



Obesity Prevention Initiative Act

Public Hearings

The Illinois Department of Public Health will host a series of public hearings in accordance with the Obesity Prevention Initiative Act (PA 96-0155). The purpose of these hearings is to illuminate the social and human costs of obesity and to highlight existing state and community level initiatives; identify existing plans and opportunities for action and expansion of initiatives; inform policy makers and the public about effective solutions to the problem; and identify and engage stakeholders to promote action to reduce obesity, improve nutrition and increase physical activity.

Interested stakeholders are invited to attend and testify at the hearings, including: Community based organizations, local health departments, health care providers, health issue groups, physical activity professionals, nutritionists, educators, PTAs, chambers of commerce, parents, employers, county and municipal planners, and other interested parties.

WHEN:

Chicago February 26, 2010 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Michael A. Bilandic Building 160 N. LaSalle, Room C-500 Chicago, IL
Springfield March 8, 2010 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Illinois Dept. of Agriculture 801 Sangamon Ave. Gate 11, Auditorium Springfield, IL
Carbondale March 15, 2010 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Carbondale City Hall/Civic Center 200 South Illinois Ave., Room 108 Carbondale, IL

- Those wishing to participate in these hearings may sign-in at each location
- **Please limit oral testimony to three (3) minutes**
- Please provide a written copy of your testimony
- Please consider the following questions in your testimony:
 - What are examples of effective programs and interventions to address obesity?
 - What policy, program, and coordination solutions exist to address the obesity epidemic in Illinois?
 - How can Illinois work more effectively to combat obesity?

If you are not able to attend one of the hearings and would like to submit written testimony, please send your testimony to DPH.MAILUS@illinois.gov with "Obesity Initiative" in the subject line. The deadline for written testimony is March 15, 2010.

For additional information please visit www.idph.state.il.us or contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-557-0496.