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Tri-County Health Department Promotes the Benjamin Franklin Exhibition at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science

The Tri-County Health Department is helping to promote the Denver Museum of Nature & Science exhibition “*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World.*” The traveling exhibition, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Franklin’s birth, is open now through May 20.

The Benjamin Franklin exhibition is included free with general admission to the museum, and Tri-County Health Department is offering \$2 off each general admission with downloadable coupons on their website, www.tchd.org. Coupons are only valid through April 30.

“We are promoting this educational exhibition because Benjamin Franklin was a pioneer in the field of public health,” states Richard L. Vogt, MD, Executive Director of Tri-County Health Department. “His achievements include opening the first public hospital in the US, supporting vaccinations for smallpox, designing innovations in refrigeration and heating, promoting the benefits of regular exercise and recognizing the hazards of exposure to lead.”

“Franklin was also far ahead of his time as one of America’s first environmentalists, through his efforts in conservation, improving sanitation and speaking out against the pollution that tanneries emptied into rivers,” Vogt added.

Also included free with general admission is the Museum’s Hall of Life, an exhibit full of science activities that show how the body works and what you can do to keep it healthy. Many of the displays explain the fundamentals of public health and prevention. Visitors can pick up a plastic card at the entrance that will record their health information as they travel through the exhibit, tally their answers to health quizzes and provide a personalized printout at the exit.

For more information about the Benjamin Franklin exhibition, the Hall of Life and \$2 savings coupons, visit the Tri-County Health Department website at www.tchd.org.