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Special Points of Interest:

- *2010-11 Asthma Reporting Form*
- *2010-11 School Health Services Information Survey*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Asthma Reporting Forms, School Year 2010-11

The Connecticut State Department of Public Health's (DPH) Asthma Program has established a statewide system for school-based asthma surveillance based on the school Health Assessment Record (HAR-3). Connecticut General Statute, Section 10-206, requires that schools report to the DPH on an annual basis, information on students with asthma. School nurses are required to report to the DPH on all students with a provider diagnosis of asthma indicated on the Health Assessment Record. DPH uses this information to help determine asthma trends and distributions among school-aged children in Connecticut.

The 2010-11, Nurse Supervisor Letter and Summary Form, School Nurse Instructions and School Reporting Forms are located on the DPH Asthma: *School Reporting* Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3137&q=438684>.

Please note that while the deadline for submission of the Asthma Reporting Form is September 30, 2011, forms can be submitted by school nurse supervisors as soon as they are all completed. School districts are strongly urged to complete and submit their forms by the end of the 2010-11, school year (June 2011).

If you have any questions or concerns or if you need additional copies of the reporting forms, please contact Justin Peng at 860-509-8251 or Justin.Peng@ct.gov.

2010-11 School Health Services Information Survey

The CSDE would again like to request your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. This survey represents an opportunity to continue documenting the school health services provided to students and staff in Connecticut public and private, non-profit schools. This survey was introduced in 2004 and has been revised slightly per your comments for this year's data collection. Data collection for the 2010-11 academic year should be conducted during February and March. All surveys **MUST** be completed by June 30, 2011, to allow adequate time for data analysis.

To increase ease in completion, we will be utilizing the *SurveyMonkey* for this year's data collection. All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at www.educationconnection.org. On the homepage you will see a list of links. The first link in the list is entitled "Professional Development and School Improvement." Please click that link. On the left side of the next page you will see a list of services provided. Follow the link to "Survey Services." At the bottom of the next page you will see a section entitled "Current Surveys." The survey listed is called the "SDE Health Services Survey." Please click that link and enter the SDE School Health Services Web page.

On that Web page, you will see instructions to complete the survey, a sample form for data collection by school nurses at the building level, the 2011 School Health Services Information Survey, and reports from the last years of data collection including the summary reports tracking trends over time. A list of all school districts in Connecticut and their school codes is also posted for your convenience.

Each School Nurse Coordinator/Supervisor will need to gather some of the data from each building and compile the information. As the coordinator/supervisor, you will be entering only the totals for your district into the School Health Services Information Survey.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. This annual report will be distributed to each school district and will provide useful information from a state and regional perspective. Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

Evacuation of Military Families from Japan

The following letter issued March 18, 2011, is from the United States Department of Defense regarding the evacuation of military families from Japan. This letter may be accessed at <http://www.ed.gov/sites/default/files/evacuation-japan-lea.pdf>. It is possible that some families from the affected military bases may temporarily relocate to Connecticut. As a reminder, the State of Connecticut is a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact provides specific rules regarding eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation requirements. A summary of the Compact rules is available on the Connecticut State Department of Education Web site at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/circ/circ08-09/C15.pdf>.

It is important that these children are enrolled in school as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Attorney Laura Anastasio at 860-713-6512.



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Dear Fellow School District Leader,

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) requests your support in providing a continuum of education for the children of our families impacted by recent events. The substantial earthquake and subsequent disasters in Japan have prompted the Department of State to issue a voluntary authorized departure from the Island of Honshu, Japan for military family members. We anticipate that some families with school aged children will choose to relocate. The designated safe haven location is the United States. We do not know how many families will return to United States, or where they will reside for the 30 day period.

To the extent that children of military families will temporarily enroll in your schools, we ask that you partner with us in easing the burden on the students affected by this tragic natural disaster. To that end, we have encouraged our families to resume the stability and routine of school once settled at a safe haven. We know that a significant element of support for these children is the educational setting; one that provides not only a quality education but that recognizes and responds to each child's unique needs.

The DoDEA education community stands ready to assist and we will do our part to facilitate a seamless transition of students from our schools to yours. The point of contact is Ms. Kathleen Facon, Chief, Educational Partnership. She can be reached by e-mail at Kathleen.Facon@hq.dodea.edu or by telephone at (703) 588-3191.

Sincerely,


Marilee Fitzgerald
Acting Director, DoDEA

Important Reminder!

Ordering School Health Records for 2011-12

The deadline for ordering Cumulative Health Records (CHR-1) and Health Assessment Records (HAR-3) for delivery in May and use in the 2011-12 school year was March 10, 2010. Each district must determine the number of CHR-1 and HAR-3 forms needed based on its student population and number of forms currently in stock. **Please order sufficient numbers to share with charter, private and parochial schools served by your district and with all health care provider offices in your community.** The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) only distributes CHR-1 and HAR-3 forms to **public school districts. You are responsible for providing the health care providers in your community with forms.**

If you have missed the deadline, please complete the order form below for your district and return it to Glenda Stuckey immediately. **Please note:** We do not stock an excess of extra forms at the CSDE, therefore please order enough to cover your needs for one year. **Please remember your district needs to share its supply with appropriate medical practitioners and other schools in its community.** Orders will be sent to the school district at the end of May 2011.

