



## Issues and Alerts

**Cantaloupes Culprit in Deadly Multistate Outbreak of Listeriosis**—CDC and FDA are investigating a multistate outbreak of [listeriosis](#) in coordination with state and local health departments that, as the deadliest outbreak of food borne disease in a decade, so far has killed 15 people and sickened more than 85. ([Sept 29 CDC Website](#); [Sept 28 ABC News](#))

■ **Miners, Construction, and Food Workers Smoke the Most**—A recent CDC study found 19.6% of working adults smoke, but as many as 30% percent of those in the mining, construction, and food service industries smoke. ([Sept 30 MMWR](#); [Sept 29 CBS News](#); [Sept 29 Time Health](#))

■ **Updates from CDC Vital Signs**—Although episodes of driving after drinking too much dropped by 30% during the past 5 years, "drinking and driving" remains a serious problem in the United States as alcohol-impaired drivers are involved in about 1 in 3 crash deaths. ([Oct 4 CDC Vital Signs](#)) Previous CDC Vital Signs focused on [adult smoking in the United States](#) and [hospital support for breastfeeding](#).

■ **Preventing 1 Million Heart Attacks and Strokes through Public-Private Sector Initiative**

—HHS, with several key partners, has launched [Million Hearts](#), an initiative that aims to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. ([Sept 13 HHS News Release](#); [Sept 13 NPR](#))

■ **Taking New Steps to Combat Childhood Obesity**—CDC launched a new effort to address childhood obesity through both primary care and public health with funding through the Affordable Care Act to support a four year [Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project](#). ([Sept 29 CDC Press Release](#); [Sept 30 Medical News Today](#))

■ **\$9 million for Comprehensive Workplace Health Programs Awarded**—CDC has awarded \$9 million, funded by the Affordable Care Act, for an initiative to help workplaces support healthy lifestyles and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases, which will culminate in 2013 when CDC will share findings and recommendations for successful workplace health programs. ([Sept 30 CDC Press Release](#); [Sept 30 United Press International](#))

## Director's Highlights

**Frieden Takes Part in UN Meeting**—Dr. Frieden was part of the US Delegation to the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases. ([Sept 23 American Public Media's Marketplace](#))

■ **Senior Leadership Transitions**—Dr. Frieden recently announced that [Sherri Berger](#) will serve as CDC's chief operating officer, taking over from acting COO **Carlton Duncan** who has accepted a position working with the King Center as the CDC advisor for public health equity. Earlier this year, **Bill Nichols** stepped down from the COO position for medical reasons. Also **Donna Garland**, who served as CDC's Associate Director for Communications, has joined the National Archives and Records Administration as the Chief Strategy and Communication Officer. [Katherine Lyon Daniel](#) is serving as the





## CDC Connection:

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acting Associate Director for Communication. ■ **CDC In-Demand after Release of Contagion**—The release of the movie Contagion depicting what happens after the emergence and rapid spread of a new, deadly virus provided CDC staff, including Dr. Frieden, with new opportunities to discuss how public health at every level must be supported to quickly detect, investigate, and respond to outbreaks. ([Sept 10 The Atlantic](#); [Sept 12 CBS News](#)) ■

### 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

**Suzanne Delbanco** was a featured speaker at the Memphis Business Group of Health's 2011 annual conference, "Got the Health Reform Blues?" See her presentation [Changing How We Pay for Health Care](#). ■ **Jonathan Lord** recently joined the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine as Professor of Pathology and Chief Innovation Officer. ([Aug 30 University of Miami Health News](#)) ■ **Eduardo Sanchez** was elected as the Chair of the Board for the Partnership for Prevention. ([July 25 Pfp News Room](#)) ■ **Benjamin Chu** commented on the high ranking the NQCA awarded the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Medicare Health Plan. ([Sept 20 BusinessWire Press Release](#)) ■

#### 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 on Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/CDC) (URL: <http://www.facebook.com/CDC>)
- [Advisory Committee to the Director](http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm>)
- [HHCDC TV](http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv>)



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