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## 2011 Press Releases

*April 5, 2011***PREVENT INJURIES. DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED.**

(Richmond, Virginia) – The impact of distracted driving is staggering. In the last five years, there were over 140,000 motor vehicle crashes in Virginia that involved driver distraction, which equates to three crashes every hour. [more>>](#)

*April 1, 2011***BEDFORD COUNTYWIDE RABIES CLINICS**

(BEDFORD, Va.) – The Central Virginia Health District announces countywide rabies clinics on Saturday, April 9, 2011 in Bedford County. The rabies clinics are supported by the Bedford Humane Society, Bedford County Sheriff's Office Animal Control, and local Bedford County veterinarians. The cost for vaccination is \$5.00 per animal, cash only. [more>>](#)

*April 1, 2011***RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC AT SALEM CIVIC CENTER APRIL 16**

(SALEM, Va.) – A community-wide rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. until noon. All area residents are invited to bring their pet dogs and cats to be vaccinated for only five dollars (\$5.00) each. Dogs and cats must be three months old or older. Dogs must be on leashes or in carriers; cats must be in carriers. Please bring correct change, cash only. Checks or credit cards cannot be accepted. [more>>](#)

*March 27, 2011*

## **HEALTH OFFICIALS DISCUSS RADIATION MONITORING IN VIRGINIA**

*Multiple monitoring systems across the Commonwealth continue to show no levels of public health concern.*

(Richmond, Va.)— “As a result of the incident with the nuclear power plant in Japan, several EPA air monitors have detected very low levels of radioactive material in the U.S.,” says State Health Commissioner Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP. “To date, none of Virginia’s multiple monitoring systems has detected a level of radioactive material that would pose a public-health concern.”

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*March 24, 2011*

## **TUBERCULOSIS: FACT VS. FICTION**

*Get the Facts on World TB Day March 24*

(Richmond, Va.) Tuberculosis (TB) was the first program established within the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) over a century ago. In spite of the misconception that it is no longer a health threat, TB continues to infect Virginians of all races, ages and walks of life. Do you know fact from fiction when it comes to TB? [more>>](#)

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*March 17, 2011*

## **RABID RACCOON IN GRATTON AREA OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

(TAZEWELL, Va.) – The Tazewell County Health Department has received confirmation that a raccoon collected March 15, 2011 from the Elizabeth Road area of the Gratton community tested positive for rabies infection. This is the first confirmed case of animal rabies in Tazewell County this year. Eight animals were confirmed with rabies in Tazewell County in 2010. [more>>](#)

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*February 26, 2011*

## **Loudoun County Health Department Informing Travelers of Possible Measles Exposure at Dulles International Airport on February 20, 2011**

(Leesburg, Va.) Out of an abundance of caution, Loudoun County Health Department is informing people who were at Dulles International Airport on Sunday, February 20, 2011, from 3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the International Arrivals and Baggage Claim level of the Main Terminal that they may have been exposed to a person with measles. People at risk for exposure on the plane have been identified and are being contacted by their state and/or local health officials. [more>>](#)

*February 22, 2011*

**CITIZENS INVITED TO HEALTH ADVISORY MEETING  
MAR. 10 AT MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE, BIG STONE GAP**

(BIG STONE GAP, Virginia) – The LENOWISCO Health District and your local health departments in Lee, Scott and Wise Counties and the City of Norton are pleased to invite interested individuals to join us in a discussion of health issues, challenges and opportunities in our communities. [more>>](#)

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*February 22, 2011*

**FEBRUARY IS CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

(WISE, Virginia) – The LENOWISCO Health District is pleased to remind parents and children's caregivers throughout our area about National Children's Dental Health Month. Sponsored by the American Dental Association (ADA) each February, the purpose of this recognition month is to better educate ourselves about the importance of good oral health for children. [more>>](#)

