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Happy Labor Day Weekend!

WIC state offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observation of Labor Day. We hope that you and your staff enjoy these last few days of summer.

Kathleen

1. **ENPR update**- Last Friday you received the updated ENPRs. Many of you have noticed that the ENPR version effective October 1 does not have a list of ICD-10s. Instead, we're relying on the doctor/health care provider to write in a diagnosis and ICD-10 code. I've been asked to supply the list of "approved" ICD-10s. I checked with the state Medicaid contact, and this is her reply: The ICD-10 codes are national code sets. To my knowledge, there aren't any ICD-10 codes that Alaska Medicaid wouldn't cover. The diagnosis codes are determined by the physicians. We still won't cover basic diagnosis such as constipation…those "rules" won't change. (Those non-specific symptoms are listed on the ENPR: intolerance, fussiness, gas, constipation or colic). Please contact Jennifer Johnson with questions or suggestions at jennifer.johnson@alaka.gov.

2. **Gerber**: Gerber jarred infant foods are discontinuing 4 oz jars, and will only be making the 4 oz- 2 packs (8 oz total). Gerber is working with vendors on signage to identify the new products. Beech-Nut will continue to make 4 oz jars. Please contact Jennifer Johnson with questions or suggestions at jenniferljohnson@alaska.gov.

3. **RD Working Group Meeting**: The next RD working Group meeting is coming up on September 17th, at 8:30 AM. We'll hear about Baby Behavior Training, which we'll soon be implementing in Alaska. This training covers infant feeding cues. Everyone is invited to this session- including RDs and others who'd like to attend. The on-line baby behavior modules will be available to anyone, whether or not they work for WIC. Please mark your calendars. I'll send a separate invitation with the call in numbers. Contact Jennifer Johnson with questions or suggestions at jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov
4. **Breastfeeding News**
   Here is a link to our breastfeeding posters: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/breastfeeding/posters.aspx. These can be printed in different sizes if you desire. Enjoy!
5. **World Breastfeeding Week Updates**
6. Please send pictures of events (really need pictures of the WBW banners that the Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition funded), and a summary of your fun-filled activities. I have heard from a few agencies and I thank you for that! All local agencies will be reporting on activities in the October Quarterly Report so get a jump start on the report and let me know what you did back in August! Send to Dana.kent@alaska.gov. Thank you.

7. **Success Story from North Slope Borough**

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A day after the Breastfeeding presentation in Point Lay, WIC staff was in town and started talking to a teenage girl that was at the presentation. She was with another teenage girl who stated she wanted to be there, but could not make it. The girl who went proceeded to explain what she learned about breastfeeding. This was exciting to hear a teenager not only learned at the breastfeeding talk, but she imparted the knowledge to a future potential breastfeeding woman who was a teen. The teen was very positive and inspiring. It is great to know WIC influenced teenage girls about breastfeeding with an activity. I am confident, those girls will tell other girls about breastfeeding.

Nice to know:

Giving babies healthy food early may shape childhood tastes: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/06/us-health-infantnutrition-fruit-vegetabl-idUSKCN0QB2FG20150806

Obama in Alaska----Tracy shared this picture of President Obama during his visit to Kotzebue.

Important to Know:
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Alaska Public Health Advisory

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September 4, 2015

Salmonella Cases Linked to Recalled Cucumbers: Illnesses and Product in Alaska

This advisory alerts Alaska health care providers and the public of confirmed cases of Salmonella infection linked to consumption of cucumbers that may still be available for sale in Alaska. Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce of San Diego, CA, initiated a voluntary recall today of garden cucumbers, which can be identified in distribution channels as "Limited Edition" brand pole cucumbers. The labelling on the cardboard cucumber cases indicates the product was packed by Rancho Don Juanito in Mexico (see image below).

Background

The Alaska Division of Public Health has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since August 21, 2015, when a multi-state cluster of Salmonella serotype Poona cases was reported with an unknown source, which included one Alaska case with illness onset on August 2. On August 28, the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory confirmed three additional cases of Salmonella associated with this cluster. Early investigation of the Alaska cases suggested an association with eating cucumbers, among other potential exposures. As of September 4, a total of 10 cases of Salmonella Poona have been confirmed in Alaska residents.

Mounting evidence obtained from Salmonella cases nationwide supports the role of recalled cucumbers from Mexico as the source of this outbreak.

Guidance for health care providers

Health care providers should be aware of the possibility of patients presenting with symptoms of Salmonella infection (e.g., diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps). Stool specimens should be obtained and sent to the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory (ASPHL) for processing. See ASPHL webpage for information on specimen collection and handling:
http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Labs/Pages/publications/default.aspx

Children under 5 years of age, adults over age 65 years, and people with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness. Most people recover in 4 to 7 days, although some people develop severe illness leading to dehydration or invasive disease. In rare cases, infection with Salmonella can lead to death.

Cases of Salmonella are reportable to the Alaska Section of Epidemiology: health care providers should call 907-269-8000 or 800-478-0084 afterhours to report suspected or confirmed cases.

Guidance for the public

If you are unsure if your cucumbers were recalled, throw them out. Your place of purchase or supplier should know the source of your cucumbers. Contact your health care provider if you think you may have become ill after eating cucumbers. Most people will develop signs and symptoms of illness 12-72 hours after exposure to Salmonella.

Salmonella fact sheet: http://epi.alaska.gov/id/dod/foodwater/FactSheet_Salmonellosis.pdf

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section
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Ensuring consistent and effective Title VI enforcement across the federal government

In recognition of the Executive Order's anniversary, we have also produced new resources to assist agencies and the public in their efforts to address the language needs of their communities. The Map App, allows users to scan and download Census data on LEP populations from an interactive map. The interactive maps provide data on the languages spoken by LEP populations at the state and county level for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Additional maps,

located at www.lep.gov/maps, provide both the number and percentage of LEP individuals in each region of the United States. We hope that these resources will help funding recipients and federal partners as they continue to develop their policies, plans, and protocols to provide meaningful language assistance.

Local Foods, Local Places Support Program

Overview

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA,) the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA,) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC,) and the Department of Transportation (DOT,) and accompanying agencies are excited to promote a funding opportunity for projects that support local food efforts and revitalize surrounding living areas. With the intent to provide direct technical assistance to selected communities, **Local Foods, Local Places** aims to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food and promote childhood wellness, and create walkable, healthy, economically vibrant neighborhoods. Although this is not a grant program, this opportunity will help community members develop action plans that use local foods to support healthy families and communities and to drive downtown and neighborhood revitalization.

Key Details

Representatives of communities (including neighborhoods or main street districts) anywhere in the United States are eligible to apply. Applications from communities that are economically challenged and in the early phases of their efforts to promote local foods and community revitalization are especially encouraged to apply. Special consideration will also be given to communities in federally designated Promise Zones or USDA StrikeForce counties.

The application is made up of a formal Letter of Interest, a short supplementary questionnaire, and an optional letter of support.

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. EST, September 15, 2015.

Visit http://www2.epa.gov/smartgrowth/forms/local-foods-local-places-2015-2016-application to apply or receive more information.