



# Media Advisory

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## **Making Connecticut Safer: Two Hands at a Time** Connecticut Launches Hand Washing Campaign to Address Healthcare Associated Infections

**TO:** News Departments/Reporters

**WHAT:** The launch of Connecticut's new hand washing campaign, designed to raise awareness of every resident's role in reducing healthcare-associated infections. Hospitals and nursing homes will be asked to pledge their support for the campaign and to help sustain year-long educational efforts to protect their patients, employees, and Connecticut's communities.

The kick-off event and educational campaign are part of a larger health-care associated infections initiative, including a statewide reporting system for health care associated infections.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 13, 2008  
10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Old Judiciary Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, State Capitol, Hartford

**WHO:** Speakers:

- Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. J. Robert Galvin
- Dr. Richard Garibaldi, Chairman, Department of Medicine, UCONN Health Center
- Susan MacArthur, RN, Infection Control Practitioner, Hartford Hospital

Connecticut Hospital CEOs, Connecticut Nursing Home Directors, and members of the Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee will also be in attendance.

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