



THE STAKEHOLDER BRIEF

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to present “The Stakeholder Brief,” a quarterly update of important upcoming activities, actions and accomplishments from CDPH. Updates include information about meetings, presentations, media announcements and solicitations for input or services. To receive this update or to unsubscribe from the list, visit the CDPH [Subscribe page](#). For questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at CDPHPress@cdph.ca.gov. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Meetings

- **January 26, 2016**, the California Health and Human Services Agency and CDPH will host the Let’s Get Healthy California Innovation Conference in Sacramento. This conference will showcase and measure California’s progress to meet the six goal areas of the [Let’s Get Healthy California report](#). Community and health advocates, health care providers, community-based organizations, civic and data enthusiasts, and other individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, please visit the [California Health and Human Services Agency website](#).

California Conference of Local Health Officers

- **January 7, 2016, February 4, 2016 and March 3, 2016**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. All CCLHO meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **January 29, 2016**, the Diabetes Coalition of California will host its annual meeting “Action in Motion: Making Strides to Prevent Diabetes and its Complications” at the California Endowment in Los Angeles. There will be informative presentations from leaders in the



fields of diabetes prevention, policy and care. For more information, please visit the [Diabetes Coalition of California's Web page](#).

- **February 2, 2016**, the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Sacramento. The CDPH California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP), the California Department of Education's Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program (CDE/TUPE) and the University of California Office of the President's Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) will provide program updates to TEROC based on the 2015-2017 TEROC Master Plan objectives. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association will provide an update on current tobacco-related funding, activities and legislation.

TEROC is a legislatively mandated oversight committee (California Health and Safety Code Sections 104365-104370) that monitors the use of Proposition 99 tobacco tax revenues. TEROC advises the CDPH/CTCP, CDE/TUPE and TRDRP on agency, policy and budgetary issues. TEROC is also responsible for the development of a master plan for the future implementation of tobacco control efforts in California.

- **February 22, 2016**, the CDPH Chronic Disease Control Branch, in collaboration with the California Department of Health Care Services, and the American Heart Association will host a strategic planning meeting with a steering committee of stakeholders to prepare for the launch of a statewide cardiovascular disease (CVD) alliance. The mission of the alliance will be to reduce the risk and prevalence of heart disease and stroke among all Californians. Efforts will focus on convening partners and on aligning existing heart disease and stroke outcomes with the California Wellness Plan and Let's Get Healthy goals.
- **March 9, 2015**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will hold its quarterly OPG Advisory Group meeting in Los Angeles. Updates related to the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services program and annual helpline reports will be presented. It is anticipated that the 2016-2021 OPG Strategic Plan will be released. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit the [OPG Web page](#).

Center for Family Health

- **January 5, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will convene the Lactation Accommodation for Low Wage Worker stakeholder meeting in Sacramento. Attending will be representatives from the CDPH Women, Infants, and Children Division, the CDPH Chronic Disease Branch, the Department of Health Care Services' Systems of Care Division, California WIC Association, Labor Commission Office, Legal Aid Society and the United States Breastfeeding Committee.
- **January 19, 2016**, the CDPH California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Advisory Council will meet via conference call. These council meetings provide a forum for the SIDS community to work together to use education and encouragement to alleviate the tragedies surrounding SIDS. Meeting topics include: California SIDS Program Report, First Responder/Coroner Investigator Update, Public Health Nurse Update, Southern and Northern Regional SIDS Council Updates, and other topics that affect the Council's role in the provision of services to families. For more information, please visit the [SIDS Web page](#).

- **January 21 - 23, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will represent the Association of State and Public Health Nutritionists on the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) and Board Meeting, to be held in Bethesda, Maryland. The USBC is an independent, nonprofit coalition of more than 50 nationally influential professional, education and governmental organizations that share a common mission to drive collaborative efforts for policy and practices that create a landscape of breastfeeding support across the United States.
- **February 3 - 5, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division staff will participate in the 6th Annual California Breastfeeding Summit in Sacramento. The California Breastfeeding Summit brings together local coalitions, health care professionals, breastfeeding professionals, and breastfeeding supporters and advocates for three days of workshops, networking and speaker presentations. For more information, please visit the [California Breastfeeding Summit's Web page](#).
- **February 4, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program's (CHVP) State Interagency Team Home Visiting Workgroup will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. The workgroup strives to improve home visiting through interagency collaboration. The focus of the meeting will be to review 2015 accomplishments and set 2016 goals. For more information, please visit the [CHVP's Web page](#).
- **February 24, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) staff will participate at the California Head Start Association's Annual Conference in Riverside. CHVP staff will focus on partnering opportunities with the Early Head Start Association to ensure a continuum of services for at-risk families after they graduate from local CHVP programs. For more information, please visit the event [Web page](#).

