Season Greetings & Happy Holidays!

I can’t believe I missed National Handwashing Awareness Week (December 1-7, 2019). Encouraging handwashing is a particular passion of mine and reflected in my school nurse nickname, “Germ Queen.” When I taught handwashing to fourth graders, I told them that what they were going to learn today, could literally save their life, (so they should pay attention to the presentation)! I eagerly share this link to the CDC’s Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives campaign. Resources are available in English and Spanish. The CDC also launched Life is Better with Clean Hands, a new national campaign designed to motivate adults to make clean hands part of their daily lives. Click here. It is always the season to prevent the spread of germs.

Please note the information in this Update regarding changes and additions to the School Nursing/Health Services DPI webpages. My hope is that it will be easier to navigate the pages and find the information you seek. Some of the pages are still under development.

If you have not looked at the CDC’s Virtual Healthy Schools website I invite you to familiarize yourself with this resource. It utilizes the WSCC model. Other resources in this Update include ones to support youth addicted to nicotine, continuing education opportunities for school nurses, family resources for sending children with T1D off to college, and quizzes to check your knowledge on influenza and drug diversion tactics.

As students, families and staff head off to enjoy Winter Break note the Department of Health Services warning regarding frigid temperatures.

I wish for all of you a pleasant and relaxing Winter Break. Safe travels if that is in your plans. The next Update will be sent out on January 14, 2020.

Peace,
Louise
DPI News

The Department of Public Instruction along with the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy School Center announce The Trauma-Informed School Online Book Study February 3-28, 2020. Class is online 24/7 from any Internet-enabled device using Google Classroom. See attached flyer.

The Department of Public Instruction’s School Nursing and Health Services webpages have been revised, reorganized, and re-categorized. Additionally, a new training module has been posted on the revised School Health Services Orientation webpage. This 20 minute module targeted for school nurses is on school health services laws. Future modules will be developed for school nurses and other school health services staff.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced that a grant program, encouraging students to live a healthy lifestyle by increasing access to fresh produce in schools across the state, reached a milestone during the 2019-2020 school year.


Please direct comments and questions about this news item to DPI Media Inquiries at (608) 266-3559, media.inquiries@dpi.wi.gov.
Health Agency Reminds State Residents That Cold Can Be Deadly

*Wisconsin had 75 cold-related deaths last winter*

Having already seen record-breaking cold this year, and with temperatures below zero in the forecast for most of the state this week, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) wants to remind residents to *take steps to be safe and stay warm as temperatures fall*. Last winter, 75 people died from exposure to cold across Wisconsin. The number of deaths was 36 percent higher than average over the past few winters, likely due to the sustained extreme cold and higher-than-average snowfall seen across the state last winter.

“Freezing temperatures, wind chill, and winter storms create unsafe conditions and can cause frostbite, hypothermia, and even death,” said Jonathan Meiman, a Chief Medical Officer in the Division of Public Health. “The best way to stay safe during extreme cold is to be prepared.”

[View the entire news release.](#)

DHS Investigates Outbreak of Adenovirus Infections on College Campuses

*Students and staff urged to take care to avoid respiratory illness*

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is investigating *multiple cases of adenovirus (add-e-no-virus) infection* on college campuses around the state. Adenovirus infections most commonly cause respiratory illness, and while serious illness is rare, in some cases it can lead to pneumonia or death.

“Adenovirus infection is easily spread, which is why we tend to see it in places where large groups gather, like college dormitories and classrooms,” said State Health Officer Jeanne Ayers. “While symptoms vary, the virus can be especially hard on people with weakened immune systems or who have lung or heart problems.”

[View the entire news release.](#)

Fast Five Quiz: Influenza

With this year’s flu season at hand, are you familiar with key aspects of influenza, as well as new recommendations and best practices for prevention and treatment? Test yourself with this short quiz. [Take Quiz Now](#)
News from the National Association of School Nurses...

Calling all Creative Data Users

Like to make videos or infographics? Or have you done great work using data? Want to win a contest? NASN is sponsoring a media contest related to data. Entries are due January 31, 2020.

