



CDC Connection: For the Advisory Committee to the Director

Issues and Alerts

CDC Responds to Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis Infections from Eggs—CDC is collaborating with public health officials in multiple states, the FDA, and the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service to investigate a national outbreak of [Salmonella Enteritidis](#) infections caused by tainted eggs; to date 1,469 illnesses were reported that are likely to be associated with this outbreak. ([Sep 2 CDC Website](#)) ■ **CDC Responds to Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill**—From March 6–Aug 20, more than 450 CDC personnel monitored health effects, analyzed environmental data, communicated health recommendations, and coordinated with response partners to mitigate immediate and short-term health threats in the Gulf States. ([Aug 31 CDC Website](#)) ■ **CDC Vital Signs Looks at Obesity**—The second edition of [CDC Vital Signs](#) focuses on adult obesity—in 2009, 9 states had obesity rates of 30% or more compared with zero states in 2000. The next edition will focus on adult smoking prevalence and secondhand smoke. ([Aug 3 CDC Vital Signs](#)) ■ **Prescription Drug Increases across US**—During the last decade, the percentage of people in the United States taking at least one prescription drug has increased to 48.3% according to recently published CDC data. ([Sep 3 NPR](#); [Sep 2 NCHS Data Brief](#)) ■ **Teen Vaccination Rates Climbing**—Increases of up to 15% nationwide were made in coverage for vaccines recommended for preteens, according to the 2009 [National Immunization Survey-Teen](#). ([Aug 19 CDC Press Release](#); [Aug 20 NPR](#)) ■ **CDC Revises Estimates for Flu Deaths**—A new CDC analysis on annual deaths from flu indicates that the actual number varies significantly, ranging from as few as about 3,000 deaths to 49,000. ([Aug 27 MMWR](#); [Aug 27 LA Times](#); [Aug 26 Washington Post/Checkup](#)) ■ **Annual Cost of Motor Vehicle Crashes Tops \$99 Billion**—Annual costs for medical care and lost productivity from injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes exceeded \$99 billion—\$17 billion was for direct medical care according to a CDC study. ([Aug 25 CDC Press Release](#); [Aug 25 CNN](#)) ■ **MRSA Infection Rates Decline**—A CDC study found a 28% drop in cases of [MRSA infection](#) contracted in hospitals from 2005 to 2008 and a 17% decrease in cases contracted outside hospitals. ([Aug 10 LA Times](#)) ■ **Text4baby Wins HHS Innovates Award**—[text4baby](#), which features messages developed with support from CDC's text4baby workgroup, was selected as one of three winners in the HHS *Innovates* competition to recognize the top innovations that improve service and increase collaboration. ([Aug 4 White House Website](#); [Aug 9 Information Week](#)) ■ **Half of 2009's Movies Featured "Tobacco Imagery"**—CDC data show the top-grossing movies released in 2009 contained 49% of the number of onscreen smoking incidents as observed in 2005 (1,935 in 2009 vs. 3,967 in 2005)—reducing tobacco use in popular movies could lead to fewer adolescents starting to smoke. ([Aug 20 MMWR](#); [Aug 20 Newsweek](#); [Aug 19 Reuters](#))



Director's Highlights

Frieden, Harkin Visit Iowa—Dr. Frieden and Senator Tom Harkin toured St. Ambrose University's new Health Sciences Building in August, and also participated in a news conference with Tom Newton, Director, Iowa Department of Public Health, and Larry Barker, Director of the Scott County Health Department. ([Aug 11 Quad City Times](#) and [related story](#).)

■ **Frieden Addresses Flu-Related Issues at Conference**—Dr. Frieden addressed the response to the H1N1 flu outbreak and issues tied to vaccine supply during remarks at a flu conference, noting that this year's seasonal flu shot will include the H1N1 strain of the virus. ([Aug 23 Fox 5 Atlanta](#))

■ **HHS Release Blueprint to Overhaul Biodefense**—Dr. Frieden participated in HHS' release of [The Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Review: Transforming the Enterprise to Meet Long-Range National Needs](#). ([Aug 19 Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy News](#); [Aug 21 Medical News Today](#))

■ **Senior Leadership Appointments at CDC**—Senior leadership positions recently announced at CDC include Rear Admiral [Ali S. Khan](#), MD, MPH, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response; [Christopher J. Portier](#), PhD, Director, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; [Beth P. Bell](#), MD, MPH, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases; [Linda C. Degutis](#), DrPH, MSN, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Advisory Committee to the Director Updates

The next Advisory Committee to the Director meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010, at CDC in Atlanta.

Our Members

■ **Sandy Climan** presented the keynote address at the Edinburgh International Television Festival. ([Aug 23 PRNewswire](#))

■ **David Fleming** reminds parents it's time to immunize children for the 2010–11 school year in a recent article. ([Aug 30 Auburn~Reporter.com](#))

■ **Kenneth Mandl** is cited in a story about an article he coauthored in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* about reporting discrepancies in pharmaceutical clinical trial results. ([Aug 5 Newsweek](#))

■ **Sara Rosenbaum** provides comments in the recent article "Some States Are Lacking in Health Law Authority." ([Aug 15 New York Times](#))

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/AdultObesity/) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/AdultObesity/>)
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- [Advisory Committee to the Director](http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm>)
- [HealthCare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov/) (URL: <http://www.healthcare.gov/>)

