

**The *Congressional Study Group on Public Health*
Welcomes**

Dr. Julie Gerberding

Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF BRIEFING

562 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Thursday, February 14th

10 am until noon.

Dear Colleague:

As members of Congress who share a strong interest in protecting the health of the American public, we launched the ***Congressional Study Group on Public Health*** in March 2007. Since that time we have convened more than half a dozen briefings and have plans for many more in 2008.

Our congressional member organization is focused on educating members and staff about public health issues. To this end, the Study Group has sponsored seminars and disseminated literature covering a wide range of timely public health topics. We have invited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health officials to help us provide congressional leaders and staff with a more complete understanding of – and easier access to – the myriad of important health protection efforts being undertaken by the federal government.

The CDC's health protection work covers far more than many in Congress realize. The agency's work on domestic and global tracking of infectious disease, bio-terrorism preparedness and vaccine programs are all well known. Many of their equally important but less dramatic public health efforts – work that can save lives and taxpayers dollars – is less well known to Congress and the public.

Please join us as we welcome **CDC Director, Dr. Julie Gerberding** and several of her top agency staff as they discuss the public health issues facing our country. This is our second meet-and-greet with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition to Dr. Gerberding, speakers include:

- ◆ **Dr. Ileana Arias**, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
- ◆ **Janet Collins**, Director National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- ◆ **Rich Besser**, Director, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Response
- ◆ **Denise Cardo**, Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

Please RSVP to the February 14th briefing. You may also **join the Congressional Study Group on Public Health** by contacting Lisa Salerno (5-6101) with Rep. McGovern or Catherine Knowles (5-5071) in Rep. Granger's office.

Sincerely,



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