



Grant County Health District – Always Working for a Safer and Healthier Grant County

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Grant County Health District Staff recognized for their H1N1 School Vaccination Program.

GRANT COUNTY – Each year, in celebration of National Public Health Week, the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA) recognizes **Public Health Champions** for their hard work and dedication. The Grant County Health District was recognized for honorable mention in the Exemplary Public Service Health Champion category for their response to the H1N1 influenza outbreak.

Response to the H1N1 outbreak was the largest undertaking in the history of the Grant County Health District.

- Cost was approximately \$360,000 or \$4.50 per resident.
- 100% of Grant County Health District staff participated at various points during the outbreak-24 full time employees of which only 5.4 were nurses.
- More than 70 community volunteers were utilized.
- 8,920 vaccines were given in the span of about 8 weeks; which is about 11% of the County population.
- Throughout the outbreak and mass vaccination effort, the Grant County Health District remained fiscally responsible and retained a majority of services.

“Do I need to say who deserves the nomination? I really feel small compared to these people. Every single employee of the Grant County Health District deserves to be named--that is our team,” stated Dr. Brzezny in response to the nomination and honor. “The health district would not be able to manage the H1N1 response without contribution from the many volunteers and Grant County public health partners. We are truly thankful for their support,” he added.

April 5-11 was National Public Health Week. The Washington State Public Health Association celebrates those who have gone above and beyond to inspire, model, lead and innovate. Health Champions were selected because through their actions, they demonstrated that they were:

- Committed to creating a healthier America.
- Aware of what constitutes a healthy community.
- Aware of public health issues and preventive approaches.
- Examples of the benefits of physical activity and a positive attitude.
- Advocating, organizing, encouraging and inspiring health improvements and an overall healthy lifestyle for themselves, their communities and the nation.

Visit www.wspha.org/Default.aspx?pageId=600080 to view the complete list of 2010 Health Champions.