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Note from the Medical Director

I wish you all a healthy and joy-filled holiday season. This quarter’s newsletter includes a few items of state and national interest, as well as local program information and communicable disease data. Please let me know if there is additional information you would like to see reported from your public health department by emailing me at frankovich@hline.org.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among Michigan women. In 2007, the American Cancer Society estimated that 5,900 Michigan women would be diagnosed with breast cancer and 450 women in the state would die of the disease. The American Cancer Society also estimated that 370 Michigan women would be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2007. Through the BCCCP program, your local health department offers the following services, free-of-charge, to eligible women:

- ♥ Clinical Breast Exam ♥ Mammogram, if indicated ♥ Patient Education
- ♥ Pelvic Examination and Pap Smear ♥ Follow-Up on Abnormal Results
- ♥ Referrals as Needed

The program may now also enroll women diagnosed with cancer through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program into a Medicaid program that pays for their treatment!

Eligibility requirements include:

- Michigan resident;
- 40 to 64 years of age;
- Meet income guidelines below;
- Some restrictions apply to PPO, HMO and Managed Care Plans

BCCCP Income Guidelines 2008	
Size of Family Unit	Maximum Income Per Year
1	\$26,000
2	\$35,000
3	\$44,000
4	\$53,000
Each additional member add	\$ 9,000

This year your local health department will serve approximately 275 women through the BCCCP program. In the first 10 months of this year the program has already identified 9 women with abnormal pap smears requiring intervention and 24 abnormal mammograms. Please think of this program for your uninsured and under-insured patients. One call to the health department will get them on their way.

National Rabies Vaccine Shortage

To update you, rabies vaccine remains in short supply; however it is now available through Novartis (in addition to Sanofi-Pasteur). A pass code is required to access vaccine through Sanofi but is not required for Novartis vaccine. MDCH is still encouraging providers to contact their local public health department if they feel prophylaxis is indicated or to discuss the issue. No word yet on when the shortage will be resolved. I expect regional rabies testing to be available soon (Houghton County).

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Local Influenza Immunization Clinics a Success

This year's 2008 mass influenza immunization clinic was held on Saturday, October 25th at the Kingsford High School gym. Thanks to the great collaboration between the staff from Dickinson Memorial Hospital, VA Hospital, Red Cross, Beacon Ambulance and the health department, the clinic immunized over 650 community residents. The health department thanks everyone who assisted in this endeavor which in addition to immunizing the population, serves as a great way for the local health community to practice mass vaccination procedures in the event of pandemic flu or some other large-scale emergency.

In Iron County the health department collaborated with the Iron County Community Hospital at the 10th Annual Iron County Health Fair held on Thursday, October 23rd and provided over 460 influenza immunizations to residents. This long standing joint effort continues to be very successful and provides vaccine and educational opportunities for Iron County residents.

Tobacco – Free Legislation Update

As we noted in the last newsletter, House Bill 4163, aimed at creating a smoke-free workplace, was narrowly defeated on September 23rd in the Michigan House of Representatives. This bill represents a complete ban without exceptions for casinos, cigar bars etc. Governor Granholm has indicated that she would sign the bill as is or a compromise version such as HB 5074 (with some workplace exceptions included). As of late November, it is still unclear whether 4163 will be taken up in December by the lame duck session. Rumblyings around the capitol suggest a compromise version which excludes casinos and cigar bars, may be in the works. Evidence continues to accumulate from states across the country with smoke-free regulations...smoke-

free workplaces save lives! Please consider contacting your legislators to voice support on this important public health issue.

World AIDS Day

December 1st is World AIDS Day; a time to celebrate the many lives saved by HIV prevention and treatment programs. It also serves as a reminder that we all must do more—as individuals, communities, and as world citizens—to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS. Around the world, 33 million people are living with HIV with nearly 7,500 new infections occurring each day. An estimated 3 million people are now receiving antiretroviral treatment in low and middle-income countries. In the United States, CDC estimates that about 1.1 million people are living with HIV. These numbers will most likely increase over time, as antiretroviral drug treatments extend the lives of those with HIV and more people become HIV infected. CDC currently estimates that approximately one in five persons living with HIV in the United States is unaware of his or her infection and may be unknowingly transmitting the virus to others. Since anyone can be at risk for HIV, CDC recommends that adults and adolescents between the ages of 13 and 64 years of age be routinely screened for HIV infection in healthcare settings. Pregnant women in the U.S. should be screened for HIV infection as part of their routine prenatal testing.

Upper Peninsula Reportable Communicable Diseases

Region 8 Communicable Disease Summary

September 1st, 2008 through October 31st, 2008

Note: Flu-like Disease category contains cases of unconfirmed illness reported from schools

Disease	Chippewa		Delta		Dickinson		LMAS		Marquette		Western UP		UP Total	
	Period	YTD	Period	YTD	Period	YTD	Period	YTD	Period	YTD	Period	YTD	Period	YTD
Campylobacter	1	1	3	12	0	7	0	4	1	5	0	4	5	33
Cryptosporidiosis	0	4	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	15
Escherichia coli 0157:H7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Giardiasis	0	2	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	8	3	19
Salmonellosis	1	3	0	2	1	3	1	3	1	7	0	3	4	21
Shigellosis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Meningitis - Aseptic	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	6
Streptococcus pneumoniae, Inv	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Blastomycosis	0	1	0	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	11
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cryptococcosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Flu Like Disease	9	164	316	1753	128	1485	40	210	0	490	59	1644	552	5746
Histoplasmosis	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Influenza	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	3	0	5	0	7	0	25
Staphylococcus Aureus Infect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Strep Pneumo, Drug Resistant	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Strep Throat	5	5	5	5	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	14	14
Trachoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Chlamydia (Genital)	15	51	14	61	10	50	2	17	21	67	19	59	81	305
Gonorrhea	1	2	5	11	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	3	6	23
Syphilis - Latent of Unk Duration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chickenpox (Varicella)	2	4	3	8	1	8	1	2	0	8	4	5	11	35
Mumps	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Pertussis	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	9

Dengue Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Ehrlichiosis human, other, unsp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Lyme Disease	0	0	6	38	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	8	46
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	2	5
Hepatitis B, Acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hepatitis B, Chronic	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	4	2	2	11
Hepatitis C, Acute	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	14
Hepatitis C, Chronic	20	60	1	22	1	12	2	15	4	26	4	35	32	32	170
Hepatitis C, Unknown	6	9	0	1	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	8	8	18