

Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic-portal/updates/>.

- Upcoming state holidays
- FFY 2025 budget planning survey
- Vote on eWIC card design
- New text messaging policy and toolkit available on the LA Portal

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES OFFER

The Department of Health and Senior Services' Prenatal Substance Use Prevention program is searching for an organization interested in housing life like infant manikins. The set of manikins represent infants with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), prenatal drug exposure, and healthy characteristics. Organizations can utilize the manikins to demonstrate the effects of prenatal substance use to promote healthy pregnancies. The drug-affected manikin will emit the effects of withdrawal. The FAS manikin features some of alcohol's devastating effects. Individuals visualize all three manikins together to compare the effects of prenatal substance use. The manikins are provided at no cost along with educational materials, but does require bi-annually reporting on the usage. If your organization is interested in housing the manikins or if you know of another organization that might be interested, please contact Megan Hammann at: Megan.Hammann@health.mo.gov.

HEAD START LEAD TESTING EVENT SIGN-UPS!!!

The DHSS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) wants to partner with you to offer testing events at your local Head Start. What does this look like? DHSS will provide test kits and the point-of-care testing device along with staff to run the machine, local Health Departments will provide lancets, band aids, stickers (optional) and nurses to collect the blood, and Head Start programs get consent for testing from the parents. We travel onsite to conduct the testing which helps families access lead testing opportunities. If you are interested in partnering with DHSS and your local Head Start, please complete the sign-up form. If you have questions, please contact Maggie Burns at: Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov or Teresa Wortmann at Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov. You may call 573-751-6102 and ask for the CLPPP nurses. Click [here](#) for request form.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK -- MAY 12 - 18

During [National Women's Health Week](#) each year, millions of women take steps to improve their health. The week serves as a reminder for women to make their health a priority and build positive health habits for life. National Women's Health Week kicks off on Mother's Day, May 12, and is celebrated through May 18. The Office on Women's Health has the publication "[Women: Take Charge of Your Health](#)" and "[My Health Tracking Card](#)" available. This publication offers information about common health concerns for women, risk factors for disease, and ways to take charge of your health. For more information on Women's Health visit: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/index.php>.

[LPHA Job Opportunities](#)

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozarks Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) will be presenting awards on September 18 at the Public Health Conference in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Expo Center. **Check out the many Awards and Scholarships available on the MPHA website!** Nominations for both are due by September 1, and can be found at: [Scholarships - MOPHA - Missouri Public Health Association](#). Call MPHA if you have any questions: 573.634.7977. We look forward to your participation.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

For additional DHSS Job Opportunities, please visit the MO Careers website [here](#).

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Upcoming Courses

Please view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). See [flyer](#) for registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

FREE Show Me Education and Compliance Training for Tobacco and Nicotine Retailers

During the 2023 FDA compliance check inspections, tobacco retailers sold to underage persons 13% of the time - that's more than 1 in 10. Please share this new training developed to increase compliance with sales laws and decrease sales and youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. Owners, managers, and clerks of establishments that sell tobacco and nicotine products are highly encouraged to utilize this free resource. This training includes addressing youth access in the retail environment, and an overview of federal, state, and local laws. Those taking the training will also receive an overview of the various agencies responsible for regulating and enforcing the tobacco industry and tools to help detect false identification. **Access the resource:** <https://showmetobacco.education/>.

MOCPE Accreditation Cohorts | Beginning May and June | Virtual

We're excited to announce three new accreditation cohorts starting in May and June this year. Whether you're new to accreditation or seeking reaccreditation, there's a cohort for you. The CHA/CHIP Cohort will focus on developing or updating CHA/CHIP documents. The Strategic Planning Cohort will help LPHAs craft effective strategic plans. For those seeking PHAB Reaccreditation, this cohort will dive into the specifics. **View the flyer to sign up.** Don't miss the chance to elevate your organization's accreditation journey! For more information, email: accreditation@mocphe.org.

Free Opioid Training Opportunity

The *Illicit Fentanyl Crisis & Drug Poisonings: Understanding, Awareness, Action* training will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Branson Chamber of Commerce, 4100 Gretna Rd Branson, MO 65616. This training is presented by Brian Townsend, MOCIC Law Enforcement Training Coordinator. For questions and to register, please email: training@mocic.riss.net.

Missouri Rural Health Association Trainings

Please see links below for upcoming billing and coding training opportunities.

