

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/>

- FFY 2025 Local Agency Plan (LAP) reminders
- Missouri WIC Conference registration, funding allocation, agenda and hotels
- WebGrants user access survey and temporary access solutions
- Upcoming changes to microcuvette orders

MISSOURI MASTER PLAN ON AGING -- STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Did you know that within ten (10) years, older adults in Missouri will outnumber children for the first time in our history? In order to prepare for this aging population, Governor Parsons signed executive order 23-01, Missourians Aging with Dignity. Work has been happening on this plan since February 2023. DHSS has partnered with the Missouri Area Agencies on Aging to contract with Polco to develop a statewide needs assessment survey. Today we are excited to announce that Missouri is one step closer in the development of the Master Plan on Aging: Missourians Aging with Dignity with the launch of the Statewide Needs Assessment. The survey kicks off July 8! We need you to complete the survey and share the opportunity with all of your colleagues, friends, and family. We need as many Missourians as possible to complete the survey to ensure that their voices are heard in the development of the Missouri Master Plan on Aging. The survey takes about twenty (20) minutes to complete, but will give the state the information needed to ensure the plan will meet the needs and wants of as many Missourians as possible. We are all aging and are, or will be, caregivers in our lives. The Master Plan on Aging is being designed to ensure that Missouri can plan for the aging population. We need your support to make Missouri the best place to age! You can take the survey at polco.us/missouri24 or by using this QR code on the attached [document](#). The survey will only be open until August 13th, so please share the information quickly and be sure to take the survey yourself. Assistance in taking the survey is available to anyone needing it by calling Polco at: 855-773-0665. Paper copies of the survey can be requested by emailing: survey@polco.us. The survey is also available in multiple languages, and others can be added upon request. You can learn more about the Missouri Master Plan on Aging by visiting: www.health.mo.gov/aging. Remember, Aging is so cool, everyone is doing it!

SENIOR DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR IS AUGUST 14!

Join DHSS and the Missouri Area Agencies on Aging (ma4) on Wednesday August 14 from 9 am to 3 pm, in the Mathewson Building on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Senior Day festivities include FREE BINGO, line dance lessons, and much more! The dance contest, open to those aged 60+, has cash prizes for the top three places in each of the categories of Missouri Waltz, Polka, Jitterbug, Two-Step and Line Dancing. For more information, please visit our website at: health.mo.gov/seniorday.

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](#)

MISSOURI COOLING CENTER MAP

Cooling centers provide a cool place for people to go during extremely hot weather. The Department of Health & Senior Services maintains an interactive map of cooling centers/shelters to be used by the public. This interactive map of [cooling centers in Missouri](#) is accessible to the public on the department's website. If you are aware of additions or deletions to the list of cooling centers in your county, please send those changes to Marcia Davis at: marcia.davis@health.mo.gov as soon as possible. We want to include information on all sites designated as cooling centers. Information needed is name of facility, street address, city, phone number, and hours of operation as well as whether the facility is ADA compliant.

HURRY-DEADLINE APPROACHING! MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AWARDS

We need your help to honor and recognize a Missouri public health nurse who exemplifies excellence in public health nursing practice. The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN) is accepting applications to nominate a public health nurse and public health nurse leader for the 2024 Public Health Nursing Awards. The awards will be presented at the 2024 Joint Annual Public Health Conference this fall. To nominate a public health nurse, please complete the nomination form at this link: <https://www.mopha.org/scholarships-awards.php> and email the form to Trina Teacutter, Secretary, MPHA Section for Public Health Nursing, trina.teacutter@como.gov. The deadline for nominations is August 15.

UPDATE ON THE WEBSURV, EPITRAX, AND ENVSURV REPLACEMENT PROJECT

ShowMe WorldCare will replace WebSurv, EpiTrax, and EnvSurv at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The first implementation is scheduled for August 26, 2024, and will transition the three conditions currently in EpiTrax (COVID-19, MIS-C, and Mpox) into ShowMe WorldCare. EnvSurv conditions are scheduled for transition in October 2024, with the WebSurv conditions following in February 2025. Initial training materials have been shared with local public health agency staff with current access to EpiTrax or general communicable diseases in WebSurv. Individuals who only have access to EnvSurv or other WebSurv conditions (e.g., TB, Hepatitis) that are not transitioning until February will receive training information later. Regular updates on project progress and opportunities to assist (by reviewing design plans, testing, etc.) will be shared with LPHAs via the *Friday Facts* and other mechanisms. Questions about the project may be sent to Becca Mickels at: Becca.Mickels@health.mo.gov.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS RISK INCREASES AMIDST HEAT WARNINGS - A REPORT REMINDER