Center for Health Care Quality

- **February 25, 2016**, the Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) will hold its semi-annual stakeholder forum in Sacramento. This meeting provides an opportunity for CHCQ to share program updates and solicit feedback on improving the Licensing and Certification Program to ensure that Californians receive the highest quality of medical care in health facilities. Semiannual stakeholder meetings are specified under 2014 Trailer Bill Requirements (Senate Bill 857, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2014). Stakeholders may attend or participate via webinar. The agenda and webinar instructions will be posted online in mid-February. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit CHCQ's [Stakeholder Forum Web page](#). Questions and comments can be emailed to CHCQStakeholderForum@cdph.ca.gov.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **February 4, 2016**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records (CHSI-VR) will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. Discussion items include the issuance and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths and marriages. The Vision Group meeting is jointly sponsored by the County Recorder Association of California and CHSI-VR.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **January 13, 2016**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch staff will present current research and findings at the Tick-borne Diseases Working Group meeting at the University of California, Davis. This meeting will include participants from several universities and local public health agencies.
- **February 29 - March 1, 2016**, the CDPH Vector-Borne Disease Section staff will provide updates on West Nile virus, plague and other vector-borne diseases in California at the Mosquito and Vector Control Association's annual conference in Sacramento.
- **March 8 - 9, 2016**, the CDPH Immunization Branch will host its annual Immunization Coordinator's meeting in Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to provide training and technical assistance for local health departments (LHDs) on immunization grant requirements. The meeting is also an opportunity for LHDs to share best practices and highlight projects that other jurisdictions can replicate.
- **March 2016**, the CDPH Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau, will hold four regional stakeholder meetings in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and Alameda. The goal is to promote community engagement and improve self-sufficiency, adjustment and integration for newly arriving refugees by sharing information on refugee processing and arrivals, health concerns, available funding and resources, and other timely issues affecting refugee placement. For more information, please visit the [Office of Refugee Health's Web page](#).

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Laboratory Field Services

- **March 4, 2016**, the quarterly meeting of the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee (CLTAC) will be held in Richmond with a teleconference link to Los Angeles. The agenda and information about teleconference access will be posted by mid-February on the [Laboratory Field Services Web page](#). Minutes from previous meetings are available on the LFS website.

Office of Health Equity

- **January 19, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's Climate Change and Health Equity Team will host the Climate Action Team (CAT) - Public Health Working Group (PHWG) quarterly meeting at the California Environmental Protection Agency in Sacramento. This meeting will focus on the state framework for action on climate change, and explore how local health departments and community organizations can engage in state climate change policy and planning. Meeting participants include CDPH staff, staff from other CAT member agencies, local health department staff, and stakeholders representing various public health, environmental and policy organizations. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit the [CAT Web page](#).

- **February 9, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's (OHE) Advisory Committee will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. The OHE Advisory Committee was created to advance the goals of OHE and is comprised of up to 26 representatives from state agencies and departments, local health departments, community-based organizations, vulnerable communities and stakeholder communities. For more information, please visit [OHE's Web page](#). Information about the February meeting will also be posted at this Web page before January 31. The public is encouraged to attend in person or via telephone.

