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TO: OFFICE OF AIDS STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF AIDS WEB SITE

The California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA) is pleased to inform you about the recent launch of its new Web site. OA's new URL is: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.

In addition to OA's new Web site address and look, the Web site includes more user friendly features, news and information about OA programs and activities, as well as links to national HIV/AIDS resources and findings that impact California. We are continually adding material to the site and rearranging materials so they are easy to find. We welcome your suggestions to help us create a premier resource for people with an interest in HIV in California.

Some examples of what you will see on the Web site:

1. On the [OA Home page](#), you will find current news directly on the page, for example as of October 8, 2008:
 - [October 15, 2008 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day \(NLAAD\)](#)
 - [The California HIV/AIDS Research Program Announces the 2008 Call for Applications](#)
2. Direct links from the [OA Home page](#) include: [Meetings, Conferences, and Events](#). Here you will find:
 - [Upcoming Meetings](#)
 - [Prior Office of AIDS Meetings and Presentations](#)
 - [National and International Meetings](#)
 - [HIV/AIDS Awareness Days](#)

3. [News](#) for example, as of October 8, 2008

[Regulatory Proposal: DPH-07-010, Testing Standards for Laboratories Performing HIV Screening.](#)

HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Epidemiology

[CDC Releases New Slide Set on HIV/AIDS Diagnoses among Men Who Have Sex with Men \(MSM\) \(September 2008\).](#) This slide set conveys important information on new and prevalent HIV and AIDS diagnoses among MSM in the United States through 2006.

[CDC Releases Supplemental HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report: Cases of HIV Infection and AIDS in the United States and Dependent Areas, by Race/Ethnicity, 2002-2006](#) Presents estimated numbers of cases of HIV infection, including cases of HIV infection that progressed to AIDS.

[California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Talking Points - Journal of the American Medical Association Article on National HIV Incidence Estimates \(August 3, 2008\) \(PDF, New Window\).](#) Describes revised estimates of HIV incidence nationally based upon new testing and statistical methods. (California was not included in this study.)

[California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Talking Points - Persons Tested for HIV - United States, 2006, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 8, 2008 \(PDF, New Window\).](#) Describes HIV testing patterns nationally and encourages adoption of 2006 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to increase HIV testing in medical settings.

[California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS \(CDPH/OA\), Talking Points - HIV Prevalence Estimates of California, 2008 \(PDF, New Window\).](#) Describes OA's recent estimates of current and projected HIV prevalence in California.

[Estimated Persons Living with HIV \(not AIDS\) and Persons Living with AIDS in California, 2006-2020 \(PDF, New Window\).](#) Table showing CDPH/OA's recent estimates of current and projected HIV prevalence in California.

[California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Talking Points - Trends in HIV Diagnoses among Men Who Have Sex with Men - 33 States, 2001-2006, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 27, 2008, \(PDF, New Window\).](#) Describes stable or decreasing new HIV and AIDS diagnosis rates nationally among most behavioral risk groups, with the exception of men who have sex with men.

4. [HIV/AIDS Statistics](#)
This section is being expanded. Here you will find HIV and AIDS surveillance statistics from across the state, updated monthly.
5. [Community Planning and Other Community Resources](#)
 - [California HIV/AIDS Planning Group \(CHPG\)](#)
 - [Population-Based Community Planning Groups](#)
 - [Local Ryan White Care Act Planning Councils](#)
 - [Local HIV Prevention Planning Groups](#)
6. [HIV Testing Resources](#)
7. [Guidelines](#)
8. [OA Overview and Programs](#). This section is still under active development.

We hope OA's new Web site will meet your needs and become your source for HIV/AIDS information in California. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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