

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

APRIL 2016



HEALTHY CHICAGO

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

Last month, CDPH publicly announced the launch of [Healthy Chicago 2.0](#); a broad spectrum of strategies for CDPH and its partners to address health disparities facing our neighborhoods and communities. Building on the success of 2011's Healthy Chicago plan, the strategies outlined in the plan address traditional health issues as well as systemic issues associated with poor health, including housing, education and transportation. To read the full report, visit www.CityofChicago.org/HEALTH.



HEALTHY CHICAGO 2.0 MEETINGS

- May 4
Center on Halsted
3656 N. Halsted Street
5 p.m.
- May 5
Metropolitan Family Services
235 E. 103rd Street
5:30 p.m.
- May 11
Little Village Lawndale H.S.
2130 S. Kostner Avenue
5 p.m.
- May 16
By the Hand
415 N. Laramie Avenue
6 p.m.
- May 18
Asian Health Coalition & CASL
2141 S. Tan Court
5:30 p.m.
- May 25
Hamilton Park
513 W. 72nd Street
6 p.m.

As part of the plan's development, CDPH analyzed differences in health outcomes, based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age, gender identity and sexual orientation. CDPH then engaged more than 130 partner organizations and thousands of residents to identify evidence-based strategies to close existing health gaps.

To move implementation along, CDPH has identified co-chairs for each of the 10 action areas comprised of a CDPH staff person and community stakeholder that will convene on May 4th to finalize tools to be used for implementation.

CDPH will hold a [series of town hall meetings](#) during the month of May to engage residents in the implementation of the plan. Residents will be able to learn about the plan and ways they can become more involved. CDPH will use the feedback to further implement the plan. In June, CDPH will release a call for communities to request funding to implement 2.0 strategies.

Sincerely,

Julie Morita, Commissioner



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- Two new cases of meningococcal meningitis have been identified in Chicago totaling nine confirmed cases from the Chicago area linked to last summer’s outbreak, all among men who have sex with men (MSM). With these two new cases identified, CDPH is increasing awareness and making affordable vaccines available across the city. Since May of 2015, CDPH has distributed nearly 18,000 vaccinations, of which 14,653 have been administered. CDPH recommends that all men who have sex with men get vaccinated against meningitis. All MSM who are living with HIV will need two vaccinations, at least eight weeks apart. For fact sheets, vaccine locations and other resources on meningococcal meningitis, visit www.CityofChicago.org/HEALTH. **Reducing the Burden of Infectious Diseases**
- March 24th was [World Tuberculosis \(TB\) Day](#) and members of the TB Program enthusiastically braved the rain and cold to increase awareness in Chicago communities hardest hit by TB. Program members spoke with morning commuters and handed out flyers at ‘E’ stations in the Uptown, Albany Park, Armour Square/Chinatown and Roseland community areas. Although the TB case count in Chicago reached an historic low of 125 cases in 2015, nationally the number of cases increased in 2015 for the first time in 23 years, indicating that progress toward TB elimination in the U.S. appears to have stalled. Resuming declines in TB incidence will require intensification of efforts in detecting and treating latent TB infection and interrupting TB transmission. **Reducing the Burden of Infectious Diseases**

If you’re a man who has sex with men, you’re at risk for meningitis. Meningitis can be extremely serious and even deadly.

Meningitis is spread through intimate activities like kissing and sexual contact or sharing drinks or cigarettes. Signs and symptoms are **fever, headache and a stiff neck.**

If you’re at risk, **call your doctor, pharmacist or 311** for vaccination information. You can also visit www.cityofchicago.org/health for more information. If you believe you have any symptoms, **seek medical help immediately.**

Get The Facts. Get Vaccinated.



