

Implementation Update

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HEALTHY CHICAGO

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Message From The Commissioner

The 2016 Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period is November 1 to January 31. To help inform residents, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) re-launched [Enroll Chicago](#), a citywide initiative that provides opportunities for uninsured residents to learn about and enroll in health insurance under the ACA.

CDPH is working with other city departments to connect residents to enrollment opportunities at events such as “A Town Hall for Artists” and education events at Chicago Public Library locations. Other outreach strategies include a social media toolkit for Aldermen and community agencies, and a public awareness campaign.

On Monday, White House Special Advisor Valerie Jarrett joined Mayor Rahm Emanuel to announce Chicago’s participation in the White House’s “Healthy Communities Challenge.” Through this challenge, cities are charged to build outreach efforts to reach the remaining uninsured and help them gain coverage. At the end of this third open enrollment period, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), along with State-based Marketplaces, will publish tallies of new Marketplace sign-ups in the participating communities. The tallies will be compared to HHS estimates of the number of eligible uninsured people at the start of open enrollment to see which communities made the most progress during the challenge.

The victorious community gets bragging rights, a healthier community and a visit from President Obama to celebrate its success in helping ensure every American has health coverage. HHS has designated Chicago as a priority for African American and Latino outreach, given the number of residents yet to enroll.

Information for the Illinois open enrollment Marketplace is available at www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov.

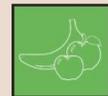
Sincerely,

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



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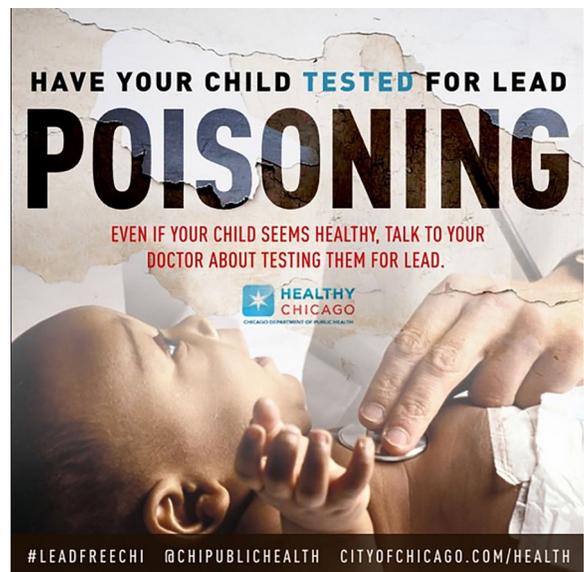




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Healthy Chicago Implementation

- Mayor Rahm Emanuel, CDPH Commissioner Dr. Julie Morita and DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin recently wrote a letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) urging them to revisit their decision to allow prescription painkillers such as OxyContin to be prescribed to patients as young as 11 years old. Over-prescription leads to easier access, and access fuels addiction. When the supply of prescription painkillers runs out, some victims turn to heroin, which is even cheaper and easier to access in our communities. You can read more about it on the Chicago Sun Times website at <http://bit.ly/1PKUcVj> **Substance Abuse**
- October was [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) and CDPH’s Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health (OVPBH) hosted multiple education initiatives to educate and provide resources for those experiencing domestic violence in Chicago; including a screening of “Through Their Eyes,” an 8-minute documentary on domestic violence, a balloon release party in remembrance of domestic violence victims and “Wear Purple Day” in support of the cause and to raise awareness of the Chicago Domestic Violence Hotline at [877-863-6338](tel:877-863-6338). **Domestic Violence**
- In recognition of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Oct. 25-31), CDPH hosted awareness booths at Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Clinics in the Austin, Lower West and Uptown communities. Free lead blood screenings were available at the booths for pregnant women and children who are under six years old. Lead prevention education materials also were available. The major source of lead exposure is lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust in deteriorating buildings. Nearly half a million children living in the U.S. have elevated blood lead levels that may cause significant damage to their health. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention and academic achievement. Children also can be exposed to lead by contaminated drinking water, soil and certain kinds of candies, jewelry, toys, cookware, cosmetics and traditional home remedies. More information is available at the CDPH Lead Hotline, 312.747.LEAD (5323), and www.CityofChicago.org/LEAD. **Lead Poison Prevention**



