, listening to music, or taking a bath or shower.

Finally, parents can help set a consistent bedtime and wake-up schedule for their teens, even on weekends. Routine sleep times will get a teen’s body into sync with its natural sleep pattern, making it easier to doze off at bedtime and be more alert during the day. We live in a culture that undervalues sleep and its restorative powers for body and mind. Sadly, our teenagers may be paying the price for that, unless we act to make getting a good night’s sleep a higher priority.

## KANSAS READS TO PRESCHOOLERS

*by Melody Kinnamon Page, Health Librarian  
Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA)*



Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week, takes place Nov. 14-20. Share your interest in the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers event and let them know you would like to partner. Call or stop by your local public library and introduce yourself to share your interest in this event. If you have a large, multi-branch public library system, ask to speak to the Youth Services Librarian in charge of programming.

Ideas for bringing reading into your organization include promoting your local library’s Kansas Reads to Preschoolers programs by displaying flyers in your building, and inviting the library team to read the book, “Up, Down, and Around” to the children attending an immunization clinic or to the adults attending a prenatal/parenting class or a childcare licensing meeting.

Adults need to be reminded of the importance of reading aloud to children. Through your promotional efforts, the local public library would have new opportunities to reach out to the community. Check out the online resource page from the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas by clicking the “Up, Down, and Around” image.

KPHA looks forward to hearing what your plans are for the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers event scheduled for November. The "Up, Down and Around," book will be on display for purchase at the KPHA Annual Conference.

### KANSAS MASS ANTIIBIOTIC DISPENSING TRAINING

*by Mike Heideman, Communication and Training Specialist  
Bureau of Public Health Preparedness (BPHP), KDHE*



Registration is available on KS-TRAIN for [KDHE-BPHP: Kansas Mass Antibiotic Dispensing – Public Information and Communication \(1023758\)](#).

It is an objective of the State Technical Assistance Review (TAR, Section 5.1) that the State offer trainings to local Public Information and Communication (PIC) personnel regarding responsibilities associated with a mass prophylaxis campaign. It is an objective of the Local TAR (also Section 5.1) that PIC personnel – primary and backup – have been identified and trained regarding responsibilities associated with a mass prophylaxis campaign and the training is documented and verified.

If this is an objective the local health agency is trying to meet for their TAR, they can either have their local PIC personnel choose to attend the one-day KDHE Mass Antibiotic Dispensing PIC Course (which is recommended), or the local health agency can create their own local training to meet this objective if they so choose.

Training dates and locations for the KDHE training are as follows:

- Sept. 21, 2010: Garden City – Clarion Inn Conference Center
- Sept. 22, 2010: Hays – Gella's Diner
- Sept. 28, 2010: Topeka – Holiday Inn Holidome
- Oct. 5, 2010: Chanute – Tioga Suites Hotel
- Oct. 6, 2010: Wichita – Sedgwick Co. Emergency Operations Center
- Oct. 8, 2010: Salina – Rolling Hills Zoo
- Oct. 13, 2010: Overland Park – Holze Executive Village

Registration is easy if you have a TRAIN account. Simply click on the link above, or follow these steps:

1. Login to your KS-TRAIN account.
2. On the homepage below the Seal of Kansas add course #1023758 to the Search by Course ID field. Click Go.
3. Click the course title. View the Course Detail for course information.
4. Select the Registration tab and the Register button
5. To withdraw from the course please login to KS-TRAIN, click 'My Learning' below the Seal of Kansas, click the 'M' to the right of the course title and then Withdraw.

If you don't have a TRAIN account, you can easily set one up by doing the following:

1. Point your browser to <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click on the "Create Account" button in the left hand margin.
3. Complete the online registration form to set up your account. Choose a login ID and password that are easy to remember, write this information down and keep it in a safe place. You should receive an email welcoming you to TRAIN.

Communities already have experience in coming together to respond to emergency situations. Public Information and Communication (PIC) professionals communicate with the public about health-related and emergency situations on a regular basis. When SNS assets are deployed, there is the added challenge of mobilizing the public to obtain prophylactic medications and to adhere to a treatment regimen for a period of time after an event.

