DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DElegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that in furtherance of the delegation of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Health on September 28, 1979, by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health has delegated to the Director, National Vaccine Program Office the authority under Section 1702(a) [42 U.S.C. 300u–1(a)] and Section 1703(a) and (c) [42 U.S.C. 300u–2(a) and (c)] of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to conduct and support research programs and to conduct and support programs in health information and health promotion, preventive health services, and education in the appropriate use of health care and to support such work by private non-profit entities, respectively.

All previous delegations and redelegations under Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act shall continue in effect, provided that they are consistent with this delegation.

This delegation excludes the authority to issue regulations and to establish advisory committees and councils and appoint their members and shall be exercised in accordance with the Department’s applicable policies, procedures, and guidelines.

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Director, National Vaccine Program Office, or other NVPO officials, which involved the exercise of these authorities prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Dated: April 5, 2013.

Howard K. Koh,
Assistant Secretary for Health.
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Meeting of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition

AGENCY: Office of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition (PCFSN) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 7, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary functions of the PCFSN include (1) Advising the President, through the Secretary, concerning progress made in carrying out the provisions of Executive Order 13545 and recommending to the President, through the Secretary, actions to accelerate progress; (2) advising the Secretary on ways to promote regular physical activity, fitness, sports participation, and good nutrition. Recommendations may address, but are not necessarily limited to, public awareness campaigns; federal, state, and local physical activity; fitness, sports participation, and nutrition initiatives; and partnership opportunities between public- and private-sector health promotion entities; (3) functioning as a liaison to relevant state, local, and private entities in order to advise the Secretary regarding opportunities to extend and improve physical activity, fitness, sports, and nutrition programs and services at the local, state, and national levels; and (4) monitoring the need to enhance programs and educational and promotional materials sponsored, overseen, or disseminated by the Council, and advising the Secretary, as necessary, concerning such need. In performing its functions, the Council shall take into account the federal Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

The PCFSN will hold, at a minimum, one meeting per fiscal year. The meeting will be held to (1) assess ongoing Council activities and (2) discuss and plan future projects and programs. The agenda for the planned meeting is being developed and will be posted at www.fitness.gov when it has been finalized.

The meeting that is scheduled to be held on May 7, 2013 is open to the public. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or special needs who wish to attend the meeting. Persons with disabilities and/or special needs should call (240) 276–9567 no later than close of business on April 23, 2013, to request accommodations.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting are asked to pre-register by sending an email to rsvp.fitness@hhs.gov or by calling (240) 276–9567. Registration for public
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Stakeholder Listening Session in Preparation for the 66th World Health Assembly

Time and date: May 6, 2013, 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EST.
Place: Great Hall of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.
Status: Open, but requiring RSVP to OGA.RSVP@hhs.gov.

Purpose

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—charged with leading the U.S. delegation to the 66th World Health Assembly—will hold an informal Stakeholder Listening Session on Monday, May 6, 3–4:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the HHS Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

The Stakeholder Listening Session will help the HHS’s Office of Global Affairs prepare for the World Health Assembly by taking full advantage of the knowledge, ideas, feedback, and suggestions from all communities interested in and affected by agenda items to be discussed at the 66th World Health Assembly. Your input will contribute to US positions as we negotiate these important health topics with our international colleagues.

The listening session will be organized around the interests and perspectives of stakeholder communities, including, but not limited to:

- Public health and advocacy groups;
- State, local, and Tribal groups;
- Private industry;
- Minority health organizations; and
- Academic and scientific organizations.

It will allow public comment on all agenda items to be discussed at the 66th World Health Assembly http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66/A66_1-en.pdf.

RSVP

Due to security restrictions for entry into the HHS Hubert H. Humphrey Building, we will need to receive RSVPs.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Partnership

Opportunity on a Research Project To Evaluate the Performance of Isolation Gowns

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to support research.

SUMMARY: The NIOSH National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory is initiating a research study in support of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International standards development to establish minimum performance requirements for isolation gowns for health care workers. NIOSH is seeking to identify currently marketed isolation gown products. All manufacturers are requested to submit samples to NIOSH free of charge for testing. There will be no cost to the manufacturers for testing. Not all submitted products may be tested, depending on the response to this announcement and the results of screening tests. Each manufacturer that submits gowns that are tested will receive the test results from their gown. Through submission of the gown samples, manufacturers will be making an important contribution to ASTM, International’s process to establish an important standard for evaluating the protection provided for health care workers by isolation gowns. Participating manufacturers will be recognized as contributing to the establishment of the performance standard. Manufacturers whose products are tested will also receive the results of all gowns tested in a blinded format.

Gown Criteria: Candidate gowns for inclusion in the research program must meet the following criteria: (1) The gowns must be identified (labeled) as "isolation gowns" and have full coverage in the back to provide protection for the health care worker and the patient; (2) A minimum of 100 units for each code (model) of disposable (single use) gown submitted; (3) A minimum of 200 “new” (unprocessed, unused, unwashed) reusable gowns for each model submitted. Reusable gown submissions must include a labeling recommendation for the maximum number of laundering cycles to be included in this study. Half of the gown samples will be tested after one laundering and drying cycle and half of the gown samples will be tested as laundered for the maximum number of cycles claimed by the manufacturer; and, (4) Samples should be provided in finished package format, with any claims that may not be noted on the packaging or labels provided by the manufacturer. NIOSH will not return any gowns submitted for this testing.

DATES: Submit letters of interest to provide gowns and participate in this research program prior to May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested manufacturers should submit a letter of interest with information about their isolation gowns’ capabilities to: NIOSH, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, Attn: Selcen Kilinc, PO Box 186070, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, Email address: fcq@cdc.gov.

Background: It has been reported by user groups (e.g. Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses and Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology) as well as U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), that performance properties and levels of protection for isolation gowns are poorly understood and defined. NIOSH and FDA are currently working with the ASTM International Committee on Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment—Biological Subcommittee, to establish a standard that defines criteria for manufacturer minimum levels of performance for isolation gowns. Development of a standard is expected for this event. Please include your first and last name as well as organization and send it to OGA.RSVP@hhs.gov. If you are not a US citizen please note this in the subject line of your RSVP, and our office will contact you to gain additional biographical information for your clearance. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 29th.

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