[ICD-11 Coding Readiness and Implementation: PART 1](#)

When: May 10 from 12:00 to 13:00 (CT)

[ICD-11 Coding Readiness and Implementation: PART 2](#)

When: Jun 28 from 12:00 to 13:00 (CT)

[Clinical Documentation, Coding, and Billing for Providers](#)

When: Jun 14 from 13:00 to 16:30 (CT)

A Beginner's Guide to CHA/CHIP/Strategic Planning | May 13 10:00 am-11:30 am | Virtual

Join our beginner-friendly virtual training on CHA, CHIP, and Strategic Planning. Perfect for newcomers or those seeking a refresher, you'll learn the essentials of these interconnected plans through interactive discussions and practical exercises. This session is your guide to crafting a sustainable community health improvement strategy and kickstarting your accreditation journey. Email: accreditation@mocphe.org with questions.

Register Here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMucu-rrD8qGdMHB-ZtoXtueUNsfDuTXb6W#/registration>.

Readiness Assessment Training for Missouri Local Public Health Agencies

Join PHAB to learn more about the PHAB Readiness Assessment process, including an overview of the assessment, approaches to completing the assessment, and its benefits. To register go to: <https://phaboard.org/accreditation-recognition/getting-started/>.

Current dates available include:

- June 25 from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
- August 28 from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Please contact: educationservices@phaboard.org with any questions.

2024 MO Healthcare Workforce Summit: Building Bridges, Shaping Futures: Healthcare Collaboration & Innovation in Missouri

The Summit will be held June 11 at Courtyard Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO 65101. Missouri healthcare leaders face unrelenting challenges every day! This all-day workshop provides the tools and strategies needed to navigate challenges and emerge stronger than ever. This is an interactive experience you want to be part of featuring keynotes, expert panels, and collaborative sessions. You will gain insights into the most pressing issues such as affordability, miscommunication across teams, and improving access to care. Come and learn best practices for workforce development, innovation, and navigating global issues. This event offers the opportunity to network with colleagues and share experiences. Plus, you will leave with a tangible and actionable plan to lead your organization and community towards a healthier future! For more information or to register see [flyer](#).

LPHA New Administrator Orientation — July 10-July 11

We are gearing up for our New Administrator Orientation and we hope you can join us for the big event in Jefferson City at the Courtyard by Marriott on July 10 and July 11! As always you don't have to be new to join us! We love having our seasoned LPHA's join us as well! Seasoned LPHAs, your knowledge, stories, and expertise are vital to what makes this training successful. It is a great way to get to know and welcome your new colleagues!

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: Like our orientations in the past, we **WILL** pay for your hotel room cost on July 9 and 10.

MEALS: We will provide lunch on July 10 **AND** breakfast and lunch on July 11.

PLEASE NOTE: We do **NOT** provide dinner at the conclusion of day one, July 10, but we do like to get everyone together as a group to go out to dinner and visit. This is our networking time and other staff from DHSS join us for dinner. It is always a great time with lots of laughs and we encourage you to come!

DAY 1 – Wednesday, July 10 - This day starts early with an **OPTIONAL** tour of the Missouri State Public Health Lab at 10:00 am, but please arrive no later than 9:45 am for check-in as there is a special security procedure you will need to go through. If you have never been on a tour of the lab, I highly recommend it as our SPHL is truly something special! If you opt out of the SPHL tour, the day will start at the hotel at 12:30 pm. Reminder...you don't have to worry about lunch, we promise we will feed you when you arrive at the hotel!

DAY 2 – Thursday, July 11- On this day, breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am and the first session will start at 8:00 am and ending time is tentatively set for 2:30 pm.

Please register using the following link: https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI.

Registration will close on May 31. As soon as registration closes, we will send out a confirmation email on June 3 and you will have 3 days to respond to confirm your attendance. The agenda and additional information will be sent out soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Harrison at: jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME WIC CERTIFIER—Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), has an opening for a full-time WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children food and nutrition program and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions and risk factors assignment. The Nutrition Coordinator may delegate supervision of the WIC Certifier to the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) regarding program standard eligibility duties and activities. For more information, visit: clayhealth.com.

HR SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER & INTERN – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time HR Specialist Volunteer and Intern. The Human Resources Specialist is responsible for performing administrative duties within the Operations Team, including but not limited to assisting with human resources processes and general agency-related activities as assigned. This position oversees the volunteer and intern program. Visit: clayhealth.com.

CONTRACTED ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST -- Christian County Health Department (Full-time)

A High school diploma or equivalent is required with a degree in accounting or similar area preferred. Two years medical billing and accounting experience required; five years preferred. A working knowledge of medical billing coding and contract reimbursement practices needed. Must have a proven ability to work successfully with billing programs, general ledger applications and reimbursement applications. The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of medical billing methods with a meticulous level of accuracy in all billing and accounting functions. Knowledge and use of generally acceptable contract billing accounting principles with proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office, specifically Excel, and QuickBooks software. Responsible for the overall maintenance of contracted accounts; maintenance includes duties such as billing Medicaid, Medicare, and other contracted accounts; ensures reimbursement documentation for contracted accounts is available and accurate per contract specifications; performs accounts payable functions; and computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions to ensure the financial records of the Department's contracted accounts are accurate per contract specifications; engages with external financial consultants on billing or financial matters and accurately maintains and updates general ledger and backup documentation; works with auditor preparing needed documentation ensuring contract financial deliverables are met and ready for audit; may reconcile or assist with reconciliation of all health department bank accounts timely; develops and maintains a system to timely pay all routine bills; May prepare or assist with preparing monthly financial statements, annual audits, and any ad hoc reports; Complies with federal, state, and company policies, procedures and regulations; serves as a back-up to front desk staff, including fingerprinting identification service; performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. Salary range is \$39,000-\$47,940.00, depending on experience. Resumes should be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