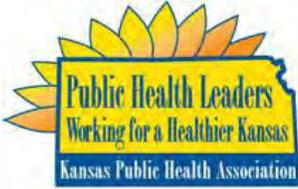
An additional challenge for PIC professionals has been added with the implementation of the Cities Readiness Initiative where communities have been asked to prepare to provide prophylaxis to their entire community in 48 hours from the decision to do so. It will be extremely critical for state and local health communicators to know the issues involved in a mass antibiotic dispensing campaign, understand the state and local policies that might affect their messages, and determine their roles in an event where SNS assets are deployed.

This course will introduce state and local communicators to the Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS) and help them better understand their roles and responsibilities in the event of SNS deployment. This interactive scenario-based course will focus on the development of messages, methods, and materials necessary for disseminating information to specific audiences in the changing situations that occur before, during, and after a public health emergency.

Direct course questions to: Mike Heideman at (785) 296-4363 or [mheideman@kdheks.gov](mailto:mheideman@kdheks.gov).

## 2010 KPHA FALL CONFERENCE

*by Heather Henke, Barber County Health Director  
KPHA 2010 Conference Chair*



The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), with support from the Kansas Health Foundation, the University of Kansas Masters in Public Health (MPH) program, Interhab, and the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, will sponsor the 2010 KPHA Fall Conference and Annual Meeting on Sept. 29-30 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka. More than 300 people usually participate each year. Attendees include physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, dietitians, epidemiologists, front-line staff, academician, students, local and state government employees and other public health professionals throughout Kansas interested in the health of the public. This is your personal invitation to attend this year's conference, both as a conference attendee (for one or both days) and an exhibitor—to share your efforts in our field of “working for a healthier Kansas.”

If you have not already registered for the conference, there are several exciting opportunities for you, your agency, and/or your employer to demonstrate your support for health promotion in Kansas and to network with others who share our mission. Exhibit space is available to display your product, project or program—the KPHA Fall Conference is the perfect place to get the word out. Click on the conference logo above for the brochure, or for more information, visit the KPHA website by clicking the logo.



Don't miss an exciting and unforgettable event. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the KPHA office at (785) 233-3103.

## HUGO WALL SCHOOL

*by Kelly Kabler, BS  
University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita*



The Hugo Wall School Advisory Board invites you to join friends and colleagues for Hugo Wall Day on Fri., Sept. 10, from 1-6 p.m. at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services will be the keynote speaker. His speech is entitled, “The Changing and Challenging Role of Public Servants.”

The Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University, serves as the academic home for the Master of Public Administration degree, the Center for Urban Studies, the Environmental Finance Center and the Kansas Public Finance Center. Through the integration of teaching, research and service, the school makes a distinct contribution to Wichita State University's long-standing commitment of service to Wichita, the surrounding communities and the region.

Please RSVP by Mon., Sept. 6, to (316) 978-7240 or [annette.murach@wichita.edu](mailto:annette.murach@wichita.edu). There is no charge to attend.

## USING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TOOLS: THE KANSAS H1N1 EXPERIENCE

*by Shirley Orr, Director Local Health  
BLRH, KDHE*



The Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness will be hosting a webinar Oct. 7 on, *Using Quality Improvement Tools to Advance Public Health Preparedness: The Kansas H1N1 Experience*. More information on attending this webinar session will be coming soon.

Participants will be provided with real world examples of how quality improvement tools have been used in H1N1 planning, response, and evaluation in Kansas. Presenters will describe utilization of QI tools in local vaccine distribution and administration, as well as in a statewide H1N1 “hot wash” activity conducted during the summer of 2010.

Upon completion of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Select the appropriate quality improvement tools for mass vaccination efforts and other public health emergency preparedness/response activities.

- Describe the utilization of quality improvement tools in conducting an after action “hot wash” debriefing activity.
- Discuss the development of HSEEP compliant after action reports, incorporating a quality improvement methodology.

