



Quick Reads

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CDC releases "Science Clips"

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced a new service called [Science Clips](#). The new scientific literature awareness service is being made available on a weekly basis to state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments. The service features CDC-authored publications, key scientific articles selected by CDC subject matter experts, and select articles from public health media. Through the new service, you'll be able to: get abstracts for articles published in PubMed (and full free text content if available); subscribe to RSS feeds for topics of interest; and post Science Clips on your own health department website through content syndication.

The primary method for distributing Science Clips will be through the Health Alert Network mailing list. Not on the list? No problem. Visit www.cdc.gov/scienceclips and click on the orange RSS button to be notified of new content.

Attention, boards of health!

Whether you're a new or veteran member of your local board of health, I highly recommend you attend the upcoming [National Association of Local Boards of Health](#) conference in Omaha. Themed "Journey to the Future: Facing Public Health Challenges Today for a Healthier Tomorrow," the August 5-7 event will provide board of health members, senior agency officials, and national public health leaders with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of public health. Workshops and breakout sessions will be held on the topics of board governance, community health, environmental health, preparedness and leadership.

Speakers will include Dr. Kyu Rhee, chief public health officer of the Health Resources and Services Administration, which is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. Trust for America's Health (TFAH) Deputy Director Richard Hamburg will also speak. Mr. Hamburg oversees TFAH's public policy initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and internal operations and has more than 25 years of experience as a leading health policy advocate. For more information or to [register](#), visit www.nalboh.org/NALBOH_Conference.htm.

Healthy Iowa Award applications due June 30

Sponsored by IDPH, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Nutrition, and the Wellness Council of Iowa, the [Healthy Iowa Awards](#) recognize the healthiest K-12 school, healthiest college or university, healthiest community, and healthiest visionary leader. Now in its second year, the 2010 awards will honor two new groups; the Emerging Community award will celebrate small, grass-roots groups or communities, while youth leaders will be recognized with the Emerging Leader award.

Awards will be presented at the 2010 Healthy Iowa Award banquet on Sept. 23 at the Hy-Vee Conference Center in West Des Moines, Iowa. The annual Wellness Council of Iowa Well Workplace Awards will also be presented at this event. For more information, please visit www.wellnessiowa.org/events/healthy-iowa-awards. Applications are due June 30.

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To everyone in public health and all our partners, keep up the great work!

— Tom