Please print or type clearly and return to Glenda Stuckey, Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, Connecticut, 06457 or by fax to 860-807-2127 or by e-mail to glenda.stuckey@ct.gov.

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

CHR-1 folders (Number of packets): _____
(50 folders per packet)

HAR-3 blue forms (Number of packets): _____
(100 blue forms per packet)

Connecticut State Department of Education Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site



Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Program provides consultation to school nurses, school nurse leaders, school administrators and the community regarding the health and safety of students. This consultation and technical assistance includes addressing the provisions of health services during the school day and the promotion of health and wellness activities that support student achievement. Professional development programs are periodically organized to further assist and support school nurses.

The Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site may be accessed at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>. Please visit this Web site for information and resources that pertains to health and school nursing services, including information on:

- health forms;
- immunization requirements for schools;
- publications;
- regulations;
- school nurse bulletins;
- statutes; and
- coordinated school health.

Professional Development Opportunities

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and The Connecticut Department of Public Health presents

Immunization Teleconference: Immunization Update, New Schedules, New Requirements

Presenters will update participants on the new Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations reflected in the 2011, Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules and Connecticut's new daycare and college immunization requirements for 2010, and the new school requirements for 2011.

Participants will be able to:

- describe the major changes to the 2011, Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules;
- explain the updated recommendations for PCV13, Tdap and MCV4 vaccines;
- describe the updated daycare and college requirements that were enacted in 2010; and
- describe the new school regulations that will go into effect in August 2011.

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Time: 12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration: Online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=nlvh8cab&oeidk=a07e3juf6fq05517751>.

Medication Administration Regulations Workshops

The regulations for medication administration in Connecticut schools have been revised and became effective as of October 7, 2010. To provide school district personnel with guidance regarding the changes to these regulations, the Connecticut State Department of Education is offering additional workshop sessions to assist with implementation.

Dates: May 2 or June 6, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, Connecticut

Registration: Contact Glenda Stuckey at Glenda.stuckey@ct.gov.

The Connecticut State Department of Education presents

Flu Mitigation and Immunization Requirements: Strategies for School Nurses

This activity will provide school nurses with information to enrich and facilitate their work. As a result of attending this workshop, participants will:

- become familiar with guidance document to school districts regarding flu pandemic planning;
- gain additional knowledge in collaboration strategies with local health departments;
- gain additional knowledge in mitigation strategies to decrease the spread of infections;
- become familiar with their role in school located vaccination planning and implementation;
- become familiar with new immunization requirements for students; and
- become familiar with green cleaning laws and use of green cleaners, sanitizers and disinfectants in the school nurse's office.

Facilitators: Stephanie Knutson and Kimberly Sandor

Dates and Locations: May 24 at Cooperative Educational Services, Trumbull, Connecticut; May 25 at LEARN, Old Lyme, Connecticut; or June 3 at Education Connection, Litchfield, Connecticut.

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Registration: www.eastconn.org



Professional Development Opportunities, cont'd

The Connecticut State Department of Education presents

Role of the School Nurse in Local or Regional Board of Education Preschool Programs

This workshop will provide school nurses with information to enrich and facilitate their work with local or regional board of education preschool programs.

Facilitators: Stephanie Knutson and Kimberly Sandor, Connecticut State Department of Education

Dates: April 28 or 29, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, Connecticut

Registration: www.eastconn.org

Together We Will

An annual conference focusing on children ages birth to 5, especially those with developmental delays. It is a collaborative effort among the Connecticut Accreditation Facilitation Project; Connecticut Birth to Three System; Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center; Connecticut State Departments of Children and Families, Education, Public Health and Social Services; and the State Education Resource Center.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, Connecticut

Registration: www.ctserc.org

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CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER PRESENTS

STUMBLING BLOCKS TO PEDIATRIC WELLNESS



Friday, October 21, 2011

Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, Old Wethersfield, CT.

Times have changed. Childhood isn't always a time of innocence. In this less than carefree world, kids often face big issues that can alter the course of childhood and overall wellness. As professionals, we need to be able to identify and remove these hurdles before the repercussions become life-changing. Come gather with your colleagues to discuss current issues facing pediatric wellness and strategies to help kids reach their maximum potential.

Speaker Topics:

Environmental Toxins, Concussions, Bullying,
Recreational Drug Use, Obesity, Anorexia, Anxiety and
Depression

For more information visit:

www.connecticutchildrens.org/pediatricwellness

or

860-545-8690



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