Webinar Presenters:

- ✦ Barbara Heston, Shawnee County Health Department
- ✦ Dan Partridge, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department
- ✦ Cait Purinton-Day, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

## BRIDGING THE GAP - MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING

*by Cathy Anderson, Manager*

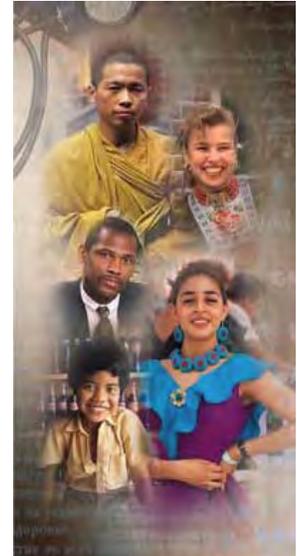
*Language and Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS)*

“Bridging the Gap – Medical Interpreter Training,” is a five-day training in health-care and social services interpreting for bilingual interpreters. After attending all classes and passing a final exam, participants will earn a “Certificate of Completion in Bridging the Gap.” The course runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is free of charge through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. If CEUs are required, please inform JVS ahead of time and they will prepare a letter outlining the course teaching points.

To register, please follow these steps:

1. Register on-line for Bridging the Gap course through KS TRAIN, visit <http://ks.train.org> and enter course #1023672 **AND**
2. Complete the JVS application form/survey linked to KS TRAIN, and click on the ‘Go to Step 2 of Registration’ button
3. Send or email your application and survey to JVS, 1608 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org), or fax it to (816) 471-2930
4. Cathy Anderson, the manager of Language and Cultural Services or Raul O. Guerrero, the course instructor, will conduct a short interview with you by phone. You will need to include a phone number where you can be reached during the day
5. JVS will inform you when your registration is complete

For more information about the course or application process, contact Cathy Anderson at (816) 471-2808. JVS is available to assist you in registering through KS-TRAIN.



## COMMUNITY TOOL BOX 2010 – OUT OF THE BOX PRIZE

*By Christina Holt, MA, Associate Director for Community Tool Box Services  
Work Group for Community Health and Development*

The Community Tool Box is honoring innovative approaches to promoting community health and development worldwide with the 2010 Out of the Box Prize. They invite you to enter and encourage you to share contest information with others doing work to improve life in their communities.

Applicants' work should reflect issues of importance to their communities, including issues such as community health, education, urban or rural development, poverty, the environment, and social justice. Finalists' innovative and promising approaches will be posted for a global audience on the Community Tool Box.

Grand Prize is \$5,000 plus a free customized WorkStation (WorkStations are interactive web sites with value over \$2,000) designed specifically for your group. Second prize is \$2,000 in cash, with a free customized WorkStation.

The deadline for application submissions is Oct. 31 with an international panel reviewing the applications. Award finalists will be posted on the Community Tool Box for the public to vote on best entries which begins Dec. 1 and ends on Jan. 31, 2011. Prize winners will be announced on Feb. 15, 2011.

Many are already familiar with the Community Tool Box, which has been creating and disseminating free, practical guidance about community health and development online since 1995. For those of you who have not viewed the site recently, you are invited to visit <http://ctb.ku.edu>; where you will find over 300 how-to-do-it instructional modules, with over 7000 pages of support materials.



The Community Tool Box Team hopes you forward this contest announcement to others in your own community networks, and consider submitting your own application. To download the application, click on the Out of the Box logo above.

### NEWS FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH BILLING GROUP

*by Lenora Henderson, Ellsworth County Health Department  
and Alice Grieg, Osborne County Health Department*



A number of years ago, Kansas local health departments were having difficulty billing insurance companies for patient services. Debbie Whitmer, Nurse Specialist for the KDHE Bureau of Local and Rural Health would often field questions from billing clerks on what Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes the larger health departments were using. Alice Grieg from Osborne County along, with Debbie Whitmer and Debra Meisenheimer, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), decided to make a special code table so that local health department billers would have similar CPT and ICD-9 codes. Out of these collaborations came the local public health regional billing groups.