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- CDPH's HIV/STI Services Division and the Epi and Informatics team have implemented a state-of-the-art, integrated STI/HIV surveillance, case management and counseling and testing system called MAVEN. The MAVEN Implementation Team is tirelessly working alongside consultants EKI and Consilience to customize the system and migrate existing databases. By remaining focused on CDPH's mission, the team is ensuring that the system will be sufficiently nimble to serve the current and future surveillance requirements of CDPH and our community and health care partners to better serve the residents of the City of Chicago. **STI/HIV Prevention**
- On November 5, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it has approved [Genvoya](#) as a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older. Genvoya's safety and efficacy in adults were evaluated in 3,171 participants enrolled in four clinical trials. Depending on the trial, participants were randomly assigned to receive Genvoya or another FDA approved HIV treatment. Results showed Genvoya was effective in reducing viral loads and comparable to the other treatment regimens.
- Join the March of Dimes in honoring Prematurity Awareness Month this November by spreading the word and supporting families in your local community. Together, we can make strides toward solving the complex problem of premature birth.

Get the Word Out

- The Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force's "Beyond October" awareness campaign is underway and aims to eliminate the injustice of health disparities in breast cancer around Chicagoland. Insured and un-insured women are encouraged to sign up for a free mammogram by calling 312-942-0346.



prematurity awareness month

THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF PREMATURE BIRTH

1 in 10 babies is born prematurely

premature birth is the **#1 cause of death** in babies

premature birth is a leading cause of **lasting childhood disabilities** such as learning, vision and lung problems

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how to get involved

Purple for preemies
Turn your workplace and your social media pages purple to raise awareness about the March of Dimes mission.

NICU projects
Comfort a family by making no-sew fleece blankets, assembling NICU support kits, putting together sibling gift bags or knitting hats.

Holiday cards
Write cards for families with babies in intensive care to brighten their days and show your support.

Spread the word
Use #PrematurityAwarenessMonth to inform others. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/marchofdimesll, and follow on Instagram and Twitter @marchofdimesll.

March for Babies
Create your March for Babies team and get a jump start on your fundraising. Visit marchforbabies.org today.

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For more information about how you can get involved, contact Jeanette Igwe at jigwe@marchofdimes.org



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- The [World Health Organization](#) declared Sierra Leone free of Ebola virus transmission on November 7. This date marked 42 days (two 21-day incubation periods) from the release of the last known patient with Ebola from a Sierra Leone Ebola treatment unit (ETU). With the support of CDC and many other partners, Sierra Leone has a stronger disease surveillance and response system in place for suspected Ebola cases, and the country remains vigilant in its efforts to stay at zero cases. CDC and U.S. government partners will continue to support Sierra Leone in assisting survivors and rebuilding the country's public health infrastructure.

Policy Updates

- The City Council passed a tax on e-cigarette liquid on October 28. The tax will help fund five school-based health centers over the next four years, benefiting an estimated 3,000 Chicago youth. It will also help keep adolescent youth and young adults from getting hooked on nicotine. As passed, the tax level is \$1.25/container and \$0.25/mL, though Ald. Moreno has introduced an ordinance to adjust these levels to \$0.80/container and \$0.55/mL before the tax goes into effect in January 2016.

Healthy CPS

- The CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness (OSHW) is launching a StartWELL learning cohort of preschool teachers and teacher assistants from 30 preschool classrooms at schools throughout the city. Participants will receive four two-hour professional development modules aligning to StartWELL criteria along with supportive technical assistance from OSHW Specialists and resources to support creating a healthy preschool classroom environment. StartWELL is a component of

LearnWELL, an initiative to help schools implement CPS wellness policies.

- Earlier this month, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy visited Chicago's Lindblom Math & Science Academy to learn how the students and teachers there are making conscious choices to promote healthy living. Dr. Murthy toured the school's greenhouse, aquaponics lab and flourishing banana and avocado trees. The students then took Dr. Murthy out to see their outdoor garden, where he participated in Lindblom's first-ever "Eat What You Grow" harvest. Dr. Murthy also answered students' questions about healthy eating, the dangers of smoking and the importance of exercise. "It was gratifying to hear that the students have taken the knowledge they've gained in growing and preparing healthy foods back to their homes and, in many cases, are now helping their families integrate fresh fruits and vegetables into their diet," Dr. Murthy said. "They give me great hope that our next generation of leaders will take seriously the need for nutrition education and a healthy lifestyle. Lindblom is an example to schools around the country and a model for creating school garden programs that will move us toward a healthier America."
- At the American Public Health Association's Annual Conference earlier this month, the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness presented and shared the successes of the following student health and wellness policies and initiatives as a national benchmark: Physical Activity, Physical Education, Sexual Health Education, Health Education, Vision, LearnWELL and the District-Issued EpiPen Program.

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