

Beat the Flu in Your School!

CT-AAP and DPH 2009 Teleconference Program

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
and
The Connecticut Department of Public Health

Continuing Medical Education Program for Physicians and Nurses

Thursday, March 19th

12:00 – 1 pm

Flu vaccines are now recommended for all children ages 6 months to 18 years of age. This adds approximately 30 million children to the cohorts previously targeted for flu vaccination and poses a considerable logistical challenge for providers. We appreciate that school-based health care providers face overwhelming demands on their time. However by implementing a school-based flu clinic, you can help reduce the incidence of flu in your school. Our speakers will provide the basic steps necessary to setting up a successful flu clinic. Participating in this program now will offer plenty of lead time to begin setting the stage for next year's flu season.

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the burden of influenza disease in children;
- Describe the planning process for organizing school-based flu clinics;
- Describe lessons learned for conducting successful flu clinics.

Tara Vogt, PhD, MPH is a Research Epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Immunization Services Division. Dr. Vogt is responsible for designing and conducting immunization services research with a focus on adolescent immunization and school-located immunization. She has been collaborating with NACCHO on the development of a school-located influenza vaccination toolkit.

Joan Cagginello, RN, BSN, MS is a Nurse Administrator with the Milford Health Department and Past-President of the Association of School Nurses of CT. Ms. Cagginello has worked with the Milford Health Department for 14 years and is responsible for developing and implementing school and community health initiatives. In November 2008, the Milford school system piloted a school-based flu clinic.

For a registration form or more information on this program, telephone 860-977-3430 or e-mail tracey.ctaap@gmail.com.

CME Credits for Physicians

- CME Credit has been applied for at Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk Hospital is accredited by the CT Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. Norwalk Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for 1 credit hour in Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition award of the AMA.

Continuing Education Requirements for Nurses

- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) will accept documentation of participation in the teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements toward recertification.
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will accept documentation of participation in this teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements for certified nurses. The credit hours will transfer equally. CTAAP will provide verification of participation in letter form to the nurse. Nurses must submit the proper paperwork to the ANCC for approval.