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Trainings & Conferences

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **January 6 - 7, 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program, will collaborate with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to host training in Sacramento for RPE-funded organizations. Thirty-three rape crisis centers will participate and network to strengthen their capacity to develop, implement and evaluate evidence-informed sexual violence primary prevention programs that include strategies such as promoting healthy relationships through youth leadership development in school-based settings.
- **January 8, 2016**, CDPH's asthma program, California Breathing, will train six federally qualified school-based health centers (SBHCs) to improve the diagnoses and assessment of asthma using hand-held spirometers. The training will be conducted via webinar. Participating SBHCs are from San Diego, Los Angeles, Tulare and Alameda counties. These SBHCs receive funds through an asthma cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With grant funds, continued training and technical assistance from CDPH, SBHCs will have sufficient resources to continue to improve their diagnosis and management of asthma.
- **January 13 - 14, 2016**, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch, with its State Implementing Agency (SIA) partners, will host the 2016 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program (SNAP-Ed) Local Implementing Agency (LIA) Forum in Sacramento. Meeting goals include assisting with the implementation of current SNAP-Ed LIA work plans, and paving the way for multi-year SNAP-Ed planning and program delivery. Forum content includes administrative and evaluation update sessions, and a plenary session on diversifying partnerships and funding for multi-year planning. There will also be sessions on capacity building to support the current and future work of the LIAs, writing multi-year integrated work plans, and building-out objectives and activities to achieve progress.
- **January 28 - 29, 2016**, the Safe and Active Communities Branch will host a networking meeting and training in Sacramento for seven local entities funded to implement and evaluate a community mobilization strategy, "Close to Home." Close to Home uses a community-driven process to engage youth, adults and organizational leaders to initiate actions to prevent domestic and sexual violence.

- **March 7 - 8, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will host the 7th Annual Problem Gambling Training Summit, “Gambling Disorder Prevention and Treatment Services – Changing Lives,” in Los Angeles. Workshops will include co-occurring disorders, group therapy, problem-gambling-community prevention, problem gambling and related crimes, treatment planning, tools for therapists, tribal gaming, financial toolkit for treatment, and gambling and hypersexual behavior. This summit will include a behind-the-scenes tour of a local card room. The summit kicks off Problem Gambling Awareness Month, a national campaign to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of gambling disorders. For more information, please visit the [OPG Web page](#).

Center for Environmental Health

- **January 7, 2016**, Eero Kettunen, director of the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority in Helsinki, Finland, will visit with the Radiologic Health Branch management and the Food, Drug and Radiation Safety Division staff to learn about the California Radiation Safety Program. Mr. Kettunen is interested in learning about California’s legal and regulatory infrastructure and how it ensures protection of the public and the environment from sources of radiation, and the relationship between the state and federal authorities.
- **February 11 and 17, 2016**, the CDPH Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory’s (DWRL) environmental microbiologists will attend the Water Quality Monitoring Group meetings in Northern and Southern California. These meetings are organized by the State Water Resources Control Board to coordinate beach water-quality monitoring, pollution abatement, public education and public notification efforts. In January, the DWRL Microbiology Unit will begin a project with East Bay Regional Parks to test the effectiveness of rapid molecular detection methods for enterococcus monitoring at Keller Beach in Richmond. This project is part of DWRL work to develop guidance materials for public health laboratories for implementation of molecular techniques for routine water quality monitoring.

Center for Family Health

- **January 25 - 29, 2016**, the Healthy Families America (HFA) Parent Survey Community Outreach Training will be held in Sacramento. All California Home Visiting Program sites affiliated with HFA are eligible to participate. The training is currently full. To obtain a spot on the waiting list, contact Maritza Noriega at mnoriega@preventchildabuse.org.
- **February 11 and March 18, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will host the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) Orientation Training for newly enrolled CPSP providers. The February orientation will be in Riverside and the March orientation will be in Sacramento. This training addresses program requirements for implementing CPSP, including an overview of CPSP and review of the requirements for client orientation, CPSP assessments (health education, nutrition and psychosocial) and the individualized care plan. For more information, visit the [CPSP training Web page](#).

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **January 31 - February 2, 2016**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) is hosting a prevention workshop in Berkeley. Attendees will include the California AIDS Directors and Program Coordinators, the California Community Planning Group members and other stakeholders from throughout California. The purpose of the workshop, “Merge Ahead: Steering HIV Prevention into the New Landscape,” is to provide capacity-building assistance and receive stakeholder input on high-impact prevention programs to reduce the number of new infections, increase the number of HIV-positive persons in treatment, and increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis and other prevention strategies to individuals at high-risk of acquiring HIV. Keynote speakers include Phil Wilson of the Black AIDS Institute and Dr. Robert Grant, MD, MPH, who is recognized for groundbreaking work on prevention of HIV transmission.
- **Winter 2016**, the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CaREDIE) team will continue offering webinars to facilitate expansion and implementation of the Provider Portal (PP). Webinars will focus on providing PP-related information to and resources for local health departments (LHDs), and the importance of reporting electronically by providers. Both webinars will feature mini-trainings, a simple-step process of implementing the PP, reference materials, and lessons learned from LHDs that successfully implemented the PP. Webinar dates and times are to be determined.

