



## NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Envisioning Healthy People in Healthy Places

### 2015 Policy Update – New York State Public Health Association

**NYSPHA supports the following legislation which had significant movement in 2015:**

- **Increased adult immunizations provided by pharmacists**
  - Gives certified pharmacists permanent authority to administer vaccines to adults as authorized by physicians and nurse practitioners
  - Expands immunization authority for pharmacists to administer TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccines) to adults
  - This bill has been signed by the Governor
  
- **Meningococcal vaccine requirement**
  - Requires 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive a meningococcal vaccine
  - This bill has been signed by the Governor
  
- **E-cigarette**
  - Amended Albany County's Clean Indoor Air (CIA) law to include the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (i.e. e-cigarettes)
  - This bill has made it to the Senate floor but has yet to be voted on
  
- **Salt Warning Label**
  - The New York City Health Department says chain restaurants with 15 or more locations in the U.S. must display a salt shaker icon next to menu items or combo meals that contain 2,300 milligrams (the recommended daily limit) of sodium or more
  - Restaurants have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to comply, after that they can be fined
  - The NYC Salt Warning Law was passed in December 2015, however implementation of the fines are currently on hold after an injunction was issued by the National Restaurant Association



## Stay Tuned for 2016...

- The Governor's executive budget revealed that there were no cuts to public health spending; a major win for NYSPHA
- NYSPHA's Annual Meeting and Conference will take place **April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, NY where we will highlight the theme of "Building a Healthier Future Through Collaboration"
- The Day at the Capitol will be held on **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016** so **SAVE THE DATE!**

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