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From the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on School Health (COSH)

Webinar Recording: Improving Children’s Health By Attending to Attendance

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on School Health (COSH) recently hosted a webinar titled Improving Children’s Health By Attending to Attendance. The webinar discussed the role of pediatricians in improving children's health by helping to reduce chronic school absence and introduced key concepts from the February 2019 AAP policy statement, "The Link Between School Attendance and Good Health." To view the webinar recording, visit https://youtu.be/G0gvNcBiya0.

From the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

New AAP Resource: Supporting Youth who are Addicted to Nicotine

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence and Section on Tobacco Control are pleased to share a new resource, “Supporting Youth who are Addicted to Nicotine: Advice for Pediatricians.” This resource is intended to help pediatricians talk with youth about nicotine addiction and support them in attempts to quit using tobacco and e-cigarettes. You can access the resource here.

FDA and Scholastic -- New e-Cigarette Resources for Schools

FDA continues to work with Scholastic to develop new youth e-cigarette prevention resources for schools. FDA and Scholastic are expanding their collaboration to launch their first middle school resources in addition to new resources for high schools.
JDRF is offering a free Off to College Workshop that may be of interest to families at your school or in your district currently managing life with type one diabetes (T1D).

For families managing life with T1D, the transition from high school to college can bring up a whole host of new scenarios, questions, worries and emotions. The Off to College Workshop is designed to help parents, caregivers and teens by offering practical, tangible advice, as well as the tools and resources needed to feel prepared for the next chapter. Open to all those preparing for college, as well as current college students.

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Knowledge is power.
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- Get advice on how to prepare for campus life, register for accommodations and more.
- See examples of emergency action plans, as well as checklists and timelines provided by the College Diabetes Network.

Register by January 12th at: https://sewi_college.eventbrite.com. Click here for the event flyer that can be shared with families.

Severe Asthma in Children
Check out the Allergy & Asthma Network’s newly updated infographic on pediatric severe asthma and Shared Decision Making. It clarifies age ranges for medication step-up treatment plans. Read more

Are Safety of Antidepressants Validated? Course for CE
News Author: Megan Brooks; CME Author: Laurie Barclay, MD
TOP STORIES

Measles outbreak in Samoa has killed dozens of children; anti-vaccine misinformation has contributed to the low vaccination rate

A measles outbreak with over 4,300 cases in the Pacific island of Samoa has killed at least 63 people, most of them infants and children under age 4. Samoa's government declared a state of emergency on November 15, and mass vaccination campaigns have been held since then. Schools are closed indefinitely, children are barred from public gatherings, and red flags have been hung outside homes that contain people unvaccinated against measles. On December 5 and 6, the entire government was shut down to allow all non-essential civil servants to assist in the vaccination campaign.

From a December 2 Washington Post article:

Samoan officials say they believe the outbreak was initially spread by a traveler from New Zealand, the AP reported. Once in the country, the virus found a population with an uncommonly low vaccination rate.

Before the epidemic, Samoa's vaccination rate stood at only 31 percent, according to the World Health Organization, and vaccination coverage has declined in Samoa since 2013, according to WHO and UNICEF data. Fears about the safety of the vaccine accelerated in 2018, after two babies in Samoa died when their vaccinations were mixed incorrectly [the vaccine was mixed with a muscle relaxant instead of the sterile water diluent], the BBC reported....

Now, the country is scrambling to vaccinate as much of its population of 196,000 as swiftly as possible.

Related Links

- Washington Post: Samoa Government to Close for Two Days amid Measles Outbreak that Has Killed Dozens of Children (12/2/19)
- CNN Health: Samoa Measles Outbreak: Government Shuts Down So Everyone Can Get Vaccinated (12/5/19)
- Washington Post: If the U.S. Had Samoa's Current Level of Measles Cases, There Would Now Be More than 7 Million Infected Americans (12/6/19)
- BBC News: Samoa Arrests Vaccination Critic amid Deadly Measles Crisis (12/6/19)
- New York Times: Measles Outbreak Leads to Shutdown of Public Services in Samoa (12/3/19)
- Respectful Insolence: Antivaxxer Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Writes to Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi about Measles in the Middle of an Outbreak (12/5/19)
- Skeptical Raptor: Samoa Measles Epidemic—Vaccine Deniers Causing Harm to Children (12/4/19)
- World Health Organization: More than 140,000 Die from Measles as Cases Surge Worldwide (12/5/19)

CDC Grant Funding Opportunities

CDC’s Injury Center Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcements (NOFOs) is posted to the following website: https://www.cdc.gov/injury/fundedprograms/foa/index.html
The first week of December I attended my DPI team’s *Building the Heart of Successful Schools* conference. I was elated to note that more school nurses are having the opportunity to attend this pupil services conference either alone or as part of a team. Next year’s preconference and conference will be December 2-4, 2020. Save the dates on your calendar!

