

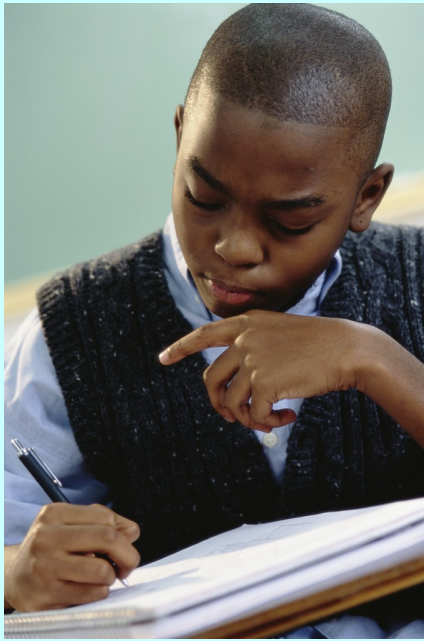


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Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Program

Welcome back to the 2013-14 school year!

The Connecticut State Department of Education's *Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Program* provides consultation to school nurses, school nurse leaders, school administrators and the community regarding the health and safety of students.

The *Health Promotion Services/School Nurse* Web site is located at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse>. As you begin preparing for the new school year, please take the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the available resources located on this Web site as they contain valuable information that informs your work.

Welcome back Connecticut's school nurses and thanks in advance for keeping Connecticut's students in the classroom!

Update on Isoniazid and Tuberculin Skin Test Antigen Shortages

The current status of shortages of isoniazid and purified protein derivative solutions used for tuberculin skin testing (TST) (Tubersol and Aplisol) is as follows:

1. Although the isoniazid supply has been re-established, there are still issues obtaining adequate amounts of the drug and the price has increased due to demand. At this time, the prioritization policy for isoniazid provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program issued on January 22, 2013, remains in effect.
2. There continues to be issues in the supply of both TST solutions, Tubersol and Aplisol. The only manufacturer currently supplying Tubersol has severely restricted orders. The shortage of Tubersol is thus also having an effect on the availability of Aplisol.

As a result of the shortage in Tubersol, **effective immediately and until further notice**, Tubersol will only be provided by the DPH TB Control Program under the following circumstances:

- for the evaluation of persons with suspected TB disease;
- for TB contact investigations;
- for evaluating newly arrived refugees and Class "B" immigrants; and
- for persons at highest risk for progressing to TB disease, if infected (e.g. HIV-positive, children < 5 years old).

Please refer to the full memorandum titled, **Update on Isoniazid and Tuberculin Skin Test Antigen Shortages**, located on the DPH Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/tb>. Please contact the TB Control Program at 860-509-7722 with any questions.

Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ *Update on Isoniazid and Tuberculin Skin Test Antigen Shortages*
- ◆ *Legislation Enacted in the 2013 Regular Session of the Connecticut General Assembly*

Legislation Enacted in the 2013 Regular Session of the Connecticut General Assembly

The Connecticut General Assembly adjourned its 2013 Regular Session on June 5, 2013.

The following partial list of public acts passed during the regular session appear to be applicable and of interest to the health services program in schools. In reviewing this list, please keep in mind that it is important to review the actual and full text of any act that may impact your program.

- Public Act 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children Safety
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00003-R00SB-01160-PA.pdf>
- Public Act 13-53 An Act Concerning Responsibilities of Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/PA/2013PA-00053-R00SB-00821-PA.htm>
- Public Act 13-64 An Act Concerning Community Schools
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00064-R00SB-01002-PA.pdf>
- Public Act 13-173 An Act Concerning Childhood Obesity and Physical Exercise in Schools
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00173-R00HB-06525-PA.pdf>
- Public Act 13-187 An Act Concerning A School Nurse Advisory Council and An Advisory Council On Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated With Streptococcal Infections
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00187-R00SB-01070-PA.pdf>
- Public Act 13-188 An Act Concerning School Safety
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00188-R00SB-01099-PA.pdf>
- Public Act 13-245 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Education Reform Act of 2012
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/amd/S/pdf/2013SB-01096-R00SA-AMD.pdf>
- Public Act 13-297 An Act Concerning Criminal Penalties for Failure to Report Child Abuse
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/PA/2013PA-00297-R00HB-06342-PA.htm>

The Series 2013-14, Circular Letter C-2 to superintendents of schools titled, **Summary of Legislation Enacted in the 2013 Regular Session of the Connecticut General Assembly** is located on the Connecticut State Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/circ/circ13-14/c2.pdf>. This Circular Letter provides a comprehensive summary of all the public acts passed during the regular session that may be of general applicability and interest to school districts. Again, please keep the following in mind when reviewing the summary:

1. Circular Letter C-2 does not describe every 2013 public act affecting the operation of a school district or provide every detail of the acts that are summarized. Since this is only a summary of new legislation, each school staff should review the actual text of any act that may impact his or her district. If this document is being viewed electronically, the text of the act can be accessed by clicking on the title on the index page.
2. The summaries are organized in two parts. The first part contains those newly enacted laws that primarily concern education. The second part contains those newly enacted laws that concern the budget and bond-related public acts affecting education.
3. Following the legislation index is a summary of each enacted bill, including the effective date. In some cases where only portions of a public act relate to education, only those sections of the act have been included in this summary.

Professional Development Opportunities

**Connecticut State Department of Education
Cadre of Nurse Educators
Presentation Criteria/Professional Development Request Form**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (Election Day!)
(E-mail completed form to: glenda.stuckey@ct.gov by September 20,2013)

Date of Request: _____

Requestor: _____

Job Title: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Title of Presentation: _____

Time of Presentation: _____

Location of Presentation: _____

Number of Participants: _____

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Note:

- Upon receipt of this form, an invoice will be sent to your attention via e-mail only.
- CEUs and meals will not be provided. A *Certificate of Attendance* will be issued at the end of the professional development.
- Cadre presentations cost: \$20.00 per person. Up to a maximum of \$260 per school district. Does not include the \$65 per person cost for CPR Training in South Windsor. CPR recertification training is an additional \$65.00 per person.
- Handouts will be e-mailed to your attention prior to the event. Please print and bring with you to the event.
- If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Knutson at stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

Professional Development Opportunities



Full Day Regional Professional Development Opportunities

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (Election Day!)

The Connecticut State Department of Education's Cadre of Nurse Educators will be providing regional professional development opportunities on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (Election Day)!

Registration: Complete the **Presentation Criteria Form** located on page 3 of this *Bulletin* and e-mail to Glenda Stuckey at glenda.stuckey@ct.gov. An invoice will be e-mailed to your attention upon receipt of the completed **Presentation Criteria Form**.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Up to \$260.00 per school district. (**Does not include the \$65.00 per person cost for CPR Training in South Windsor.**)

Deadline for registration: September 20, 2013.

Regional Professional Development Opportunities:

- Bullard Havens, Bridgeport
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Education and Rehabilitation Services: The role of the school nurse and medical advisor in education and rehabilitation services for students with special health care needs. Presented by school Medical Advisor, Dr. Ann Milanese.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Documentation for School Nurses.
- South Windsor
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - CPR Recertification Training for School Nurses (**\$65.00 per person**).
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. The High Tech. of Diabetes

Walk-in registration will not be available at these events.

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