



Oregon Public Health Association

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December 2011 Announcements

Take the Flu Near You Challenge!

Sign up to help OPHA win

The American Public Health Association and several other organizations are undertaking an internet-based flu surveillance project and hosting a challenge with cash rewards. People will use the Flu Near You surveillance tool to report their flu symptoms, which will help map influenza in the U.S. You can be part of this innovative study and help OPHA win money to further our mission of promoting public health in Oregon. All you have to do is sign up and then complete a brief survey every week for early detection of flu epidemics. For more information and to register visit [the Flu Near You website](#).

Save the Date for OPHA 2012

We hope you enjoyed OPHA 2011 and next year's meeting is sure to be even more vibrant and important. The OPHA 68th Annual Conference & Meeting is your opportunity to come together with other public health stakeholders to learn about the latest research and trends in the field, network and share your own experiences. Leave this meeting knowing you will make a difference to public health in our region.

Date: October 8 & 9, 2012

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Look for more details soon on the [OPHA website](#).

Help Mentor Future Epidemiologists

Take part in the 2012 Science Olympiad

We need people to help write the Disease Detectives test for the yearly Science Olympiad tournament. The Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving K through 12 science education, increasing interest in science, and giving recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by students and teachers. Our written exam typically includes several outbreak scenarios and general questions about epidemiology in the form of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, matching, and interpretation of graphs and maps.

How you can help? Write a section of the test, check over the test once it's completed, or come to the tournament and help administer the test. We are already starting to write the test, with a completion date around the first week of March. The Science Olympiad will be held on April 12, 2012. If you would like to help, email [Annie Raich](#) or [Jim Gaudino](#). To find out more information, look on the following websites: <http://oregonscienceolympiad.com/> and <http://www.soinc.org/>.

Save the Date for the next Epidemiologists' Forum

Dr. Susan Bagby, of OHSU, will talk about the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease.

Date: Thursday, February 9

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street, Portland

Remember OPHA in Your Year End Giving Plans

Please help us realize our mission to protect and promote the health of all Oregonians, to educate and support

public health workers, and to advocate for just and equitable health policies. OPHA is a registered 501c3 and your donations are fully tax deductible. You can make a difference to public health in Oregon with your generous year-end gift. [Click here to donate online](#), or contact [Josie Henderson](#) for more information.

Conference Presentation Slides Now Available

View the slides from OPHA 2011 on our Website

Slides from the 2011 OPHA Annual Conference & Meeting held in October are now available to view and to download. Visit the [OPHA 2011 webpage](#) for details. If you were a presenter at the conference and would like to share your slides in this way, please email them to [Josie Henderson](#).

OPHA is now on Twitter

Follow us on [twitter](#) @ORPublicHealth. Who should OPHA be following? Please email suggestions to [Lesla Dixon-Gray](#).

Like Us on Facebook

Connect with other people in Oregon's public health community while helping us expand our message. [Like OPHA on Facebook](#) and hit the like button at the top of individual posts.

Community Announcements & Upcoming Events:

PSU Certificate in Health Systems & Public Health Management

Portland State University's Center for Public Service is now offering a certificate in Health Systems and Public Health Management. This wholly online certificate of completion program reflects the recommendations of experts from a wide range of health-related fields.

The HS & PHM program targets working professionals in health-related fields – especially those for whom a traditional, classroom setting is impracticable. The 6 graduate-level courses will immerse students in Oregon-specific and practice-based case studies, such as Coordinated Care Organizations. In addition, these 18 graduate credits can potentially be applied toward either PSU's Master of Public Health: Health Management and Policy or Master in Public Administration: Health Administration degrees. [Click here for more information about the program](#).

Questions can be directed to Jennifer Schmid at 503-725-8261 or publicservice@pdx.edu.

Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)

Important Updates to BCCP, formerly BCCM

BCCP provides eligible women with coverage through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) for cancer treatment.

Prior to January 1, 2012 women were only eligible for treatment through the program if they were diagnosed while enrolled in the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP). Effective January 1, 2012 eligible women can now be enrolled in the program, regardless of where they received their diagnoses.

In order to be eligible a woman must meet the following criteria: be an Oregon resident, have a household income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level, be less than 65 years old, have no health insurance to pay for treatment, be a U.S. citizen or have lawful residential status, and have been diagnosed as needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer, or specific precancerous conditions. For more information visit the BCCP website, at www.healthoregon.org/bcc.

Ending Hunger in Oregon: 2012 Food Security Summit

Date: January 19-20, 2012

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Details: The Oregon Hunger Task Force, Partners for a Hunger-Free, Oregon Food Bank and Oregon State University are bringing together Oregonians from across the state to assess current conditions, create solutions, and take action. The Summit will showcase the most up-to-date knowledge and approaches to ending hunger, and provide opportunities for Oregonians to contribute through group discussions. For

more information, please visit www.oregonhunger.org.