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WVDHHR recognized nationally for H1N1 communications

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources received two awards on Tuesday, Oct. 12 during the National Public Health Information Coalition's (NPHIC) 20th annual conference in San Diego, Calif. for excellence in public health promoting H1N1 awareness in West Virginia through a partnership with the West Virginia Department of Education.

The silver award winning project titled, "Parents: What you need to know about H1N1 and the school" is an interactive web-tool enabling parents of school age children to select one of many frequently asked questions. WV State Health Officer Cathy Slemple provided videotaped responses to the questions.

The bronze award went to a video depicting Slemple addressing students and faculty regarding H1N1. This video was shown on closed circuit television to schools across the state.

At the NPHIC conference, twenty states were recognized during the awards ceremony at the event for various public health awareness efforts. NPHIC consists of public information officers and health communicators from state and local territories across the country.

For more information about the awards received, contact Toby Wagoner at the DHHR's Division of Immunization Services.