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### Help Guide the Next 30 by Completing the Reader Survey

The Epi-News, an official newsletter from the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) specifically for healthcare providers, is celebrating 30 years (1981 – 2011) of publication. In 1981 the WCHD launched the Epi-News as a bi-monthly update for healthcare providers addressing various emerging infectious diseases and related topics. Currently, the Epi-News has more than 800 external subscribers and has broadened its scope to include topics related to chronic diseases, injuries, and maternal and child health. Since 2000 the Epi-News has been published on an *ad hoc* basis, going out when there are public health issues that need to be quickly disseminated to the local medical community. Also since 2000 the Epi-News has been able to take advantage of blast-fax technology to rapidly and inexpensively get information to its readership. During the most recent 5 year period (2007-2011), the Epi-News delivered 91 issues covering 52 topics in 15 categories.

Over the years Epi-News readers have often provided invaluable feedback that has been used to improve the publication and develop ideas for future topics. In recognition of this tradition and to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our readership over the next 30 years, we are launching the first ever official survey of Epi-News readers. Please take a few minutes to tell us what topics you liked most in our recent publications and what topics you would like to hear more about in future issues. Please use this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EpiNewsWCHD> to access an online survey or you can print the following form and fax your completed survey to the WCHD at 775-328-3764 by February 20, 2012. The first 100 respondents with a completed survey will have a chance to win a \$20 Starbucks gift card. Ten winners will be randomly drawn from among the first 100 respondents. The winners must be external subscribers.

Please review the following published topics from 2007-2011 and select up to 20 topics about which you would like to hear more. Also, please tell us about any additional topics that would interest you in the box provided at the end.

Topics	Year of Publication	Select Up to 20 topics
<b>1. Antimicrobial Resistant Infections</b>		
a) Carbapenem Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> in Washoe County	2011	
b) Antibiogram 2009, 2007, 2006	2010 2008 2007	
c) MRSA – Know the Local Data, Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance	2007	
<b>2. Communicable Disease Reporting</b>		
a) Utility of CD reporting in outbreak detection	2011	
b) Timeliness of CD Reporting	2011	
c) Communicable Disease Reporting–When in Doubt, Report it Out	2008	
d) Animal Bite Reporting	2008 2007	
e) Reported Infectious Disease in Washoe County, 2007	2008	
<b>3. Communicable Disease Statistics - Quarterly Statistics</b>	Every year, quarterly	
<b>4. Chronic Diseases &amp; Injuries</b>		
a) Washoe County Obesity Forum	2011	
b) Washoe County Overweight and Obesity across the Lifespan	2011	
c) Diabetes in Washoe County	2010	
d) Overweight and obesity in Washoe county Youth – 2010	2010	
e) Alcohol and Tobacco Use in Washoe County	2009	
f) Physical Activity Guidelines for adults	2009	
g) Childhood Overweight and Obesity in Washoe County	2009	
h) Health Disparities: A Special Look at Local Mortality Data	2008	
i) Seasonal Injuries: Summer	2008	
<b>5. Hepatitis, Viral</b>		
a) Hepatitis Surveillance & Screening	2011	
b) Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Update	2011	

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c) Hepatitis C Exposure at a Medical Clinic – Las Vegas, Nevada	2008	
d) Hepatitis Surveillance and Its Role in Outbreak Investigation	2008	
<b>6. HIV/AIDS/STDs</b>		
a) World AIDS Day: Surveillance Updates from HIV Program	2011, 2010, 2008	
b) Infectious Syphilis	2007	
c) Changes for Gonorrhea Treatment	2007	
d) HPV & HPV Vaccine	2007	
<b>7. Immunization - National Infant Immunization Week</b>		
<b>8. Influenza</b>		
a) Influenza Surveillance Update	Every year	
b) Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection in Humans	2009	
c) Influenza Testing, Treatment & Chemoprophylaxis Recommendation	2009	
d) Influenza Testing, Rotary Flu Shot, Influenza Surveillance	2008	
<b>9. Maternal and Child Health (MCH) - Preconception Health and Care</b>		
<b>10. Meaningful Use - Being a Meaningful User of Electronic Health Records</b>		
<b>11. Miscellaneous</b>		
a) Overview of Syndromic Surveillance in Washoe County	2009	
b) Lead Exposure in Northern Nevada	2009	
c) A better understanding of norovirus	2011	
<b>12. Outbreaks</b>		
a) Overview of Reported Outbreaks in Washoe County	2011	
b) E. coli O104 Outbreak in Germany	2011	
c) High Number of Reported Measles Cases in the U.S. in 2011	2011	
d) Gastroschisis Cluster Investigation in Washoe County, Nevada	2009, 2008	
e) Salmonellosis Outbreak and Scombroid Poisoning	2008	
<b>13. Tuberculosis</b>		
a) World TB Day – Surveillance Updates from TB Program	2011, 2010, 2008	
b) LTBI 12 Dose Regimen	2011	
c) Reporting Requirements & Protocol Guidelines for Infection Control of Hospitalized TB Patients	2009	
d) Tuberculosis – Adaptability through Centuries	2008	
e) A New Test for Tuberculosis - QuantiFERON®-TB Gold	2007	
<b>14. Vaccine Preventable Diseases</b>		
a) Use of PCR for Diagnosing Pertussis	2011	
b) Streptococcus pneumoniae Surveillance in Washoe County	2010 2008	
c) World Pneumonia Day-Need a Better Job on Vaccination	2010	
<b>15. Vector-borne Diseases</b>		
a) WNV Updates for Clinicians	2011 2010	
b) Understanding Two-Test Approach for Lyme Disease	2008	
c) Bed Bug Re-emergence Occurring	2007	
<b>Please tell us any additional topics not previously listed that would interest you. Indicate “none” if no suggestion.</b>		

Archived Epi-News can be found at: <http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/health/cdpp/epinews.html>

Your Facility : \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are representing an office or a group, please indicate to how many ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) individuals in your office the Epi-News is generally circulated.

*Thank you for your time in completing this survey.*

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