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Regulatory Action

Center for Family Health

- January 2016, with input from the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has developed Child Care Nutrition Training Standards as required by Assembly Bill 290 (Alejo, Chapter 734, Statutes of 2013). Beginning January 2016, the law adds one hour of nutrition training (including support of breastfeeding) to the current seven-hour preventive health and safety practices course of the preventive health and safety training required for licensees of child care homes and centers. For more information, please visit [EMSA's Web page](#).
- **March 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants and Children (CDPH/WIC) Division plans to release a revised WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide (WAFL SG). The WAFL SG is an educational document that lists requirements for CDPH/WIC-authorized supplemental foods that are adopted through regulation. The regulations were amended to make various changes to several CDPH/WIC food categories, including the addition of new foods, such as yogurt, whole wheat pasta and canned mackerel.
- **Winter 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants and Children (CDPH/WIC) Division will propose amendments to the Vendor Authorization Criteria, and Peer Group Criteria and Reimbursement System for Vendors, per California Health and Safety Code Section 123322. The Vendor Authorization Criteria sets the minimum standards vendors must meet to obtain and retain WIC authorization. The Peer Group Criteria and Reimbursement System for Vendors is the system of vendor classification and reimbursement by which the

California WIC program places vendors in appropriate peer group categories based on common characteristics that affect food prices and limits the reimbursement of vendors to competitive levels based on those peer groups. Stakeholders can provide input to the department regarding the proposed changes. The amendments will become effective once the regulatory process is complete and CDPH/WIC will post the final rule changes on its [Web page](#) via a regulatory bulletin.

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Grants, Contracts

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **January 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch will fund eight local health departments (LHDs) to implement two evidence-based fall prevention programs, “*Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance*” and “*Stepping On*,” that reduce falls in older adults by promoting strength and balance. LHDs will also receive training on universal design concepts, and conduct outreach and planning with local health care partners to sustain falls-prevention work at the local level. The pilot project will end June 30, 2016.

Center for Family Health

- **January 19, 2016**, applications are due to the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division for the Information & Education (I&E) contracts. These contracts focus on providing sexual reproductive health information with the goal of decreasing unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Current I&E contracts expire June 30, 2016. New cooperative agreements will be issued for three years for the new contract cycle that begins July 1, 2016. For more information, please visit the [I&E Web page](#).

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **January 14, 2016**, applications are due for the CDPH Office of AIDS, California Statewide Training and Education Program’s (CSTEP) request for application (RFA). The purpose of this RFA is to provide a statewide mechanism to assess training needs among medical/support service providers and other professionals working with people with HIV, develop relevant curricula on HIV-related topics and health literacy, conduct trainings, establish and maintain accessible training formats and evaluate training effectiveness. CSTEP responds to HIV service provider needs by offering training on relevant topics, including: navigation through health care systems, HIV education, HIV treatment options and adherence counseling, health care benefits, enrollment in health insurance, HIV prevention, and impacts to HIV care services due to the Affordable Care Act. CSTEP trainings are provided using regional in-person, online, and webinar formats. CDPH anticipates the Notification of Intent to Award being sent out February 4, 2016.
- The CDPH Immunization Branch recently received a two-year grant award of \$1,250,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote national adult immunization standards. The purpose of the grant is to increase immunization coverage and decrease disparities in adult immunization by assisting community health centers and

pharmacies to implement the National Adult Vaccination Standards, engaging provider organizations and health systems including Medi-Cal and Medicare, and providing federally funded vaccines to uninsured adults. California is one of 10 states receiving this grant.

- **February 2016 (or upon approval)**, the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch will award three to six grants for a three-year funding term to local health jurisdictions, community-based organizations, and/or community health centers. The grants will support hepatitis C testing and linkages to care demonstration projects.