The North Central Billing Group is comprised of 15 county health department billers who meet for three hours quarterly to discuss billing problems and solutions. Also attending the meetings are representatives from BCBS, Children's Mercy, Unicare, TriCare and Social Rehabilitation Services who provide updates or answer biller questions. The group has two facilitators, Lenora Henderson, Ellsworth County and Alice Grieg, Osborne County. The attendees value the collaboration and networking efforts of their group and welcome other county billers to attend or call them with questions.

There is also a statewide billing listserve provided by the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments for billers to e-mail questions to others billers. This service has been very helpful for quick answers. You can become a member to the listserve by going to [www.kalhd.org/en/cms/?1025](http://www.kalhd.org/en/cms/?1025) and applying. You must be a Kansas county biller to gain entry. If you have any questions about the billing group or listserve, please call either Lenora Henderson at (785) 472-4488 or Alice Grieg at (785) 346-2412.

### WHY YOU SHOULD OPT IN TO RECEIVE KS-TRAIN EMAILS

*by Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator  
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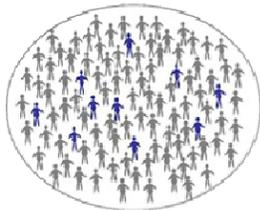
On Aug. 11, TRAIN implemented a new Opt IN/Opt out email process for users of the learning management system. This change is to meet federal requirements for TRAIN communication emails. Click the Federal Trade Commission logo to view requirements.

It is important for you to Opt IN to receive KS-TRAIN emails in order to receive enrollment confirmations, course completion notices, special instructions from course providers, or even notification of cancellation of a live training. Click the KS-TRAIN logo to download the OptIN Instructions.



### ANNOUNCING NEW KS-EDSS TRAINING VIA KS-TRAIN

*by Susan Dickman, KS-EDSS Coordinator  
KDHE, Bureau of Surveillance and Epidemiology*



Kansas Electronic Disease Surveillance System (KS-EDSS) Introductory Training (1023597) can now be completed on KS-TRAIN. This course is for existing and new KS-EDSS users only. The introductory course consists of 12 modules which each contain a 5-10 minute video followed by hands-on learning activities. The course will give users the knowledge needed to navigate through the system and provide the skills necessary to report and review electronic disease information through KS-EDSS. A certificate will be issued to participants following successful completion of the KS-EDSS Introductory Training.

If you have questions regarding the KS-EDSS Introductory Training (1023597) on KS-TRAIN, please call the KS-EDSS Coordinator at (785) 296-7732 or email at [ksedssadmin@kdheks.gov](mailto:ksedssadmin@kdheks.gov).

## PACKING AND SHIPPING OF DIVISION 6.2 MATERIALS

by Shannon Gabel, Laboratory Preparedness Manager,  
Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories, KDHE



Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) and the Association of Public Health Laboratories/National Laboratory Training Network (APHL/NLTN) have each posted a course to KS-TRAIN to assist you in meeting federal hazardous substances regulations. Under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Part 171-178 persons must be certified to package and ship division 6.2 materials on behalf of an agency/organization.

The online courses were designed to provide guidelines and information on the regulations for packaging and shipping of Biological Substances, as well as, Category B and Category A Infectious Substances. There are several ways to fulfill certification/re-certification requirements for packaging and shipping training through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>.

