Friday Facts

October 13, 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

NEW DHSS OPIOIDS WEBSITE
The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has created a new comprehensive opioids website. In 2016, 1 in every 66 deaths in 2016 was due to an opioid or heroin overdose. The opioid epidemic affects all genders, races, and many age groups in both rural and urban geographies. The new website contains extensive data, maps, charts, and infographics. DHSS has also partnered with the MO HOPE Project to help provide education and resources. DHSS has scheduled Opioid Summits across the state for individuals interested in learning about efforts in combatting the opioid crisis and how to bring awareness to communities across the state. Registration for each location opens approximately one month prior to the event. Please share with partners who also may be interested in learning about Missouri’s efforts to combat opioids. For more information, please contact Kimberley Sprenger at Kimberley.Sprenger@health.mo.gov.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK
Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 22 to 28. Blood lead screening and/or testing is recommended for all pregnant women and for all children up to age 72 months, as well as for those who may have occupational or other exposure to sources of lead. Lead ingestion causes many irreversible neurological, behavioral, and physical problems especially to developing fetuses and children under the age of 72 months, but lead can be toxic at any age. Questions about lead poisoning and prevention can be directed to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services’ Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology at 573-751-6102.

INTERNATIONAL SHAKEOUT DAY
At 10:19 a.m. on October 19, millions of people will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever: ShakeOut! Why? Earthquakes can happen anywhere you work, live, or travel, which is why everyone, everywhere should know how to protect themselves should an earthquake occur. Please register at http://www.ShakeOut.org/register to practice and improve your level of earthquake safety. Everyone, everywhere can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, government agencies, and organizations are all invited to join at 10:19 a.m. on October 19.
BUCKLE UP/PHONE DOWN DAY
Friday, October 20 is Buckle Up/Phone Down Day. The challenge is simple: when you get into any vehicle, buckle up your safety belt. If you are a driver, put the cell phone down. Turn it off if you have to. No texting and no talking unless hands are free. By buckling up and putting your phone down, even for one day, you will be doing your part to make Missouri’s roads safer. Let’s save lives and turn this day into a week, month, and eventually every trip, every time. For more information, please click here.

REIMAGINING APPROACHES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
The Missouri Foundation for Health is inviting organizations in the region to reimagine approaches to strengthen the services, systems, and networks that impact vulnerable Missourians’ ability to access health care. The deadline for the second round of applications is December 3. For more information and to apply, please click here.

ORAL HEALTH/FLUORIDE VARNISH PROGRAM
The Office of Dental Health seeks three to four local public health agencies, with WIC programs, that may be interested in establishing an Oral Health/Fluoride Varnish Program. If you are interested, please contact Dr. John Dane, Dental Director, at john.dane@health.mo.gov.

MICH LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE
The Missouri Institute for Community Health's (MICH) new website is available at www.michweb.org. You'll find information about the new standards and accreditation process, resources, research, and other services available through MICH. If the old website is popping up when you enter the web address, try refreshing the page or reloading the page on your browser. If you need any assistance, please contact Dennis@michweb.org or janet@michweb.org.

ATTENTION CLINICAL SUBMITTERS TO THE MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY: STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IMPLEMENTING NEW INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) is in the process of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in multiple testing laboratory areas. Specifically, the laboratory areas included in this phase are ALL clinical samples with the EXCEPTION of Newborn Screening, HIV, Gonorrhea/Chlamydia, and Syphilis tests. The OpenELIS(OE) LIMS will provide the laboratory with improved sample management capability, improved data integrity, and reduced potential for human data entry error. In addition, the system will provide improved reporting capabilities including a web portal that MSPHL submitters can use to view and print their own test results in real time. On October 2, the MSPHL plans to “go-live” with the new OE LIMS. Samples submitted after that date should be submitted on the new Test Request Forms that can be accessed on the Laboratory’s website. Please discard or recycle all old forms at that time. For more information, please read MSPHL Clinical LIMS Implementation or contact the MSPHL at 573-751-3334.

“TOBACCO AT 21” - REDUCING SMOKING AMONG YOUTH WITH POLICY CHANGE
System-level change through public policy is often the most impactful approach for health improvement. Learn about the four key steps that the Trenton, New Jersey Health Team took to successfully enact the youth tobacco policy change (Tobacco 21 ordinance). With support from Conduent Healthy Communities Institute and the Public Goods Project on educational and behavioral change campaigns, Trenton is implementing the "Tobacco at 21" ordinance. Please visit Trenton’s website.
**WIC UPDATES**
The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at [http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php](http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php). This week’s updates include:

- WIC Invoicing/WIC 24 Invoice
- Breastfeeding Cost Calculator
- JOB POSTING: Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - Platte County Health Department

**DHSS CORNER**

**DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:**

**CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING**
The following class has been issued with an opening date of **October 3** and a closing and first addition date of **October 17**:

**Planner II**

Interested applicants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at [https://www.ease.mo.gov/](https://www.ease.mo.gov/). The above opportunities can be viewed at [http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/](http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/).

