

Implementation Update

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HEALTHY CHICAGO

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Message From The Commissioner:

It was a close contest with just 1.7 percent separating the winner and second place finisher, but in the end the White House announced that Milwaukee just edged out Chicago as the Winner of the President’s “Healthy Communities Challenge.” The challenge called on cities across the country to do their best to identify, educate and enroll more uninsured residents in the Marketplace. As part of the challenge, the White House called on local, state and federal agencies to work more closely with community members, non-profit organizations, and with each other to encourage sign-ups. Chicago was followed by Atlanta, Detroit and Oakland to round off the top five.

A big congratulation is due to all of our partners in the city, county and state who collectively worked together to ensure our strong showing. Even though we came in second place, we have a lot to be proud of. Most especially, that more than 130,000 residents enrolled in health care through the Marketplace. That means 74 percent of those eligible for the Marketplace in Chicago now have access to insurance – a record for our City!

By working together, we have made real progress ensuring more residents have access to care than ever before.

DMA Name	New Marketplace Plan Selections During Open Enrollment	Marketplace-Eligible Uninsured at the Start of Open Enrollment	Ratio of New Plan Selections to Eligible Uninsured
MILWAUKEE	38,376	51,000	0.752
CHICAGO	130,852	178,000	0.735
ATLANTA	200,960	304,000	0.661
DETROIT	62,399	95,000	0.657
OAKLAND	83,723	134,000	0.625
PHILADELPHIA	102,712	178,000	0.577
SALT LAKE CITY*	74,259	135,000	0.550
CHARLOTTE	83,352	153,000	0.545
NASHVILLE*	49,281	98,000	0.503
SEATTLE	45,261	91,000	0.497

Sincerely,

Julie Morita, Commissioner

HEALTHY CHICAGO PRIORITIES



Tobacco Use



Obesity Prevention



HIV Prevention



Adolescent Health



Cancer Disparities



Heart Disease & Stroke



Access to Care



Healthy Mothers & Babies



Communicable Disease Control & Prevention



Healthy Homes



Violence Prevention



Public Health Infrastructure



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- February is American Heart Month and on February 5 for National Wear Red Day, CDPH offices citywide joined in to raise awareness. View the photo gallery of team pictures in red on CDPH's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/ChicagoPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoPublicHealth) **Heart Disease & Stroke**



- Last month, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced comprehensive reforms to address how the City's first responders can best serve individuals with mental illness. The reform efforts are based on advice and assistance provided by the Mayor's brand new steering committee called the "[Citywide Mental Health Response Steering Committee](#)," which is comprised of City officials, service providers and mental health experts. As Chicago works to address how best to serve individuals with mental illness, the City is taking a holistic look at all aspects of response -- from 911 call takers and dispatchers, to police training and de-escalation tactics, to service delivery. The reforms will improve and expand the City's crisis intervention team training (CIT) already in place, and will help to ensure that first responders have the information, skills and training necessary to de-escalate interactions when possible. Chicago's overall mental health system -- operated and funded through the combined efforts of

the City's Department of Public Health, state agencies, the federal government, healthcare systems and nonprofit organizations -- works to ensure that the City's most vulnerable residents have access to quality mental health services that promote their health and well-being. Over the last four years, CDPH has made or helped secured millions of dollars in new investments to increase services and options for Chicago residents, including youth and those most in need. **Behavioral Health**

Policy Updates

- Mayor Emanuel's tobacco reform ordinance passed 22-9 in the City Council's Committee on Finance. The ordinance would raise the tobacco age from 18 to 21, tax tobacco products beyond cigarettes and ban discounts on tobacco. In response to aldermanic concerns, it was also amended to crack down on the sale of loose cigarettes. However, the measure did not come up for a vote in the full City Council because a few aldermen used a maneuver called "defer and publish" to delay the vote until the next City Council session. Mayor Emanuel is committed to passing the ordinance.
- Despite the state budget standstill, the Illinois General Assembly has begun meeting for 2016 and legislation is being introduced. Several bills relevant to health have arisen thus far. Examples include bills that would: Extend restrictions on cigarette smoking in schools and other government locations to e-cigarettes, including those that have no nicotine; create a Rare Diseases Commission; and create a 24/7 nursing hotline.