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Reports

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **March 2016**, the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program anticipates releasing “*California’s Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2016-2020.*” This is the third iteration of California’s strategic plan to reduce the cancer burden in the state. It is designed to provide guidance to individuals and organizations spanning health and social disciplines that have a role in affecting cancer control. Aspects of the cancer continuum addressed include primary prevention, early detection and screening, and survivorship, as well as cross-cutting issues such as access to care, eliminating disparities, the environment and surveillance. This updated plan builds on the collaborations by CDPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program staff and California Dialogue on Cancer members.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **January 2016**, the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch will release the 2014 STD Annual Report Executive Summary and Technical Notes, the 2014 STD Annual Tables and the 2014 Annual STD Graph Set on the [branch’s Web page](#). A key finding of the report is that the burden of notifiable bacterial STDs in California (chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis) continued to be substantial in 2014 and is increasing when compared to 2013 and the prior five years.
- **January 2016**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publication, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, will feature an article co-authored by a CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch epidemiologist. The article, “Tuberculosis Contact Investigations in the United States, 2003-2012,” concludes that the number of tuberculosis cases prevented can be tripled by improving contact investigations to ensure that all case contacts are evaluated and that all infected contacts complete treatment.

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Speeches & Presentations

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **March 9, 2016**, the CDPH’s Comprehensive Cancer Control Program will offer a presentation on colon cancer surveillance data from Noon to 1 p.m., at the East End

Complex in Sacramento. This presentation, during Colon Cancer Awareness Month, targets state employees but is open to the public. Key information to be presented include data on late stage diagnosis of colon cancer in California, the importance of screening and available options, objectives and strategies in the updated state cancer plan, and an overview on the services and reports available through the California Cancer Registry.

Laboratory Field Services

- **March 10, 2016**, the Laboratory Field Services Personnel Licensing Section staff will participate in the Healthcare Laboratory Workforce Initiative Advisory Group meeting in Sacramento to provide an update on the personnel licensing section. The personnel section ensures the administration of mandated education, training, examination, licensing/certification and competency standards for clinical laboratory personnel in California.

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Recent Activities & Achievements

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **September 2-3, 2015**, the American Medical Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, in partnership with the CDPH, hosted a statewide stakeholder engagement meeting titled, Prevent Diabetes STAT™: California. The meeting focused on CDC efforts to grow and sustain the National Diabetes Prevention Program to decrease new cases of type 2 diabetes. Stakeholder follow up to this meeting will focus on action plans to increase awareness of prediabetes, increase health plan and employer coverage of the CDC-recognized lifestyle change program, increase clinical screening, testing and referral to the CDC-recognized lifestyle change program, and increase the availability of CDC-recognized lifestyle change programs.
- **November 1, 2015**, the CDPH, California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) completed its third annual “*Tobacco’s Impact in My Community*” photo contest. The goal was to elicit images that tell the story of tobacco control issues that impact youth and disadvantaged communities. For the first time, contestants were able to directly upload their entries onto www.tobaccofreeca.com/photo-contest. CDPH partnered with the California Department of Education, the California Youth Advocacy Network and Breathe California – Emigrant Trails to promote the contest to young people statewide. The American Cancer Society’s California Division provided \$1,000 in prizes. Judges included representatives from these organizations, members of Breathe California’s Youth Advisory Board and celebrity photographers. First and second place prizes were awarded for each of the four contest categories in December 2015.
- November 2015, CDPH’s new advertising campaign to counter e-cigarettes, called “Wake Up,” took home the “Best in Show” of the 2015 Healthcare Marketing IMPACT awards. The campaign also won two golds in the Video and Integrated Campaign categories. Advertising Age and Modern Healthcare sponsor these awards. The Healthcare Marketing IMPACT Awards are designed to recognize health care’s best advertising, marketing,

promotion and communication campaigns across all media platforms. The awards honor campaigns that advance provider, insurer, supplier and advocacy group efforts to deliver high quality, affordable and accessible health care, promote the health of individual patients, groups and communities, and help organizations thrive and grow in today's rapidly changing health care environment.