One is for re-certification only and is offered through APHL/NLTN for a fee with Professional Acknowledgement of Continuing Education (PACE) credits available:

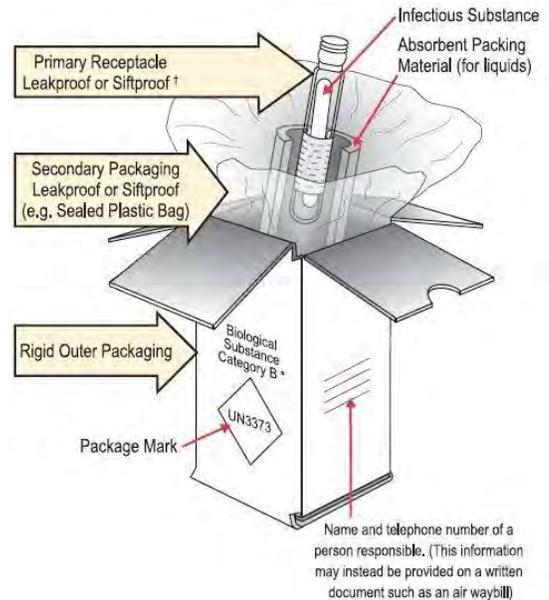
[Packaging and Shipping: Division 6.2 Materials An Interactive Online Training Course \(1023886\)](#)

There is also a KDHE course for certification/re-certification, free of charge, which also provides additional training on chain of custody sampling, with no PACE credits available at this time:

[Packaging & Shipping of Category A & Category B Infectious Substances: Inclusive of Evidence Control Measures, Web-based \(1022102\)](#)

Participants must have additional training to be completely certified to package and ship division 6.2 materials. The required training includes general security awareness (DOT 49 CFR 172.704). This training can be done on-site via your organization or you can take a general course online at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/Hazmat/digipak/index.html>. Other required education topics are bloodborne pathogens; and select agent security for those of you that have access to select agents. All training must be signed off by your employer for you to be completely certified.

Please contact Shannon Gabel at (785) 296-7006 or [sgabel@kdheks.gov](mailto:sgabel@kdheks.gov) if you have questions.



## News and Updates

by Bureau of Local and Rural Health

### New Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Toolkits



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has released their new Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement (QI) Toolkits. NACCHO offers an online repository of resources developed to assist local health departments (LHDs) interested in preparing for national accreditation and engaging in QI efforts. Both toolkits are searchable and include resources based on an LHD's level of readiness and experience. These toolkits contain storyboards, case examples, guidebooks, reports and templates which can be searched, downloaded and adapted to your agency's needs. If your LHD has developed or uses accreditation preparation or QI tools that other LHDs may find useful, please share them. To submit a tool, e-mail a copy to Pooja Verma at [pverma@naccho.org](mailto:pverma@naccho.org) or call (202) 507-4206 for more information. Click the NACCHO logo to explore the new toolkits.

### New Quick Start Guide for Public Health

Do you remember your first six months on the job? Did you feel like you were drowning in a sea of information? This two-page guide can be used in the initial orientation of public health personnel.

To learn more visit [http://kdheks.gov/olrh/PH\\_Connections/QuickStartGuideToPublicHealth.pdf](http://kdheks.gov/olrh/PH_Connections/QuickStartGuideToPublicHealth.pdf).

### Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute Accepting Applications



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (EPHLI) is now accepting applications for the class of 2011–2012.

Each year, approximately 30 practicing environmental public health professionals are admitted to the program. EPHLI strengthens the country's environmental public health system by enhancing the leadership capabilities of state, local and tribal environmental public health professionals.

Application instructions are found by clicking the CDC Environmental Health logo. The application deadline is Oct. 31, 2010. For more information about EPHLI, please contact John Sarisky [JSarisky@cdc.gov](mailto:JSarisky@cdc.gov) or Maggie Byrne at [MByrne@cdc.gov](mailto:MByrne@cdc.gov)

### JOB OPENINGS

#### Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- Health Protection & Promotion Division Director [20002303082410](#)
- PT Immunization Nurse [20005827081910](#)
- WIC Registered Dietician [20003751070710](#)

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



#### Johnson County Health Department

The Johnson County Health Department is taking applications for the following position:

- WIC Program Aide

Click on the Johnson County logo to view position details.



#### Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is taking applications for the following positions:

- [WIC Coordinator](#)
- [ARNP](#) in the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

Click the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department logo to view position details.



#### Butler County Health Department

The Butler County Health Department is taking applications for the following position:

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