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Save the Date - National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) Symposium and Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Training

The 2012 NPHIC Symposium and Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Training (CERC) will be held in the nation's capital, Washington DC, September 30 to Oct 3, 2012. The NPHIC Symposium is the perfect opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends to learn about the latest in public health communications. For more information go <http://www.nphic.org/conferences/2012/nphic-symposium>.

CALENDAR

June 11-22, 2012
Epidemiology in Action
Course
Atlanta, GA

August 2012
NIAM

Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2012
NPHIC Symposium
Washington, DC

Important Tips for Travelers to London 2012: Olympic and Paralympic Games

With numerous international sporting events scheduled this summer it is a great idea to remind travelers about some basic health tips that can keep them healthy during and after their trip. First tip: Make sure you are up to date on your routine vaccines. For more information see CDC web page on Traveler's Health - <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/news-announcements/london-2012-olympic-and-paralympic-games.htm>.

National Immunization Awareness Month Toolkit for August

National Immunization Awareness Month in August is a great opportunity to promote immunizations and remind family, friends, and coworkers to get caught up on their shots <http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/AugToolkit.aspx>. View it on line or download the toolkit that has sample media and/or newsletter or listserv announcements, sample tweets, e-cards, web resources and ideas for local events. August will be here before you know it - take a look and start planning today!

RESOURCES AND LINKS

[CDC Seasonal Flu Webpage](#)

[New Influenza Recommendations from the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#)

[Flu.gov](#)

[National Influenza Summit Website](#)

[Immunization Action Coalition \(IAC's\) New and Information Webpage](#)

New Immunization Information Systems (IIS) Website Goes Live

A redesigned web site for the Immunization Information System (IIS) program was launched in early May. Site features information on IIS

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Policy and Legislation, Meaningful Use and IIS Resources and Reference Materials. Check it out at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/index.html>.

VICNetwork Webinars

Watch your Inbox for update and info on the next VICNetwork Webinar. A reminder that the VICNetwork website has archived versions of previously produced webinars and our online Symposium "Speak Up!". Questions, suggestions, or comments? Contact info@vicnetwork.org.

2012 National Adult Immunization Summit and National Influenza Vaccine Summits

The 2012 National Adult Immunization Summit (NAIS) and the 12th National Influenza Vaccine Summit (NIVS) were held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 15-17, 2012. The agenda and presentations from each meeting are available here -

http://www.preventinfluenza.org/nivs_summ_2012.asp

The inaugural meeting of the NAIS convened adult immunization stakeholders representing all facets of the adult immunization process and throughout the meeting, participants identified specific actions that Summit members can take to improvement in vaccine uptake. Participants were encouraged to join work groups who will meet over the coming year to review and implement actions identified during the Summit. Additional information will be posted soon on the Summit website http://www.preventinfluenza.org/nivs_summ_2012.asp

The National Adult Immunization Summit and 12th National Influenza Vaccine Summit was co-hosted by the American Medical Association (AMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO). Congratulations to Litjen (LJ) Tan, PhD of the AMA and colleagues at CDC and NVPO for two terrific events.

FluView

On May 25, the CDC issued their final full influenza surveillance report for the 2011-2012 season. This report wraps up a season that began late and set a new record for the lowest and shortest peak for influenza-like-illness since this type of surveillance began. For full report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

Vaccine Update for Healthcare Providers

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is a tremendous resource for health professionals and the Vaccine Education Center is producing monthly newsletters which will help keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily.

The **most recent issue** includes a feature "Technically Speaking" by Dr. Deborah Wexler of the Immunization Action Coalition who provides information on free email services that can help you stay up to date on immunization information.

It is a great resource for clinicians, educators and public health communicators and they welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. The latest issue can be found here

<http://www.chop.edu/newsletters/vaccine-update/2012/may-2012.html> and to subscribe directly, please email them at vacinfo@email.chop.edu.

Vaccine Confidence Project

The Vaccine Confidence Project at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine invite you to visit their new website at www.vaccineconfidence.org.

In addition to basic information on the Project's objectives, partners and research work, you will also find regularly updated, select highlights of daily vaccine news, new research papers and a weekly "Confidence Commentary" by the Project leader Dr Heidi Larson.

The website will be developed and expanded over the coming months to become an essential resource for those interested in vaccine confidence and the way in which public concerns are heard and responded to. The Vaccine Confidence Project has been formed to build a multi-disciplinary network of biomedical scientists, decision scientists, psychologists, and social scientists to examine the influences and decision-making processes as individuals around the world, including health professionals, decide whether to immunize themselves or their children. Its goal is to assist the efficiency of immunization programmes in seeking to improve population health and well-being.

The **VIC Network** is a nationwide "virtual immunization community" of health educators, public health communicators and others who promote immunizations to exchange and share resources, materials and the best practices. This monthly e-update is designed to promote programs and events that will strengthen and build the network.

For more info or to submit an event or program e-mail info@vicnetwork.org

The Virtual Immunization Communication (VIC) Network is a project of the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) and the California Immunization Coalition.

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