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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce updates to the Chronic Disease Indicators (CDI) web application. Established in 1999, the CDIs are a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Population Health in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. The CDIs provide public health agencies with access to the most relevant, up-to-date, and uniformly-defined chronic disease surveillance data at the state and county level. Drawing upon numerous data sets to collect information, there are 18 topic groups that comprise 124 indicators. The CDI website (www.cdc.gov/cdi) is the only integrated source for comprehensive access to a wide range of key indicators for the surveillance of chronic diseases, conditions, and risk factors. The website also provides an online tool for users to compare data on the prevalence of chronic diseases at state and national levels.

The latest web application reflects the 2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data and updates several hospitalization and mortality indicators. The update also adds race/ethnic stratifications to the existing sex stratifications for many indicators, allowing users to view data for five different race and ethnic groups. Finally, the web application now includes the capability for users to select from multiple available years of data while the newly-added GIS-enabled mapping allows additional data display flexibility, enabling users to pan and zoom within the map and select the map legend settings to view different numbers of map classes and different classification types (e.g., equal interval, natural breaks, etc.) for determining the breakpoints for each map class.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of the CDI.

Many of our colleagues at state health departments across the country have been engaged in this process over the years, making it a true example of collaboration among state health departments and CDC. These updates will help ensure that CDI remains a relevant and up-to-date collection of chronic disease surveillance data for epidemiologists, chronic disease program officials, and other professionals working in federal, state, and local public health.

Sincerely,

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