ADMINISTRATOR – Macon County Health Department

Macon County Health Department is in the process of accepting applications for an Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for all aspects and functions of managing the health department, to include managing staff, public health programs, and community relations; all aspects of business control including strategic planning, human resources, fiscal management, emergency planning, and policy management. Duties include department Security Officer, Custodian of Records, County Health Officer, and Local Registrar. Position is accountable to an elected Board of Trustees. Administrator is a salaried position working a minimum of 40 hours each week, requiring a Bachelor's Degree and three years minimum supervision/management experience. Essential skills include ethical conduct; exceptional written and verbal communication skills; financial, business and leadership acumen; with a good head for strategic thinking. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include health and life insurance, optional supplemental insurances for vision and dental, Lager's retirement, accrued vacation and sick time, and several paid holidays. Submit completed application (Quick Links/Forms tab at www.maconmohealth.org) and resume' by 5:00 p.m. June 15 to: Macon County Health Department, 503 N. Missouri Street, Macon, MO 63552. Or email: mchambers@maconmohealth.org.

FULL-TIME NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT/WIC CERTIFIER—St Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health has an opening for a full-time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children Food and Nutrition Program (WIC) and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions, and risk factors assignment. More information can be found: [here](#).

FULL-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST — City of St. Joseph Health Department

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for a full-time nutritionist in the WIC program. The nutritionist will assist with administering the WIC program while following the policies and procedures established by the Federal and State government, and participate in the development and implementation of nutritional counseling and education for the local Women/Infant/Children (WIC) Nutrition Program. No supervisory responsibilities. Limited budgetary responsibilities. Helps coordinate nutrition and breast-feeding services provided to participants in the WIC Program. For more information, and to apply, please click: [here](#).

FULL-TIME REGISTERED DIETITIANS — St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health has an opening for a WIC Health Education Supervisor (Registered Dietitian). This is a full time, grant funded, Registered Dietitian position working out of the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Road. The WIC Supervisor position requires a minimum of one year of Registered Dietitian experience. The Department of Public Health also has two additional Registered Dietitian positions that would work in the Health Center medical clinics at the John C. Murphy Health Center at 6121 N. Hanley Road and the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Rd. doing a mixture of Medical Nutrition Therapy and WIC. For additional information or to apply online visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis> and search for WIC Health Education Supervisor and/or Registered Dietitian.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST — Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Environmental Public Health Specialist. Duties include administering and enforcement of Federal, State and local statutes, ordinances and regulations related to public health and sanitation; to encourage sound sanitary and environmental health practices; and to protect the environment and the public. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN— Texas County Health Department

Texas County Health Department has an opening for a Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. Hours based on availability. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economic, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by email at: wells@texasmo.org or mail: 950 N Hwy 63 Suite 500 Houston, MO 65483. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE/RN -- Warren County Health Department

Warren County Health Department has an opening for a Public Health Nurse/RN. Warren County offers a competitive total compensation package. We are looking for a great RN who would love to work full-time with our community- usual schedule is Monday-Friday days (all State and Federal Holidays off)! New grads are welcome to apply. Click for the full job description and application: <https://warrencountyhealth.com/hiring-full-time-rn-position/> or email your resume to: swhite@warrencountymo.org.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE— Washington County Health Department

The Washington County Health Department in Potosi, Missouri is seeking applicants for a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN) that will serve as a Public Health Nurse for our agency. Public Health Nurse position purposes will include, but not be limited to, performing communicable disease nursing including food borne illness, infection control with hospitals, tuberculosis case management, and clinic staff nursing. Duties will also include administering immunizations to all ages, pregnancy testing, STD testing and providing education on public health matters to the community. This position must maintain an active Missouri license or a license from a participating board for monitoring purposes. Must complete continuing education that may require some out of town travel. This position is Full time, Monday-Friday. Community health experience is desirable. Compensation based on education and experience. Interested applicants shall send their resume to: csims@wcmohealth.org. Resumes may also be dropped off Monday through Friday, between 8am and 4pm to the agency at 520 Purcell Drive in Potosi, MO. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Washington County Health Department is an equal-opportunity employer.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff
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