Two of the sessions I attended were on vaping. Both were excellent. One of the sessions was co-presented by a state (based in Oconomowoc, WI) organization, “Your Choice to Live, Inc.” that demonstrated the numerous methods and products students can use to hide and prevent detection of their nicotine use. I was blown away by the level of deception possible and that there is a huge industry and market for such products! It reinforces that Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) are not marketed to help adults overcome a nicotine addiction by providing an alternative to tobacco. Instead, ENDS have become a way to create a new generation of nicotine addicts that will be long term customers.

If you have not seen a presentation by *“Your Choice to Live, Inc.”* I recommend you go to their website and take the interactive quiz designed to help educate parents on where and how teens can be hiding their drug, alcohol, and vaping use.

Another of the vaping sessions I attended was co-presented by a representative from Madison and Dane County Public Health and a representative from Lodi’s Community Action Coalition. I was particularly interested in learning that there are now resources available not only to educate teens, but to assist teens with nicotine addictions to quit. I have attached a flyer to this Update.

I have pages of notes from the preconference I attended on Non-suicidal Self Injury (NSSI). What sets NSSI apart from other risk behaviors is the immediate tissue damage. There are both physical and visual stimuluses and after-injury effects that are involved in NSSI. Students who self-injure do not intend to die from their injuries, there is no suicide intent. There are multiple reasons and motives for why students engage in NSSI. What may start out as a way to manage emotions or stress can evolve over time.

Best practice is that school staff, other than school nurses, should not be examining or asking to look at the “wounds” of those who self-injure. Unless it is within the person’s scope of practice to offer wound care treatment, viewing the actual wounds is counterproductive. Another best practices of interest to school nurses, is that “fresh” wounds be covered while in school, but that efforts to conceal scars are not necessary. Being in an environment where one is healing/recovering without shame may be therapeutic. Covering active wounds is based on the concern that visible wounds may be upsetting to others. (I would add universal precautions and bloodborne pathogen/infection control and prevention are other reasons to cover open wounds.) The intent is not to stigmatize the student who has self-inured, but support them while considering the wellbeing of others.

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**School Nurse Webpage:** [https://dpi.wi.gov/GetHelp/Find-Loreyes/school-nurse](https://dpi.wi.gov/GetHelp/Find-Loreyes/school-nurse)

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Each participant must purchase the book prior to the start of the course.
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THE FIRST 40 PEOPLE TO REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A FREE BOOK.
(A $75.00 VALUE) SIGN UP NOW!!

The Trauma-Informed School is an all-inclusive guide designed to give school personnel of any level (elementary, middle or high), step-by-step instructions on how to create a trauma-informed school. This guide was developed from the vast experience of a nationally recognized retired school principal and school consultant (Jim Sporleder) and a nationally recognized trauma expert (Heather T. Forbes, LCSW).

Each week participants will be expected to complete the assigned reading, respond to one or more prompts posted by the facilitator on the group’s discussion board, and engage with co-participants in discussing implementation strategies.

Topics covered include: toxic stress and its relationship to learning, environmental, relationship, and classroom strategies.
Data4SchoolNurses!  
A Media Contest 

PRIZES

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Criteria for selection of winners:

- Clearly articulates how school nursing data can be used
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- Creativity/innovation
- Professional image of school nursing
- Generalization across several settings or locations.
- If submission is a video or recording, length should be 1-3 minutes.

Deadline: January 31, 2020, 11:59pm EST.

Directions for Submission:
Please email submissions to data.research@nasn.org; or in a shared dropbox and share the link with data.research@nasn.org. In the email, please include the following information (cut and paste into the body of the email).

Name of person submitting:
Email to use for correspondence:
State:
Title of Project:
Type of submission (video, infographic, other)

I (fill in your name) confirm this submission is original, and publication of the submission will not infringe on the rights of others. I have full power to grant ownership to NASN as stated herein.

(type your name here)

Submissions not including this information will be sent back. If your entry includes photos or videos of individuals a video, please also include the video/photo waiver form for each individual who is featured.

