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For Chronic Disease



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Welcome to the October Edition of the Chronic Disease GIS Express!

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Have you had a paper accepted for publication, know of an upcoming and relevant webinar, or made a presentation where GIS was an integral part of the content? We welcome your submissions and invite you to share your news and content ideas by emailing GISXmoderator@CDC.gov.

Request for Applications - GIS Training for State & Local Health Departments

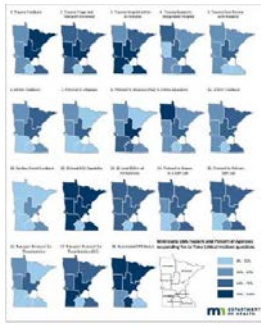


The 2019-2020 RFAs for GIS Training for the Surveillance of Heart Disease, Stroke, and other Chronic Diseases are open until October 28th for state health departments, and until November 18th for Local Health Departments. [The GIS Capacity Building Project](#) enhances the ability of health departments to use GIS to inform chronic disease policies and programs, facilitate collaboration internally, strengthen community partnerships and promote health equity. This is a collaborative project with CDC, NACDD and Rice University.

[View the RFAs on the NACDD Website](#)

GIS in Action: Minnesota Maps Time Critical Response

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDOH) recently published results from their Rural EMS Sustainability Survey. The report includes a series of statewide maps that depict a compelling story of time-critical incident response for trauma, heart attack, sudden cardiac



arrest, and stroke among EMS agencies. The report, presented at the EMS region level in rural Minnesota, is a great example of how states are using GIS to communicate their findings to a larger audience.

[View the full report on the MDOH website](#)

A Rural Health GIS Resource – The RHI Hub



The Chronic Disease GIS Exchange has numerous [resources](#) available, including the Rural Health Information (RHI) Hub. The RHI Hub is a website that features information and tools specific to rural health, including the *Am I Rural?* tool. The *Am I Rural?* tool provides information regarding the availability of rural programs, rural definitions, and shortage areas.

[Visit the Rural Health Information Hub](#)

The Impact of Geospatial Data on Chronic Disease - A Collection of Published Articles



A collection of 24 articles that employ geospatial data to address chronic diseases has been published in the September Issue of *Preventing Chronic Disease*. These articles provide insight across three broad themes: 1) examining connections between community-level characteristics and population health, 2) developing and applying spatial statistical methods and new geospatial tools, and 3) using maps and geospatial results to guide program and policy decisions.

[View the Collection in *Preventing Chronic Disease*](#)

Join the Conversation: Share your #ChronicDiseaseMaps for GIS Day, November 13th



To celebrate GIS Day, we invite you to participate in this global event by sharing your chronic disease maps on Twitter and using the hashtag #ChronicDiseaseMaps in your tweet. This is a great opportunity to show GIS in action and have your maps widely viewed by GIS colleagues around the world.

Place & Health Conference @ CDC on November 14th



The 2019 Place & Health Conference is hosted by CDC's Geography and Geospatial Science Working Group, and will take place on Thursday, November 14th, from 8:30am – 4:30pm EST. The conference is in celebration of GIS Day. Join us at the CDC Global Communications Center, Roybal Campus as we focus on domestic and global vulnerable populations. The conference is free and open to

CDC/ATSDR employees and contractors, academic and government partners, public health and GIS professionals, and students. Visit the conference website to register, view the agenda, and get venue details.

[View the Conference Website](#)

GIS Quick Tip: Removing Service Layer Credits in ArcMap



Sometimes, the basemap layer in ArcMap includes the metadata of the basemap. This metadata can be distracting from relevant map information to where it should be removed. Go to the 'Insert' tab and choose 'dynamic text' and then choose 'service layer credits'. The service layer credits on the map will then become selected and you can grab them with your cursor and drag them off the map.

[Follow These Details Instructions](#)

Upcoming Regional and National Conferences and Events



Regional

- [Nov 13-15, 2019 Northeast Epidemiology Conference - Portland, ME](#)

National

- [Nov 2-6, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting - Philadelphia, PA](#)
- [Nov 5-8, 27th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems - Chicago, IL](#)
- [Nov 8, ESRI User Conference 2020 - abstract submission deadline](#)
- [Nov 14-15, CDC Place & Health Conference – Atlanta, GA](#)

We welcome your impressions and requests. You can reach us at GISXmoderator@cdc.gov.



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