



Announcement February 12, 2010

Partnership for Healthy Living;
Please note the Media advisory below and the attachments included with this email. This will be a very useful tool for everyone moving forward.

Hoping all is well,

From the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin...

**MEDIA ADVISORY – Health Briefing
COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Wisconsin to Launch First County-by-County State Health Rankings**

February 17, 2010 – Washington, D.C.

Are the wealthiest counties in a state also the healthiest? Are counties with more primary care providers healthier? How do counties measure up on access to healthy foods, diabetic screening, binge drinking, tobacco use, obesity rates, and high school graduation rates, and how are these factors linked to health?

The *County Health Rankings* – to be released on February 17 at a briefing in Washington, D.C. -- will allow anyone, **for the first time**, to look at how healthy their county is, see what factors affect their health and compare their county to others within their state.

A collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, the *Rankings* are a new way for public health and community leaders to measure the health of every county in every state in the nation so they can see how well they are doing and where they need to improve.

A panel of experts representing local and state public health departments and public health policy, education, and business sectors will discuss the rankings and ways to mobilize communities to overcome health barriers and help make all counties healthier places to live, learn, work, and play.

WHAT: *County Health Rankings* briefing

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

WHERE: Columbus Club at Union Station
50 Massachusetts Av NE
Washington, DC 20002

RSVP: [RSVP for this event online](#)

WEBCAST: The briefing will be webcast live. We will send a link to those who RSVP as soon as it's available.

Speakers Will Include:

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

David R. Williams, M.P.H., Ph.D., Norman Professor of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health

Patrick Remington, M.D, M.P.H., Associate Dean for Public Health, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Andrew Webber, President and CEO, National Business Coalition on Health

Judith A. Monroe, M.D., FAAFP, State Health Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health

Donald Shell, M.D., M.A., Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department

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