



Issues and Alerts

Number of US Deaths from Colon Cancer Drops—The number of US cancer survivors increased from 9.8 million in 2001 to 11.7 million in 2007 as a result of advances in early detection and treatment. ([July 8 MMWR](#); [July 5 LA Times](#); [July 7 US News and World Report](#))

■ **Three-year CDC Initiative Tests nearly 3 Million Americans for HIV**—A three-year, \$111 million program to expand access to HIV testing in 25 of the U.S. areas most affected by HIV has provided nearly 2.8 million HIV tests and diagnosed 18,432 individuals who were previously unaware of their HIV infection ([June 24 MMWR](#); [Mar 7 Washington Post](#))

■ **National Prevention Strategy Released**—On June 16, 2011, the [National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council](#), announced the release of the [National Prevention Strategy](#), a comprehensive plan that will help increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life. ([June 16 NPS Website](#); [June 16 CDC Features](#); [June 16 US News and World Report](#); [June 16 HHS Announcement on YouTube](#))

■ **Updates from CDC Vital Signs**—New cases and deaths from colorectal cancer are decreasing and more adults are being screened; from 2003–2007, about 66,000 colorectal cancer cases were prevented and 32,000 lives were saved compared with 2002 numbers. Half of those prevented cases and deaths were from screening. ([July 5 CDC Vital Signs](#)). Other recent CDC Vital Signs have focused on [making food safer to eat](#) and [asthma in the United States](#).

■ **Multistate Outbreak of Human Salmonella Enteritidis Infections**—CDC is collaborating with state public health officials and with the FDA to investigate a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis infections linked to alfalfa sprouts and spicy sprouts. ([June 28 CDC Investigation Announcement](#))

■ **WHO Report Documents Successful Tobacco Control Efforts**—The [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2011](#) documents that in the past two years, more than 1 billion people around the world have been newly protected by tobacco control interventions. ([July 7 Media Statement from CDC Director Dr. Frieden](#))

■ **Potential Cephalosporin Susceptibility in Treating *Neisseria gonorrhoeae***—CDC reported on the declining susceptibility of gonorrhea to cephalosporins, the only class of antibiotics for treating gonorrhea. ([July 8 MMWR](#); [July 7 WebMD](#))

■ **CDC Blog Zombie Apocalypse**—The recent CDC blog [Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse](#) helped bring a fresh focus to preparedness, spiked traffic to the CDC Website, and inspired many comments on Twitter, Facebook, and the media. ([May 16 Public Health Matters](#))

Director's Highlights

Frieden Discusses Priorities, Budget Concerns in Interviews—Dr. Frieden discussed his priorities as CDC director, concerns about budget cuts, and morale during two recent Washington Post interviews. ([June 16 Washington Post](#); [June 21 Washington Post](#))





'Leadership in Action at the CDC' Highlights Frieden—Read about Dr. Frieden in a short article on leadership in action. ([June 27 Government Executive](#)) ■ **Frieden Speaks about High Costs of Vehicle Crashes**—Dr. Frieden spoke at the recent Decade of Action news conference in Washington, DC about a CDC study on the high cost of motor vehicle crashes, the number one cause of death of young people in America ([July 6 Viewpoint: TransportationTV.org](#))

Advisory Committee to the Director Updates

The next Advisory Committee to the Director meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2011. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Our Members

Thomas Farley reveals his workout profile and favorite places to run. ([June 29 NBC New York](#)). ■ **Kelly Henning** blogged recently about China's new smokefree initiative. ([Apr 25 World Lung Foundation](#)) ■ **Edurado Sanchez** gave a keynote speech at the recent [It's Time School Summit](#) ■ **John Seffrin's** comments from a press conference on an upcoming UN summit on noncommunicable diseases were cited in several sources. ([June 21 Associated Press](#))

FYI: Resources

- CDC Calendar of Events (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm>)
- CDC Vital Signs (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html>)
- [Public Health Matters Blog](#) (URL: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters>)
- Advisory Committee to the Director (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm>)
- [CDC TV](#) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv>)