Center for Environmental Health

- **October 23, 2015**, the CDPH Food and Drug Branch, along with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the California Department of Consumer Affairs, participated in “Operation Fright Night,” to investigate the illegal sales of prescription medical devices without acquiring a prescription order, and proper licensing to sell and dispense such devices. The U.S. Attorney’s Office filed criminal charges on 10 Southern California businesses for illegally selling contact lenses without a prescription. Some of the products that were collected as part of the operation were contaminated with dangerous pathogens that can cause eye injury, blindness and loss of the eye.
- **November 3, 2015**, CDPH issued a health advisory; warning consumers not to eat Dungeness crab or Rock crab caught between the southern Santa Barbara County line and the Oregon border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. CDPH informed the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) of its findings of elevated levels of domoic acid in crab and DFW initiated the administrative process to close the recreational and commercial crab fisheries in the impacted area until levels of domoic acid no longer exceed the action level. CDPH continues to collect additional crab samples and monitor the situation. Laboratory results and other updates are routinely posted on the [CDPH website](#).

Pseudo-nitzschia, a phytoplankton which grows naturally in the Pacific Ocean, produces the domoic acid. When large blooms of this phytoplankton occur (usually during spring and summer months), organisms that feed on the phytoplankton can accumulate elevated levels of domoic acid. These elevated levels of domoic acid in crustaceans and fish pose a significant risk to people who eat them. Domoic acid can be fatal in high doses. Symptoms of domoic acid poisoning can occur within 30 minutes to 24 hours after eating toxic seafood. In mild cases, symptoms may include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headache, and dizziness. These symptoms disappear within several days. In severe cases, the victim may experience trouble breathing, confusion, disorientation, cardiovascular instability, seizures, excessive bronchial secretions, permanent loss of short-term memory (a condition known as Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning), coma or death.

- **February 2016**, the CDPH Indoor Radon Program will release a Radon Test Results Database. The database will show household radon test results for each ZIP code in California, will include data through 2015 and will be updated quarterly. Database reports will be available on the [CDPH Indoor Radon Program website](#). Radon is a colorless and odorless naturally occurring gas that is found in some parts of California. It is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Center for Family Health

- **December 8, 2015**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division presented at a State Breastfeeding Coalitions Webinar hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) United States Breastfeeding Committee. These sessions brought together state/territorial/tribal breastfeeding coalitions to share best practices and news, and to network and collaborate on significant national issues. MCAH staff shared how California uses CDC's Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care Survey (mPINC) data to support breastfeeding quality improvement efforts in California maternity hospitals, and how CDPH disseminates county and regional mPINC data to local MCAH and other stakeholders to monitor progress.
- **January 1, 2016**, Tehama County, the California Home Visiting Program's (CHVP) newest site, will begin enrolling clients. In 2015, CHVP began funding home visiting in Tehama, Yolo and Sonoma counties, bringing CHVP's total to 26 sites in 24 counties. CHVP is at 95 percent of enrollment capacity with 2,082 families currently enrolled. Visit CHVP's website to view a [map of funded sites](#).

The CHVP is a positive-parenting program to help vulnerable families independently raise their children. CHVP was created as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The home visiting program focus is to provide comprehensive, coordinated in-home services to support positive parenting, and to improve outcomes for families residing in identified at-risk communities. The Health Resources and Services Administration defines home visiting as an evidence-based, voluntary program offered to pregnant women or families with children under five years of age.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **December 2015**, CDPH began transitioning from its standalone Open Data portal to a microsite under the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CHHS) [Open Data portal](#), where CDPH will continue to post its data alongside other CHHS department microsities. The migration of CDPH's Open Data portal will allow CDPH to contribute to the administration, outreach and promotion of open data, and leverage the cost-sharing advantages of a single, centralized portal. As the migration progresses, CDPH will send out updates to the Open Data stakeholder community, the California Conference of Local Health Officers, County Health Executives Association of California and other stakeholders.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **By end of March, 2016**, the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Cohort 10 is expected to have passed user acceptance testing (UAT) and to have rolled into production. The above is also true for the long-awaited ELR feed from CDPH's Viral and Rickettsial Diseases Laboratory. The number of production CalREDIE ELR submitters is expected to be at least 275 by the first quarter of 2016. Cohort 11, the next version, will start UAT in January 2016 and will be scheduled for production rollout in March 2016. Currently, CalREDIE is handling

approximately 25,000 ELR transactions per week. At this rate, CalREDIE will handle a projected volume of more than 1,000,000 ELR transactions in 2016.

