



Issues and Alerts

Million Hearts Initiative Announces New Partners, Tools – The first gathering of [Million Hearts' private and public organizations](#), called the Power of Million Hearts Partnerships, brought more greater focus on multisector health investments to prevent heart attacks and strokes. ([Nov 3 HHS Press Release PDF](#); [Nov 3 CDC Press Release](#)) ■ **New Hope for Stopping HIV: Update from CDC Vital Signs** – Although 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the United States, only 28% of those infected are getting effective treatment, about 240,000 do not know their status, and another 50,000 people get infected with HIV each year. ([Dec 1 CDC Vital Signs](#)) Previous *CDC Vital Signs* focused on [prescription painkiller overdoses](#) and [drinking and driving](#). ■ **America's Health Rankings for 2011 Released** – The [22nd Edition of America's Health Rankings®: A Call to Action for Individuals and Their Communities](#) finds that on the basis of data collected from CDC, the Census Bureau, and other federal agencies increases in obesity, diabetes, and children in poverty are offsetting modest improvements in smoking cessation, preventable hospitalizations, and cardiovascular deaths. ([Dec 6 AHR Press Release](#); [Dec 6 CNN](#)) ■ **States Cut Funding for Tobacco Prevention** – States have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs 12% this year, to the lowest level since 1999, according to a new report, [A Broken Promise to Our Children](#), that a coalition of public health groups, including the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and the American Cancer Society. Only Alaska and North Dakota currently fund tobacco prevention programs at the CDC-recommended level, and five states provide no funding. ([Nov 30 NPR](#); [Nov 30 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Press Release](#)) ■ **Health Officials Watching New Flu Strain** – A new flu strain that combines parts of a rare influenza virus – H3N2 – circulating in North American pigs and the H1N1 virus from the 2009 worldwide flu outbreak is being watched by health officials in the United States and across the world. ([Nov 29 ABC News](#); [Dec 2 MMWR](#)) ■ **CDC Launches New Antibiotic Tracking System for Hospitals** – Aimed at reducing antibiotic misuse and overuse, a new tracking system will allow hospitals to monitor antibiotic use electronically, make better decisions about how to improve use, and compare themselves to other hospitals. ([Nov 14 CDC Press Release](#); [Nov 15 Medscape Today News](#)) ■ **Measles Outbreaks Increasing across Europe, United States** – Since late 2009, the transmission of measles virus in Europe has increased, and in 2011 outbreaks have been reported in 36 of 53 EUR member states; the 205 reported US cases so this year – the most in a decade – are four times the norm. ([Dec 2 MMWR](#); [Dec 1 Washington Post](#)) ■ **19 million New Cases of STDs Reported Annually** – A recent CDC report, [Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2010](#), notes that the 19 million new cases of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia diagnosed in the United States each year cost the nation's health care system \$17 billion annually. ([Nov 17 U.S. News & World Report](#); [Nov 17 WebMD](#))





CDC Connection:

For the Advisory Committee to the Director—December 2011

Director's Highlights

Emergency Operations Center Activated for Eradicating Polio—Dr. Frieden activated CDC's [Emergency Operations Center](#) to provide additional logistics, staffing, communications, analytic, and management support to compliment ongoing efforts at CDC and its global partners to eradicate polio by 2012. (December 2 Internal CDC announcement)

■ **Frieden Address UN Foundation Meeting**—CDC Director Frieden spoke about global health innovations at the November 17th UN Foundation dinner in Washington, DC. ([View his talk on YouTube.](#)) ■ **Director Discusses Gaps in HIV Treatment**—During a recent media teleconference, Dr. Frieden discussed reasons why the majority of HIV-infected Americans are untreated or undertreated ([Nov 30 NPR](#)) ■ **IOM Panel on Vaccines Moderated by Frieden**—Dr. Frieden moderated the panel discussion, Vaccines: Historical Perspectives, Ethical and Global Challenges, during the [2011 Institutes of Medicine Annual Meeting](#). ([See the panel discussion from October 17.](#))

Advisory Committee to the Director Updates

The next Advisory Committee to the Director meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2012. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Our Members

Dileep Bal was a featured faculty member for the recent CHEST 2011 meeting where he spoke about tobacco and lung health from a global and population-based level. ([Chest 2011 Global Focus](#)) ■ **Sandy Climan** discusses the imminent arrival of 3D broadcasting in this short video. ([See video at Dailymotion.com](#) following a short commercial) ■ **Sylvia Drew Ivie** was recently honored during the Community Health Councils' Community of Heroes Celebration on November 11. ([See the video on YouTube](#)) ■ **David Fleming** and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn recently wrote a guest column on pedestrian and bicyclist safety. ([Nov 14 Seattle Times](#)) ■ **Anthony Iton** spoke about the impetus of the Occupy movement during a symposium for health journalists recently held in Los Angeles. ([Nov 27 Mercury News](#)) ■ **Nisha Botchwey** will become Associate Professor in the School of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Tech in January, moving from the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia. ([Aug 29 Georgia Tech News and Events](#))

FYI: Resources

- [CDC Calendar of Events](http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm>)
- [CDC Vital Signs](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html>)
- [CDC Science Clips](http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/>)
- [Advisory Committee to the Director](http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm>)
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