**DIVISION OF SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES - DEPUTY DIRECTOR**
Jessica Bax will be the Deputy Director of the Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) effective October 23. Jessica began her career with the Division in 2005 and has served in several capacities in DSDS since that time. For the last five years, Jessica has been a Broad Band Manager. She possesses a thorough knowledge of the Division’s purpose and programs, as well as the issues facing these programs at the state and national level. Jessica can be reached at [Jessica.Bax@health.mo.gov](mailto:Jessica.Bax@health.mo.gov).

**DIVISION OF REGULATION AND LICENSURE - SECTION ADMINISTRATORS**
Shelly Williamson has accepted the position of Administrator for the Section for Long Term Care Regulation. Shelly can be reached at [Shelly.Williamson@health.mo.gov](mailto:Shelly.Williamson@health.mo.gov).

Bill Koebel has accepted the position of Administrator for the Section for Health Standards and Licensure. Bill can be reached at [William.Koebel@health.mo.gov](mailto:William.Koebel@health.mo.gov).

**MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS**

**STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – October 30 - 31**
The Statewide Public Health Meeting will be held October 30 to 31 at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City in lieu of the Fall Regional Local Public Health System Meetings. For an agenda and to register, please click [here](#).

**EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS IN MISSOURI - October 23**
The *Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri* will be presented on October 23 in the Birch Conference Room at the Department of Health and Senior Services, 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the *Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri* is to document and interpret the dimensions and impact of the state’s viral hepatitis epidemic in terms that can be used to heighten awareness and drive decision making. For more information, please click [here](#).

**MISSOURI HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT: FOOD POLICY IS HEALTH POLICY – October 26 - 27**
The Missouri Health Policy Summit is October 26 to 27 at the Hilton Garden Conference Center in Columbia. Topics include food and farm policy and their impact on health, local initiatives to improve health, and health reform. Featured speakers include Margo Wootan, Ricardo Salvador, and Alison Kodjak. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register! Students register free! This year’s Summit is a partnership between the MU Center for Health Policy and the Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition.
MOSWIN TRAININGS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
The Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network System (MOSWIN) administration has scheduled a training in your area to provide support for agencies currently operating or interested in operating on MOSWIN. This training will focus on the general explanation of MOSWIN system operation and purpose, how MOSWIN provides a platform for interoperable communications, preparing your agency to participate in monthly interoperability testing, using MOSWIN for internal operable communications, how MOSWIN is key during declared state emergencies - ESF 2, review of MOSWIN policy and standard operating procedures for interoperable talkgroups, how to join MOSWIN, add a radio, discussion, and a question and answer session. MOSWIN staff will have radios on hand to demonstrate using a system compatible radio and the interoperable talkgroups. This class is POST approved; your POST number is required to get credit. For dates in your area and to register, please visit https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ECHO – Starting November 7
Please join Community Health Workers to increase your ability to effectively and efficiently empower individuals to manage their health. Get expert Community Health Worker knowledge in a virtual learning network with University of Missouri and Community Health Worker leaders and specialists throughout the state. Project ECHO is a guided practice model that revolutionizes medical education and increases workforce capacity to provide best-practice specialty care and reduce health disparities. Beginning November 7, the ECHO will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the next eight months. Please register here.

EXCEL BASICS AND PRACTICE APPLICATIONS – November 16
The Missouri Public Health Association is sponsoring Excel Basics and Practice Applications at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information and to register, please click here.

For other training opportunities, please see Links to Valuable Resources that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS MANAGER - Jackson County Health Department
The Jackson County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Communicable Disease Prevention and Public Health Preparedness Division Manager. The Manager will function as one of the key management staff members at the Jackson County Health Department and plays an integral role in the agency's planning, initiating, collaborating, and evaluating activities related to communicable disease prevention and emergency preparedness. For more information and to apply, please click here.

RN HOME HEALTH SUPERVISOR - Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency
The Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency seeks qualified candidates for a full-time Registered Nurse (RN) Home Health Supervisor. Candidates must have a valid Missouri RN license, prior experience working in home health, and leadership and supervisory skills necessary to ensure quality operation within fiscal guidelines. Interested candidates should submit resumes to the Monroe County Health Department/Home Health Agency, 310 North Market, Paris, MO 65275 or paula.delaney@lpha.mo.gov. For more information, please call 660-327-4653. The Monroe County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

WIC NUTRITIONIST OR REGISTERED DIETICIAN – Nodaway County Health Department
The Nodaway County Health Department seeks candidates for a part-time WIC Nutritionist or a part-time Registered Dietitian to convey accurate nutrition assessments, assign risk factors, and provide appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state WIC Program policies and procedures. The WIC Nutritionist must have requisite level of coursework and the Registered Dietitian must be currently registered in Missouri. The candidate must be dependable, punctual, and able to work in a team environment. Commitment to excellent customer service is essential. Please submit resume to tompatterson@nodawayhealth.org or Nodaway County Health Department, 2416 South Main St., Maryville, MO 64468. Please call Tom Patterson, Administrator, at 660-562-2755 for more information.
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