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*February 22, 2011*

**FREE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE NOW AT  
SPECIAL CLINICS AND LOCAL HEALTH  
DEPARTMENTS**

(MARTINSVILLE, Virginia) – It is not too late to get a flu shot! The West Piedmont Health District will offer free seasonal flu vaccine at a series of special public clinics in February and March, and during regular clinic hours at local health departments. Vaccine is available to everyone over the age of six months, and will be available in injectable form. [more>>](#)

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*February 17, 2011*

**FREE FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE AT FERRUM COLLEGE,  
FEB. 19**

(MARTINSVILLE, Virginia) – The West Piedmont Health District will offer free seasonal flu vaccine at a public clinic on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Ferrum College, in the Trophy Room of the Swartz Gym. The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vaccine is available to everyone over the age of six months, and will be available in injectable form. [more>>](#)

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*February 9, 2011*

**Influenza Intensity Is High – If you Missed Your Flu  
Shot, Get it Now!**

(Richmond, Va.) Cases of influenza have significantly increased in Virginia. In the past few weeks the intensity of influenza activity has risen from low to high. This means that more people are seeing their doctors for symptoms of influenza now than at any other time during this flu season, and people are at greater risk for catching the flu right now. [more>>](#)

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*February 3, 2011*

#### **NEW RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT OFFERS FREE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE**

(Christiansburg, VA) – It is not too late to get a flu shot! The New River Health District offers seasonal flu vaccine to everyone ages six months and older daily, Monday thru Friday, at no cost to you. For your convenience, you have the choice of an appointment or you can simply walk-in your local health department. [more>>](#)

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*February 3, 2011*

#### **LENOWISCO HEALTH DISTRICT EXPANDS WIC PROGRAM**

(Wise, VA) – The LENOWISCO Health District is pleased to announce the re-opening of satellite clinic locations to offer WIC (Women, Infants and Children) assistance to families.

WIC, a food and nutrition program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, offers free, nutritious food and nutritional information to eligible pregnant and postpartum women and to children from birth to five years of age. This initiative is an effort to reach out to families to bring a very valuable, free service closer to home in order to make it more accessible and convenient for families to participate. [more>>](#)

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*February 3, 2011*

#### **MEDIA ADVISORY – PRESS CONFERENCE**

Local Health Organizations Collaborate for Optimal Breast Health Services for Women in Lee, Wise and Scott Counties and Norton City [more>>](#)

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*February 2, 2011*

#### **FREE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE AT FEBRUARY CLINICS**

(Wise, VA) – It is not too late to get a flu shot! The Lenowisco Health District will offer seasonal flu vaccine to everyone ages six months and up at a series of vaccine clinics in February. All of the following clinics are walk-in, no appointment required, and are at no cost to the patient. The clinics will begin February 2, 2011, run from 8:30 a.m.

until 3:30 p.m., and will continue until the limited vaccine supply is gone. [more>>](#)

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*January 27, 2010*

**PITTSYLVANIA/DANVILLE AND SOUTHSIDE HEALTH DISTRICTS EARN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOGNITION**

*Health Districts honored as "Public Health Ready"*

(DANVILLE, Va.) – As local health departments nationwide strive to protect the public from new and infectious diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters, and other public health threats, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has recognized the Pittsylvania/Danville and Southside Health Districts for their planning and proven ability to respond to public health emergencies. [more>>](#)

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*January 25, 2010*

**ROANOKE CITY AND ALLEGHANY HEALTH DISTRICTS EARN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOGNITION**

*Health Districts honored as "Public Health Ready"*

(ROANOKE, Va.) – As local health departments nationwide strive to protect the public from new and infectious diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters, and other public health threats, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has recognized the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts for their planning and proven ability to respond to public health emergencies. [more>>](#)

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*January 24, 2010*

**CUMBERLAND PLATEAU HEALTH DISTRICT EARNS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOGNITION**

*Cumberland Plateau Health District is honored as "Public Health Ready"*

(LEBANON, Va.) – As local health departments nationwide strive to protect the public from new and infectious diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters, and other public health threats, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has recognized Cumberland Plateau Health District for its planning and proven ability to respond to public health emergencies. [more>>](#)

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