# **University Hygienic Laboratory**

# Marketing the Public Health Laboratory

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### The tale of three labs



Lakeside Laboratory





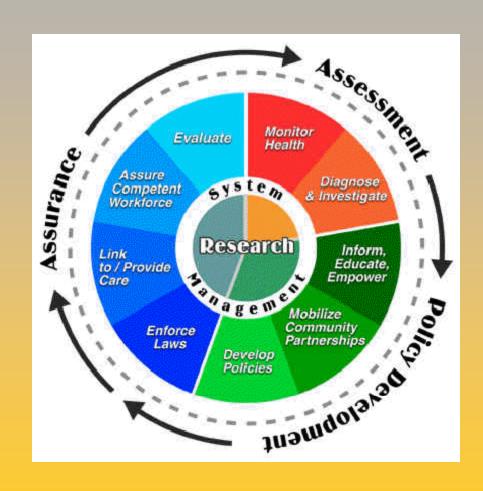
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### Why do I need to market the lab?

- Part of the mission is to educate and inform citizens about public health issues.
- Funding (if they don't know what we do and who we are, they're not going to fund us.
- Creates opportunities for collaborations



# Marketing opportunities

- EVERYONE can play a role
- Telling your story during a crisis
  - Flood of 2008
- When epidemic strikes
  - Novel H1N1
- Reaching new markets
  - DVD-based game
  - Social marketing





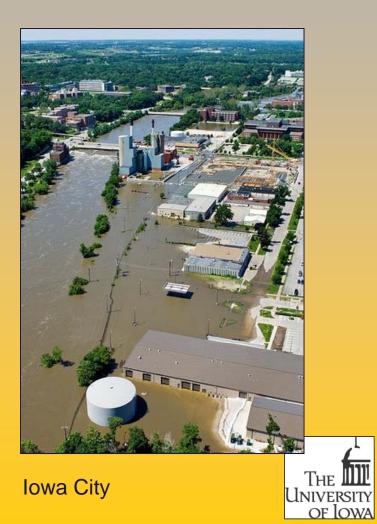
#### Cedar Rapids

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# An unfortunate event



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# Water, water everywhere



Sample collecting

#### In the moment

- Document with photos
- Encourage others to do the same
  - Central network location for photos



Well water testing





# In the spotlight











- Make sure that your colleagues and staff know who receives media calls.
- Don't send a staff person alone with reporter
  - It's OK to say "No."
- Ask for clips and business cards when the request comes in.
- Establish a working space.







### Lab talent



Creating your cast of characters

- Who are the natural speakers?
- Media training
  - FEMA media training
    - Four-hour course: http://www.ruraltraining.org/course/34
    - G290 two-day course
    - Request training:

http://www.iowarespondertraining.com/







### Access to information

#### A coordinated response:

- Flood blog www.uiowa.edu/floodrecovery
- Daily media briefings
- Mutual aid between media relations staff within the UI



#### Be prepared to work remotely

- Network access
- Cell numbers of spokespersons and building



#### security folks

- Update your voice-mail message
- Message on your website



### **Novel H1N1**





Be prepared to tell your story amid crisis

- If your agency using the Incident Command System, be a part of this team to stay informed.
- Establish relationships with reporters now.
- Team with public information officers from other agencies through email distributions.
- Document! Document! Document!





# Making the most of media coverage

- Prep staff before an interview by going over draft questions and possible responses.
- Make sure that laboratory staff are wearing gloves and other required protective

gear.

- There's no such thing as "off the record."
- Be present when staff are doing interviews.
- Keep copies of all coverage.
- Highlight media coverage in your newsletters.
- Make this a positive experience for staff.
  - Alert them when the story airs.







#### Before the storm

- What is your media policy?
- Buy a digital camera and learn to use it.
- Prepare your staff with media training.
- Determine where reporters will be allowed to film.
- Identify experts for interviews and support personnel to gather data and photos.
- Create a template for press releases or a template for other messaging
- Internal newsletter or other regular update to partners







# Market Through Training

#### **NOVEL HINI INFLUENZA — FALL UPDATE**

This free operator-assisted teleconference provides updates on Novel H1N1:

- Overview of novel and seasonal influenza
- Guidelines for testing and result interpretation
- · Public health surveillance
- Your role in prevention and control

#### Wednesday, Aug. 26

- 12 1 p.m. for laboratories Target audience: laboratory staff, lab directors, infection control professionals Dial in Number: 877.313.6467 Participant Code: 24732341
- 1:30 2:30 p.m. for health professionals Target audience: clinicians, infection control professionals, clinic staff, clinic directors, public health professionals

Dial in Number: 877.313.6467 Participant Code: 24736628

3 - 4 p.m. for schools, childcare and social settings — Target audience: school nurses and administrators, childcare providers, persons supervising/coordinating social gatherings

Dial in Number: 877.313.6467

Participant Code: 24737355

No registration required.

Please try to limit to one phone line per site.





- Listserves
- Newsletter
- Partners
- Website
- Hard copies
  - Mail
  - Ask Partners to

distribute

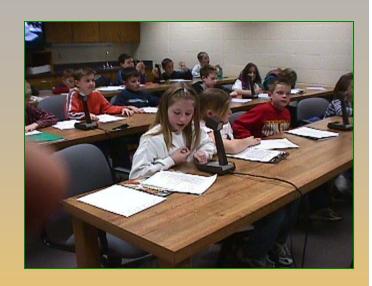






### K-12 Classes







Beth Hochstedler Erin Graf Grades: 7-12 Tuesday, March 4, 2008 10:00 - 10:50 am

Are you looking for adventure? Within the next five years, many public health professionals will retire, opening the door to a variety of fascinating careers for today's young adults. To find out just how interesting life can be, join Beth Hochstedler and Erin Graf for a glimpse of public health and the unexpected professions found inside. We think you'll be surprised.





# Student Grant Program

The University Hygienic Laboratory has two facilities; one in lows City and the other in Anxeny, lows, outside of Des Moines. You can find additional information suit-able online at www.uhl.ulowa.edu. Our phone number is



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#### What is a Student Grant?

UHL's student grant includes both the funding and scientific expertise that helps students take an idea for research and follow it through to implementation as a science project. Students and teachers work together to create an idea for a grant project and submit it with a completed registration from.

Forms are available on our website www.uhl.uiowa.edu.

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K - 12 IOWA PUBLIC
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To view complete class descriptions & register, go to http://www3.iptv.org/and click on K-12 Connections.

All classes will originate from the Oakdale Hall ICN room.

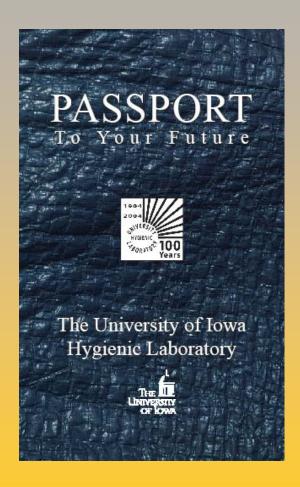


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# Internships/Practicum/Fellowships











# Job shadow/tours









### Did You See That?

- Press release
- Media coverage
- Download from web
  - www.uhl.uiowa.edu
- National presentations









### Takin' it to the Streets

- Hands-on
  - Wet Workshops
  - Symposiums
  - Professional Forums
- ICN (lowa Communication Network)
- Teleconferences
- Webinars















# **Social Marketing**



- Facebook page
  - Become a fan!
  - Create your own!
- YouTube
- Podcast
- Electronic newsletter
  - Send email to Pat to join





### **Questions?**

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