Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK
Lead Poisoning Prevention Week will take place October 22 to 28. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services’ Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, together with several local public health agencies, offer environmental lead risk assessments throughout Missouri when children under the age of 72 months have an elevated blood lead level. Having a child’s home environment assessed for lead enables a parent or guardian to be aware of the source of lead and the extent of lead exposure. The specific blood lead level that triggers an environmental risk assessment varies by jurisdiction. Questions can be directed to DHSS’ Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology at 573-751-6102.

OCTOBER IS SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden death of an infant under one year of age that cannot be explained after a thorough investigation. In Missouri, the leading cause of death for infants one month to one year of age is suffocation/strangulation in bed. In 2015, 69 Missouri infants died from suffocation/strangulation in bed, while 14 infants died from SIDS. Please promote the ABCs of safe sleep: place infants Alone on their Backs in a Crib in the same room where the parents sleep. To reduce the risk of suffocation, remove all soft objects from the crib and never place an infant to sleep with an adult or other child. Please see the Children’s Trust Fund’s Never Shake & Safe Sleep for Your Baby DVD. Infant Loss Resources offers information as well as support for families affected by the death of an infant.

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.
**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](mailto:john.dane@health.mo.gov).

**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:

- Workplace Violence
- Loving Support Award of Excellence
- MO WIC Conference Planning Committee

**DHSS CORNER**

**DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:**

**CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING**

The following class has been issued with an opening date of **October 10** and a closing and first addition date of **October 24**:

**Coordinator of Children’s Programs**

The following classes have been issued with an opening date of **October 13** and a closing date of **October 27**:

**Planner III**

**Research Manager**

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/).

**MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS**

**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](#).
**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, programming discussion, and a question and answer session. MOSWIN staff will have radios on hand to demonstrate using a system compatible radio and using 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](https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php).

**ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF INFANTS, CHILDREN, WOMEN AND FAMILY HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING WORKSHOP – November 3**
The Missouri Bootheel Healthy Start presents the Community Partnership Training Workshop “Addressing the Social Determinants of Infants, Children, Women and Family Health, and Well-Being” on November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Miner Convention Center in Miner. Please click [here](https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php) for more information. RSVP by November 1 to vrose@mbrcinc.org, 573-471-9400, or 1-888-317-4949.

**MULTICOMPONENT LOCAL CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE CANCER SCREENING AND DECREASE SMOKING EPI GRAND ROUND - November 6**
A multicomponent local campaign to increase cancer screening and decrease smoking Epidemiology Grand Rounds will be held in the Birch Conference Room, 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the conclusion of this Epi Grand Round, participants will be able to examine the implications for evaluating a multicomponent media campaign, discuss the importance of collaborating for a local campaign, list the three most cited media for reaching the local population, and describe the value of a data driven process to guide campaign implementation and evaluation. Presenters will be Sherri Homan, RN, FNP, PhD, Public Health Epidemiologist; Philomina Gwanfogbe, MSPH, CHHC, PhD, Epidemiology Specialist, Office of Epidemiology; and Melissa Hope, BBA, Program Manager, Missouri Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. To join the meeting, please visit [http://stateofmo.adobeconnect.com/november2017_grand_rounds/](http://stateofmo.adobeconnect.com/november2017_grand_rounds/). Please use your full name and location when signing in.

**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](https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php).

**LABORATORY SERVICES WORKSHOP FOR LPHA DISEASE INVESTIGATORS – November 15 - 16**
The Laboratory Services Workshop for Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) Disease Investigators is being held at the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory, 101 N. Chestnut Street, Jefferson City on November 15 to 16. Please click here for an agenda. Please register by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8. For more information, please call Amy Pierce at 573-522-1444 or contact your Regional Senior Epi Specialist. Please register early to ensure you have a spot in the training.

**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](https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php).

*For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication](https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/intercomm/training_calendar.php).*
LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BILLING SPECIALIST – Cole County Health Department
The Cole County Health Department seeks candidates for a full time Billing Specialist. The Specialist is responsible for communicating with insurance companies, submitting claims through electronic medical records, and applying payments to patient accounts. The Specialist will also provide customer service at the front desk. A high school diploma or GED is required; an associate’s degree or certification in medical billing or related area is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please submit resume to mtelthorst@colecounty.org or the Cole County Health Department, 1616 Industrial Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The deadline to apply is November 6.

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Lafayette County Health Department
The Lafayette County Health Department (LCHD) seeks candidates for a four-day (32 hours) per week Public Health Nurse. This nurse will be required to work as part of a team and have good communication and interpersonal skills with professional staff and the public. The applicant must possess a bachelor degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing, and one or more years of experience as a registered nurse; or an associate degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing or Nursing Diploma, and a minimum of two years of experience as a registered nurse. LCHD offers an excellent benefit package. Please submit resumes to LCHD, 547 South Business Highway 13, Lexington MO 64067; or thomas.emerson@lpha.mo.gov by October 31. For more information, please call 660-259-4371 ext. 224.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Lincoln County Health Department
The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Nurse. Candidates must possess a current license as a registered nurse issued by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. This Public Health Nurse will provide a wide range of services for clients including immunizations, health screenings, laboratory testing and phlebotomy, health education, care coordination, and other services as needed. Duties may include working within communicable disease testing and control, vaccines for children program, travel immunizations, and other clinical areas. The Public Health Nurse will also assist with the identification, planning, coordination, and execution of other community health programs as needed. For more information and to apply, please visit http://www.lchdmo.org/employment-opportunities. Please submit resume and cover letter to careers@lchdmo.org by November 8. LCHD is an equal opportunity employer.

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County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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