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The CCHP-CCHC eNews is a monthly newsletter that provides timely information about resources, reports, and research that inform the work of Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs) working to improve the health and safety of children in early childhood education settings in California. Past issues are available at www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/html/healthline/enews.htm.

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Do you have a question that you would like to ask other CCHCs working in the field? Or do you

have a comment to share with the group? To post your comments or questions on the CCHP-CCHC listserv [click here](#).

Greetings

This short version of the eNews typically announces new CCHP publications and alternates months with the lengthier version which contains research and reports. We hope you are enjoying a smooth start to the school year. Our new *Health Connections* newsletter has as its focus immunizations. We want to remind you that flu shots are available early this year and the Department of Public Health is urging everyone to get vaccinated. In California, we are also in the midst of the worst pertussis outbreak since 1958 (see <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/Pertussis%20report%208-31-2010%20-%20For%20Release.pdf> for the latest report on cases) and there have been eight deaths so far this year, seven of them in infants less than two months of age, according to the California Department of Public Health. Since immunity wanes after seven to ten years, it is recommended that all adolescents and adults who care for infants receive the Tdap since most infant cases are caused by adult caregivers. Most children vaccinated for pertussis before kindergarten are susceptible again by early adolescence. Tdap immunization rates in adolescents and adults are currently low. It is especially recommended that all women of childbearing age be vaccinated with Tdap, preferably before pregnancy, but otherwise during or after pregnancy -- pregnancy is not a contraindication to vaccination. Additionally, the CDPH now recommends that when the risk of contracting pertussis is elevated, as at present, **any interval between doses of Td and Tdap is permitted**. In contrast to the grave potential risks of susceptible persons becoming infected and transmitting pertussis to vulnerable infants, the most common adverse reaction to tetanus or diphtheria vaccines is a local reaction at the injection site, which may be more likely after an increased number of prior doses; however, recent studies and reports suggest that doses of Tdap given after previous Td or DTaP are well tolerated at intervals as brief as 1-18 months. An undocumented history of immunization with Tdap or Td is not a valid reason to avoid or delay administration of Tdap. For more information, see the CDPH website, www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Pertussis.aspx

Finally, we recently received a query for the list on photos in the child care setting: "How do you handle parents taking photos in your school? Photos and now video is becoming a problem since parents are posting them on facebook, which has been under attack for privacy and hacking. Interested in your thoughts and any policies you have/are creating on this." Please send your responses to vleonard@ucsfchildcarehealth.org.

Announcements

New CCHP Publications

The September/October issue of the *Childcare Health Connections* newsletter has

been posted to the California Childcare Health Program website at www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/newsletters/2010/Sep_Oct10.pdf. In this issue you will find the following articles: Talking with Concerned Parents About Immunization; Results of Safety Studies on H1N1 Vaccination; Implications of Not Immunizing Children; Shingles; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; Caring for Children with HIV/Aids in Child Care Settings; Whooping Cough; Health and Safety Resources and more...

The following health and safety materials have also been posted to the website:

- *Diabetes in the Child Care Setting*, Chinese Health and Safety note ([托兒所的糖尿病管理](#))
- *No Smoking*, revised Chinese mini-poster ([禁止吸煙](#))
- [Minimizing Exposure to Toxic Flame-Retardants](#), new Fact Sheet for Families in English and Spanish ([Cómo minimizar la exposición a los retardantes de llama tóxicos](#))
- [Helping Young Children Develop Self-Esteem \(PDF; 103KB; 1p\)](#) new Fact Sheet for Families in English and Spanish ([Cómo ayudar a los niños pequeños a tener autoestima \(PDF; 102KB; 1p\)](#))
- [How to Handle Dental Injuries](#), a revised mini-poster
- [Toothbrushing](#), a revised mini-poster
- [Consent for Release of Information and Referral \(PDF; 162KB; 1p\)](#), a revised form
- *Preparing for Pandemic Flu in Child Care Programs*, a Chinese Health and Safety note ([托兒所為大流行流感做準備](#))
- *Runny Nose in the Child Care Setting*, a Chinese Health and Safety note ([托兒所的流鼻涕管理](#))

The Chinese version of *Sanitize Safely and Effectively: Bleach and Alternatives in Child Care Programs* ([安全及有效地消毒](#)) is now available at www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/chinese/SanitizeSafely_Chinese0909.pdf. Please update your records and share it with your contacts.

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