- Through cooperation and coordination between the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) and the CDPH Office of AIDS, the HIV ELR went into production with LabCorp as its first submitter in November 2015. Office of AIDS will consider further HIV ELR submitters as the submitters demonstrate readiness.
- California continues to develop, test and refine case-notification messages for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System Modernization Initiative in collaboration with our project partners, including the CDC, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and the Association of American Public Health Laboratories. In the first quarter of 2016, messages will be tested using the CDC's Message Evaluation and Testing Service. Subsequent end-to-end testing with CDC will occur when the Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System (MVPS) is ready. MVPS software will validate and process nationally notifiable disease data messages sent by jurisdictions and will provide the data to CDC programs.
- The California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) Master Person Index (MPI) is a person-based system that collects reportable infectious disease or condition incident data for all California local health departments utilizing the CalREDIE system. The CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control has completed a project to identify and resolve duplicate patient records in the database. Examination of MPI data to find duplicate records is considered a universal best practice. The CalREDIE team will continue to perform periodic examination of MPI person records.
- **March 24, 2016**, the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch, in partnership with local health jurisdictions and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association, will observe World Tuberculosis Day. The annual event is observed globally with media and awareness events.

Health Care Reform

- CDPH, like other state and local health departments, continues to act in a catalyst and convener role in activities related to the Affordable Care Act, particularly the implementation of the [California State Health Care Innovation Plan](#) (Innovation Plan) which was designed to help California achieve the goal of being the healthiest state in the nation by 2022. CDPH Director's Office staff and programs have been focused on Accountable Communities for Health and building the Let's Get Healthy California website, both of which are key initiatives in the Innovation Plan.
- Over the last few months, CDPH has been inviting those who work to improve the health of their community and the state to submit their ideas to the Let's Get Healthy California (LGHC) "Innovation Challenge." There were more than 90 submissions in six categories aligned with LGHC goals: Healthy Beginnings, Living Well, End of Life, Redesigning the Health Systems, Creating Healthy Communities and Lowering Cost of Care. Those submissions were reviewed and 23 community-based health innovations were selected, based on their ability to advance the Let's Get Healthy California effort to make

California the nation's healthiest state by 2022. These innovations will be announced at the statewide LGHC Innovation Conference on January 26, 2016. Selected submissions will also be featured on the LGHC dashboard and website for its 2016 launch.

CDPH is currently working with the California Health and Human Services Agency to develop the Let's Get Healthy California website and dashboard. The effort is to build a website to track the 39 LGHC indicators and data, spotlight local public health and health care initiatives and innovations, and share the status of California's journey of becoming the healthiest state in the nation. The website will be unveiled at the statewide LGHC Innovation Conference on January 26, 2016.

For more information or questions regarding Let's Get Healthy California, please visit the [California Health and Human Services Agency website](#) or email Innovate@chhs.ca.gov or LGHC@cdph.ca.gov.

- CDPH is currently in the process of developing an evaluation framework to evaluate Accountable Communities for Health (ACH). An ACH is an initiative responsible for improving the health of the entire community through partnership and with attention to achieving greater health equity. There is no universally accepted definition of what an ACH must include or how it should be initiated, organized, monitored or sustained. Additionally, there is no standard framework for evaluating the success of an ACH, other than to measure simple health outcomes as related to a chosen intervention. This framework is a cutting-edge opportunity to synthesize the goals of an ACH into key components and concepts, and to provide a roadmap for potential ACHs. Upon the completion, the evaluation framework will guide the implementation of the evaluation of the ACH initiative, which is sponsored by several philanthropic foundations in California.

The ACH initiative is in line with CDPH's efforts to support clinical and community linkages and improved health literacy to further the goals of reducing health disparities and getting the right care in the right place at the right time, while leveraging expertise in data collection and analytics to inform access and quality of care issues.

Office of Health Equity

- **2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity anticipates the release of the final implementation plan for public health-oriented recommendations of California's adaptation strategy, called "*Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk*." In response to Governor Brown's Executive Order B-30-15, which addresses the need for climate adaptation and "actions [that] should protect the state's most vulnerable populations," the California Natural Resources Agency asked CDPH to write a plan to implement the public health-oriented recommendations of California's adaptation strategy. The public health implementation plan is one of 10 sector-specific plans to implement *Safeguarding California*. It shows how the state can integrate climate adaptation into public health planning and work, and presents recommended initiatives to reduce health harms from climate change. For more information, please visit [California Natural Resources Agency's Web page](#).

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