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Get the Word Out

- This **February** celebrate [African American History Month](#) and learn more about the contributions many African Americans have made to global health. BET Networks has a great slideshow of African American Health Pioneers that can be viewed here: <http://ow.ly/Yavpl>. CDC is raising awareness of how heart disease impacts African Americans, visit www.cdc.gov for more information. Also, learn more about African American history online at <http://africanamericanhistorymonth.gov>.
- Chicago has launched a new initiative to support home buyers in neighborhoods across the city. It is called the [Home Buyer Assistance Program](#) and will help make homeownership possible for working families and individuals by providing support for down payment and closing costs. It is designed to assist a broad range of families that includes middle- and low-income households.
- On February 18, Loyola University Chicago is hosting a seminar presentation on various environmental toxins and their effects on children's health, assessment of environmental exposures in clinical settings, and identification of remedies and resources. The seminar will conclude with a discussion of policy and practice implications of improved assessments and knowledge of harm. RSVP online at <http://ow.ly/YoXQ2>.
- CDPH is launching an assessment to evaluate the capacity of behavioral health services in Chicago. Agencies that provide services addressing mental health, substance abuse or violence will complete a questionnaire describing the types of services offered, number and type of staff employed and demographics of consumers served. Questionnaire results will inform CDPH of strengths and gaps in behavioral health service coverage. If you think your agency qualifies or if you know of agencies that provide services addressing mental health, violence or substance abuse, but would not show up on traditional resource lists, email information to capacityassessment@cityofchicago.org.
- Mayor Rahm Emanuel has joined WINGS CEO Rebecca Darr, Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler and members of the community to open the WINGS Metro for families touched by domestic violence. The two-story, 18,000 square-foot building accommodates 40 beds and increases citywide capacity to serve families by 35 percent, and builds on previous initiatives by the city to expand care for families and women affected by domestic violence. The WINGS Metro site converted a former Police District facility and a new annex building, and will effectively increase the number of beds available citywide for domestic violence victims and their families to more than 150 total. In addition to providing family suites, the new two-story, 40 bed WINGS Metro safe house and long-term stay apartment complex will feature retail shops to generate income to support programs for families who stay there.
- The Vision Zero Network, a group dedicated to eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all, has named Chicago as one of 10 US cities selected to join the new Vision Zero Focus Cities program. More information is available at <http://visionzeronetwork.org/>.



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- [Advocate Trinity Hospital](#) is the first hospital in Chicago to be certified as Baby Friendly, a designation from the World Health Organization recognizing the highest level of support for breastfeeding mothers and babies. It's a step forward in addressing the city's childhood illness and obesity epidemic. Providing infants with human milk gives them the most complete nutrition possible because it provides the best mix of nutrients for each baby to thrive.
- On January 27, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF Midwest announced the launch of [UNICEF Kid Power](#) Chicago, an initiative to empower more than 6,000 local elementary school students to get active and save lives. The school-based program allows Chicago-area students to join the UNICEF Kid Power team, along with more than 70,000 other students across the country. By getting active with the UNICEF Kid Power Band, kids go on missions to earn points and unlock therapeutic food packets for severely malnourished children around the world. Chicago will kick-off its 30-day "UNICEF Kid Power Month" on February 29. The Kid Power Month challenge will allow students to do their part to make the world a healthier place. While taking steps to end global malnutrition, students will learn about the importance of physical activity and becoming global citizens.
- Thanks to a generous sponsorship by the Illinicare Health Plan, students are getting more active at school with GoNoodle Plus, an online suite of interactive movement videos. GoNoodle Plus helps teachers motivate and engage students with 3-5 minute moderate to vigorous exercises they can perform next to their desks that can be integrated into core academic content. Elementary students across these 65 CPS elementary schools are celebrating the incredible milestone of four million minutes of physical activity documented with GoNoodle since January 2015.

Healthy CPS

- On Saturday, February 6, I had the opportunity to participate in the Mikva Challenge's Youth Voice Congress. Over 500 students representing almost half of Chicago public high schools discussed and designed solutions to address unemployment, safety, school closures, climate and health. I met with a group of students whose suggestions related to increasing opportunities for exercise, improving school food and increasing sexual education opportunities. I was inspired by the enthusiasm, commitment and creativity the students demonstrated.



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