

Implementation Update

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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTHY CHICAGO

Message From The Commissioner

CDPH has been incredibly busy preparing for an unlikely, but possible Ebola diagnosis in Chicago. Last month, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CDPH announced the creation of the [Chicago Ebola Resource Network](#), four leading Chicago hospitals agreed to form a network of resource centers that are preparing to provide care in the event of a patient being diagnosed with Ebola in Chicago. The four hospitals – Rush University Medical Center, the University of Chicago Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago – agreed to serve in this capacity following a series of meetings with Mayor Emanuel and CDPH officials. CDPH staff then joined infection control specialists from the CDC as they assessed each hospital, determining what updates or additional trainings could be implemented.

We are going above and beyond national guidelines to leave no stone unturned in Chicago. Understanding the need to ensure every hospital and clinic are prepared, CDPH hosted separate briefings for Hospital CEO's, Federally Qualified Health Center staff and private health care providers to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and the need to ensure all frontline staff have the information and training required. CDPH has canvassed private clinics and doctor's offices distributing updated guidance and information on how they can best protect their staff and their patients.

The Ebola outbreak is a humanitarian crisis in West Africa. As long as the outbreaks are uncontrolled, there is a low but persistent risk to the U.S. public. However, the Ebola virus does not spread easily and there are currently no people with Ebola infections in Chicago or the rest of the U.S. In order to ensure residents and members of the media have accurate, updated information, CDPH developed and distributed a [fact sheet](#), including information on transmission and symptoms, which is also available in [Spanish](#), [Polish](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#) and [Tagalog](#).

We will continue our efforts to have the City prepared for an Ebola outbreak, and hope our efforts are never needed.

Sincerely,


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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



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- Mayor Emanuel announced that the City of Chicago will aggressively fight two temporary restraining orders newly filed by local tobacco industry vendors against a city ordinance passed last year prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco within 500 feet of a school. The City maintains that the law is constitutional and necessary to protect the children of Chicago. The density of tobacco retail around schools has been shown to have a significant impact on the prevalence of youth experimenting with tobacco, and flavored tobacco products are a key tool used by Big Tobacco to hook kids on tobacco products. The ordinance is in place to reduce access to flavored cigarettes, which are all too often a kid's first encounter with tobacco. Flavored tobacco products are often sold in colorful packaging and sweet flavors near the candy displays, and are sold individually or in two packs making them more affordable than a candy bar or an ice cream cone. [Tobacco Use](#)
- CDPH's Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program launched a new public education campaign urging residents to get their children and homes tested for lead. The campaign urges homeowners and property owners of pre-1978 homes to get their homes tested for lead-based paint hazards. The Program also received a \$3.9 million grant for lead prevention from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The predictive analytics model will allow CDPH to improve its lead program and identify problems before they happen. It predicts those pregnant women and children at greatest risk for lead poisoning, using diverse data elements such as birth records, home inspection records, property assessment values, past history of blood lead level testing, census data and environmental data to generate the risk scores. [Healthy Homes](#)



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- CDPH was recognized with the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention's 2014 Heart Healthy Stroke Free award for the development of the "Healthy Chicago, Healthy Hearts Action Plan." The award is presented annually to an individual and group in the field of public health whose work embodies the recommendations of the A Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke. The National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention is an "organization of organizations" with more than 80 organizational and individual members with interest in heart disease and stroke prevention. [Heart Disease](#)
- CDPH is collecting feedback from Chicagoans about the neighborhood they live in, since where you live is an important part of your health. The responses will help CDPH develop health priorities for the city. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and is available at CDPH's website, www.CityofChicago.org/HEALTH. [Infrastructure](#)

Healthy Chicago Policy Highlights

- With the leadership of Rahm Emanuel, the City Council has passed an ordinance to help preserve single-room occupancy (SRO) buildings in Chicago. SROs have been gradually disappearing from the city but are sometimes the only thing standing between a Chicago resident and homelessness. Preventing homelessness is good for public health. The homeless are hospitalized at greater rates and have a harder time accessing basic medical and dental services. The new law helps maintain the existing SRO housing stock through affordability requirements and by letting nonprofits bid for these properties before they're sold to private developers.

Getting the Word Out

- CDPH recently presented its 2015 budget proposal to the City Council which maintains current staffing levels across all programs and provides for some targeted expansions including pilot projects to increase mental health services for youth victims of sexual assault and to improve mental health service linkage for residents dealing with the police, hopefully reducing jail time by providing mental health treatment.
- As open enrollment approaches for the second year of Get Covered Illinois, the Illinois Department of Insurance announced this month that the number of Qualified Health Plans offered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has more than doubled from 165 plans offered in 2014 to more than 400 plans being offered in 2015. Get more info at GetCoveredIllinois.gov
- The HIV Prevention Team has launched its latest Request for Proposal to identify non-profit organizations that will provide HIV prevention services in Chicago. Funding comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the City of Chicago. This RFP is aligned with CDC's Cooperative Agreement for HIV Prevention Projects and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy which are focused on reducing new HIV infections, increasing access to care, improving health outcomes for people living with HIV and promoting health equity. These goals are to be achieved by increasing HIV testing, referring and linking HIV positive persons to medical care and other essential services, and increasing program monitoring and accountability.



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Healthy Chicago Public Schools

Obesity Prevention

- Wellness Champions for SY14-15 have been nominated in 526 schools (95% of CPS Schools).
- LearnWELL grants awarded to 11 High School Student Wellness teams. Each school was awarded \$4000 and has a chance to win an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$54,000 awarded.
- Recess supervisors and school staff from 40 different schools have been trained in PlayWELL, the recess component of LearnWELL.
- 120 flag football kits were provided to schools at the NFL/Fuel Up to Play 60 event on October 27.
- The Chicago Blackhawks hosted a hockey training session and event for 27 30+20+10 schools at the United Center on October 25. All schools will receive hockey equipment over the next month for their students.
- One hundred CPS students participated in Food Day at Daley Plaza on October 23.
- FoodShare tables have been implemented in all school dining centers. These tables allow for uneaten non-perishable and whole produce from student meals to be collected and shared with other students throughout the school.
- Presented on school gardens and sustainability to 100 attendees at the Chicago Green Festival.
- To date, OSHW has visited 108 schools providing direct policy support implementation for the Physical Education (PE) policy including 98 elementary schools and nine high schools.

- OSHW has conducted 37 mentor visits for the New to CPS PE Teacher cohort. These include 18 elementary school teachers and 19 high school teachers.
- Participated in the Action for Healthy Kids Urban School Wellness collaborative meeting in Chicago on October 7 and 8. CPS discussed the LearnWELL, PE and Health Education initiatives with 10 other national large urban school districts.

Adolescent Health

- CPS released “Guidelines for Transgender Students.” OSHW participated in the interdepartmental effort to develop these guidelines.

Access to Care

- CPS has partnered with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Ear Nose and Throat Clinic to offer services to 6,500 students who failed their CPS Hearing Screening.
- Walgreens and CPS are partnering to deliver Flu clinics to CPS students (age 10 and older) and families during Report Card Pick Up Day. 80 schools are registered to participate.

HIV Prevention

- To date, for SY14-15 44 CPS teachers completed the sexual health education training; 12 trainers completed the CPS sexual health education train-the-trainer process.

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