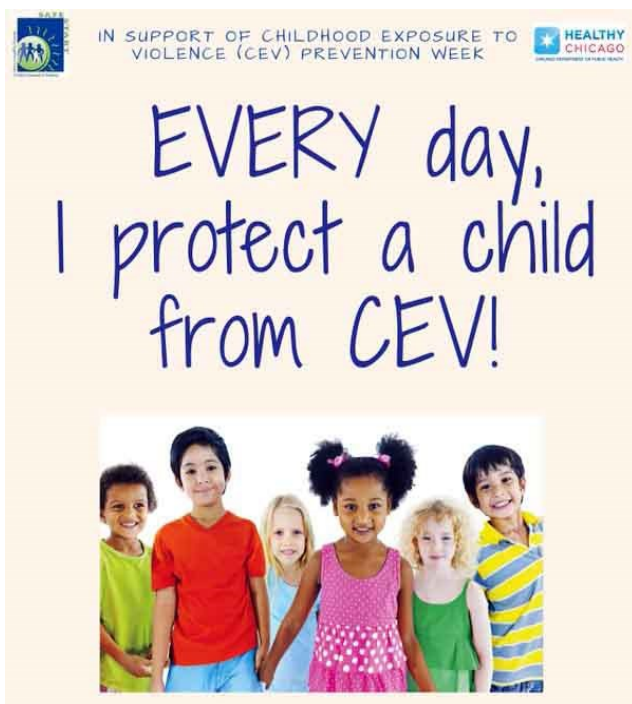

- CDPH, in conjunction with the Department of Water, revealed this month a re-new a water-testing program to add to existing lead poisoning prevention efforts in Chicago. Most cases of lead poisoning in the city can be linked to lead-based paint in the homes. Water testing will help demonstrate the safety of Chicago’s water since this new program goes above and beyond current requirements to protect children. **The Built Environment**
- Childhood Exposure to Violence (CEV) Prevention Week is April 18-22 and Chicago Safe Start (CSS), an initiative of the Chicago Department of Public Health, are teaming up with local community and health care organizations to raise awareness of CEV and combat the physical, social and emotional effect that exposure



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to violence has on youth, especially children 0-5 years of age. CEV occurs when a child is a direct victim of violence, a witness to violence or is affected by violence that occurs at home, in the community or within relationships that matter to them. CEV Prevention Week is an opportunity to learn about and reduce the risk factors that place children in the center of violence and strengthen the protective factors that can keep them safe. CSS and the CDPH Office of Violence Prevention hosted the Community Spirit Awards on Monday, April 18 to honor individuals and organizations who work to prevent CEV in Chicago neighborhoods. For more details, visit www.ChicagoSafeStart.org. **Reducing Violence**



POLICY UPDATES

- City Council has approved a series of reforms introduced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to curb tobacco use among youth. The ordinance includes a tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco products and an increase in the age requirement to purchase both cigarettes and other smokeless products from 18 to 21 years of age. Additionally, the ordinance empowers City enforcement staff with more tools and resources to combat the illegal sale of tobacco. It also expands taxation on tobacco to smokeless tobacco, small cigars, and other products that are just as harmful as cigarettes. Most of the revenue generated by the tax will support a universal freshman orientation program that will provide nearly 20,000 incoming 9th graders at Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high schools with a week of activities that will help them form good study habits, learn the ropes at their new school, and get to know their teachers and peers. Universal high school orientation is part of a larger menu of efforts to help CPS students to reach a graduation rate of 85 percent by 2019. For more information, visit www.CityofChicago.org/TOBACCO. **Reducing and Controlling Chronic Disease/Education**
- The Chicago City Council passed a measure from Ald. Ed Burke prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco at sports venues, including at baseball stadiums where players frequently use such products. Tobacco control advocates hope the measure will keep athletes from setting a bad example for children who watch the games. **Reducing and Controlling Chronic Disease**



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GET THE WORLD OUT

- The City of Chicago is encouraging residents, organizations and businesses, block clubs and faith groups to organize local anti-violence initiatives from 7 -9 p.m. on May 27, 2016 for the annual city-led “Put the Guns Down” initiative. Proposed activities for residents to host include: awareness walks/runs, neighborhood clean-ups, sports competitions, block club parties, music concerts and wellness checks. A full list of activities is available at www.CityofChicago.org. **Reducing Violence**



- The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) has started outreach to retailers to ensure that they are prepared for the upcoming transition of the new law that requires purchasers of tobacco products in Chicago to be at least 21 years of age, effective July 1, 2016. Tobacco dealers must completely cease the sale of tobacco products and accessories to people under age 21 and train all employees to implement the change. And retailers must post a sign near the point-of-sale that makes clear that there is a new minimum age requirement. This newest tobacco prevention ordinance also includes a tax on cigars and smoking, smokeless tobacco products, and a ban on redeeming coupons and other discount vouchers. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/10A3ig>. **Reducing and Controlling Chronic Diseases**
- Covenant House International is developing a program to increase shelter beds, street outreach and additional opportunities for youth experiencing homelessness in Chicago. Covenant House will work alongside the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), service providers and community leaders to finalize details and identify a priority area for shelter space to best serve youth. Covenant House has begun work to identify a location for the new shelter, and will begin outreach to youth this summer. Over 1,800 homeless youth nationwide sleep in the safety of Covenant House programs each night. Covenant House provides food, clothing, shelter, short and long-term housing, educational support, job training, medical care and an array of other services to help homeless youth get and stay off the streets. Founded in 1972, Covenant House is the largest privately funded agency in the Americas helping homeless children, providing 24/7 crisis care and ongoing support in 27 cities across six countries. For more information, please visit www.covenanthouse.org. **Housing**
- The CPS Office of Security and the Office of Student Health and Wellness (OSHW) partnered to present a Safe and Supportive Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth to all 1,500 CPS security officers. CPS security officers participated in a 2-hour training that included information on the District's new transgender guidelines and information on gender identity and expression. OSHW recently launched an online training on Safe and Supportive Environments for LGBTQ youth, available to the whole District, in conjunction with the national Out for Safe Schools Campaign. The CPS security officer training is the first, large-scale, in-person Safe and Supportive Environment training in CPS. **Promoting Behavioral Health and Education**

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