We have had and anticipate additional excessive heat warnings. In the last 5 years (2019 – 2023), 100 heat deaths have been reported to DHSS. Forty-seven of Missouri's 115 counties have seen at least 1 death associated with heat in those last 5 years. Some of the contributing factors that we have seen associated with these deaths include: cardiovascular disease (38), underlying medical condition (30), outdoor activity (30), illicit drug use (19), in a vehicle (13), alcohol use (8), homeless (7), occupational/work (6). The Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology (BEE) would like to remind everyone that all heat-related illnesses (hyperthermia) are reportable conditions under 19 CSR 20-20.020. In the unfortunate event a report of a heat-related illness is received, please forward it to BEE via secure fax: 573-526-6946 or e-mail: DHSS.LeadResults@health.mo.gov. For more information on heat-related illness, visit the DHSS [hyperthermia](#) webpage. If you have questions about reporting, contact Cathy Wood, Epidemiologist, at: 573-751-6102.

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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.

Be a Recognized Leader in Public Health – Readiness Assessment Training

Join a growing number of health departments across the country seeking to transform public health in their community. Efforts across Missouri like 21C, statewide readiness, and an investment in accreditation activities present a historic opportunity for your health department to be leaders in public health practice. The first step is to register to attend an upcoming Readiness Assessment (RA) Training on: August 28 from 2:00pm 3:30pm. Please contact: education-services@phaboard.org to register to attend. **Note:** If your health department completes the RA prior to May 1, 2025, it will be eligible to receive 20% of the incentive dollars allocated to the department through the FY25 LPHA Incentive Program. It is a requirement to complete RA training prior to completing the assessment.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN -- Camden County Health Department

The Camden County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full time (35 hours/week) Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, 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: jennifer.finley@lpha.mo.gov or mail, PO Box 816 Camdenton, MO 65020. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

FULL-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST (EPHS) -- Christian County Health Department

The Christian County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist (EPHS). Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with course work (30 semester hours minimum) in environmental health, biology, bacteriology, or sanitary science or in combination of these areas. One year of environmental health experience is preferred. Possession of Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) or Missouri Certified Environmental Health Specialist (CEHS). The EPHS is responsible for inspections relating to environmental public health programs, including the following: on-site wastewater treatment systems; food safety inspection; child care facility sanitation and safety; commercial lodging sanitation and safety; environmental public health factors related to disaster response and/or food transportation accidents; response to food recalls and/or other duties as assigned. Please contact Emily Lattin at: Emily.Lattin@lpha.mo.gov.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE/COMMUNICABLE DISEASE — Clay County Public Health Center

Join an outstanding team at one of the first health departments in Missouri to be accredited! The Communicable Disease nurse role has a primary duty of TB Case Management. Please reach out to Dr. Jason Stalling by email at: jstalling@clayhealth.com for more information. An application and further information can be found here: [Jobs • Clay County PHC, MO • CivicEngage \(clayhealth.com\)](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN IMMUNIZATIONS — 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 Public Health Nurse - Immunizations. The Public Health Nurse adheres to professional community health nursing practices and performs nursing services in community health programs for the public to meet set program goals. One available position will work as an Immunizations Public Health Nurse in the Immunizations Program. Visit: clayhealth.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST — 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 Environmental Health Specialist. The Environmental Specialist enforces public health sanitation laws and regulations and investigates public health issues. Visit: clayhealth.com.

FULL OR PART TIME RN OR LPN -- St Clair County Health Center

St Clair County Health Center is looking for a RN or LPN, full or part time. The health center is located in Osceola Mo. Please contact Melissa or Evelyn at: 417-646-8332.

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.

FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN — Affinia Healthcare

Affinia healthcare has an immediate opening for a full time nutritionist/dietitian in the wic program. 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 only to: kgore@affiniahealthcare.org. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST OR REGISTERED DIETITIAN—NECAC O'Fallon WIC

NECAC's WIC clinic in O'Fallon has an immediate opening for a full-time nutritionist or registered dietitian in the WIC program. 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. The position can advance to breastfeeding coordinator once breastfeeding expert classes are completed. To apply please contact Jackie Brown at: jbrown@necac.org.

FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN—People's Health Centers

The People's Health Centers WIC Program has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, 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 online application at: <https://peoplesfamilystl.org/careers/>.

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