KDPH Update

Projects in progress in Frankfort

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Public Health Nursing Webinar
December 12, 2020
New administration in Frankfort

New Acting Secretary
Eric Friedlander

New DPH Commissioner
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• BR 269 – Public Health Transformation
• RFP for financial management system for LHDs
• Digitization of Vital Records
• KDPH Accreditation – Site visit January 8-9, 2020
• KDPH “Flood” in the West Wing – update on staff locations
54 Kentucky Counties with Increased Vulnerability to Rapid Dissemination of HIV/HCV Infections Among People who Inject Drugs and Preventive Syringe Services Programs (SSPs)

Specific concerns regarding Kentucky Counties:
1. Dense drug user networks similar to Scott County, Indiana
2. Lack of syringe services programs

National Ranking by County*

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* Vulnerable Counties in RED have Operating SSPs

NOTE: CDC stresses that this is a REGION-WIDE problem, not just a county-specific problem.
Naloxone Distribution with DPH Mobile Unit
Naloxone distribution

• KDPH Mobile Harm Reduction Unit
• First distribution November 2016
• Current to date number of units distributed
  • 4,394 units (two dose per unit)
  • 56 counties (over half in the vulnerable counties)
• HIV and HCV testing
Ending the HIV Epidemic

www.HIV.gov
EVALI
(Electronic Vaping-Associated Pulmonary Injury)

DPH has had 43 patient reports sent for investigation

- Confirmed cases – 6
- Probable cases – 11
- Ruled out as not a case - 9
LAUNCH of the KENTUCKY PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE (KyPQC)
2020 Harm Reduction Summit
“Ending the Epidemics”
May 27-28, 2020

Somerset
Center for Rural Development
Lake Cumberland District Health Department
KIRP (KDAP Income Reinvestment Program)
KIPRC (Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center)
KORE (Kentucky Opioid Response Effort)
KENTUCKY OAR HOTLINE
(Opioid Assistance and Resource)
1-800-854-6813
KYOARHotline.com
Service of the Kentucky POISON Control Center