Winners:

Winners will be selected by a committee of school nurses and stakeholders.

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Contest Rules:

1. Must be 18 years of age to submit a submission.
2. All submissions become the property of NASN, and all entrants grant NASN the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, and/or display the submission without compensation or notification.
3. No copyrighted materials may be used (music, images, etc.), unless the entrant owns the copyright or has a license to use the material. Written approval of any copyright material should be included with submission.
4. All federal, state, and local taxes on prize value are the sole responsibility of prize winners.
5. No substitution or transfer of prize is permitted.
6. Odds of winning will depend upon the number of submissions.
Off to College Workshop

At JDRF we're leading the fight against type 1 diabetes (T1D) by funding research, advocating for policies that accelerate access to new therapies, and providing a support network for millions of people around the world impacted by T1D.

Adjusting to campus life, handling party situations, talking with new friends about T1D ...
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For more information, please contact:
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FREE QUITTING RESOURCES FOR TEENS

Freedom from Vaping! You have Options!

Do you YOU or someone you know want to quit JUULing, vaping, or smoking? These are the resources for you!

This is Quitting

Text Quit to 202-804-9884 to quit JUUL or e-cigs forever through story sharing, text support, & training tools; phone app available

SmokeFree TXT for Teens

6-8 week program for young adults (13-19 years old); receive 3-5 messages per day

quitSTART Mobile App

QuitStart takes your vaping history and gives you tailored tips, inspiration, and challenges to help you become smoke-free

WI Tobacco Quit Line

Telephone coaching available for Wisconsin e-cig users who want to quit; eligible for users ages 13 years or older
Tobacco Use May Be Dropping Among Wisconsin's Youth, But Other, Newer Tobacco Products Are Gaining Popularity Fast.

And that's not good, because there's no such thing as a safe tobacco product. Designed to deliver nicotine—a highly addictive additive that can keep kids hooked for life—these new tobacco products come in a wide range of shapes and styles.

Electronic Cigarettes

E-cigs, vape pens, e-pipes, disposable hookahs. These handheld devices use battery power to vaporize liquids that usually contain a mix of nicotine, flavorings, and other substances. Users inhale the aerosol that's released. Cheap and discreet, with no telltale smell of smoke, e-cigarettes have quickly become the most popular tobacco product among young people nationwide.

Sweet and trendy flavors like Root Beer Float, Unicorn Puke, Cotton Candy, and Banana Split are a big part of e-cigarettes' popularity. In a recent study, 80% of young e-cigarette users said they used e-cigarettes "because they come in flavors I like."

Smokeless Dip, Snus, and Chew

Every year, half a million kids in the U.S.—mostly boys and young men—try smokeless tobacco for the first time. Whether they're tucking a pinch or a pouch of flavored tobacco behind their lip, or chewing on a wad of shredded tobacco leaves, the results are the same. Nicotine and other dangerous, cancer-causing chemicals are released into the bloodstream, increasing users' risk of addiction, illness, and even death—usually, for less than the cost of a pack of cigarettes.

The number of Wisconsin kids who've tried smokeless products rises quickly as children get older, from just 3.4% of middle schoolers to 8.4% of high schoolers.

Visit TobaccosisChanging.com for references and more information on these issues.
High School Snapshot

As conventional cigarette use is declining, e-cigarette use is rising.

From 2014 to 2018, there was a 154% increase in e-cigarette use.

- 20.1% Electronic cigarettes
- 6.6% Cigars and Cigarillos
- 4.7% Conventional cigarettes
- 4.2% Hookah and Pipes
- 4.0% Smokeless tobacco

1 in 5 Wisconsin high schoolers use e-cigarettes.

1 in 4 of those who have ever used e-cigarettes first tried an e-cigarette before age 16.

89% would not use unflavored tobacco products.

16% of e-cigarette users also smoke conventional cigarettes.

More than half of current smokers usually smoke menthol-flavored cigarettes.

19% live in homes where others smoke.

24% rode in vehicles where others smoked in the last week.

76% of high schoolers said it is easy to get tobacco products.

15% of high schoolers have never seen a warning label on a cigarette pack.

88% of high schoolers agree all tobacco products are dangerous.

40% of high school tobacco users want to quit using all tobacco products.