

Friday Facts

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WIC UPDATES

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

- Missouri WIC Conference update
- Request for WIC images.
- Revised SOAP Guidelines.
- WebGrants nutrition education status report and new feature.

NOMINATIONS FOR MISSOURI'S OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER OF THE YEAR

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Division of Senior and Disability Services is honoring older adults in the workforce. Coinciding with the US Department of Labor's **National Employ Older Workers Week, September 22-28**, DSDS will present one older adult with Missouri's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year award. To be eligible, the nominee must be 55+, work at least part-time, and exemplify the qualities of an outstanding employee. [Nominations](#) will be accepted through September 2, and the awards presentation will take place in the Capitol in Jefferson City during National Employ Older Workers Week. Winners will be notified two weeks prior to the event. For more information, please see the following DHSS press release.

<https://health.mo.gov/news/newsitem/uuid/f0c43bae-dbff-4983-8b93-bff49bcd4762/employment-program-for-seniors-highlighted-during-national-employ-older-workers-week>

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS

The deadline for submitting Modules 1 & 2 of the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Gap Analysis project is quickly approaching on Wednesday, September 17. **Note:** If your health department completes the Gap Analysis by September 17, 2024, it will be eligible to receive 25% of the incentive dollars allocated to the department through the FY25 LPHA Incentive Program. If you have questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Gap Analysis Team: FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

[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](#)

Pathways: Missouri Public Health Internship Program

Providing internship opportunities is a great way to guide the future public health workforce, energize existing staff, and accomplish projects that have been delayed for too long. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in partnership with Missouri State University's Master of Public Health Program with funding from the CDC's Infrastructure Grant has established the Pathways Public Health Internship Program. Local public health agencies and DHSS programs can host students for an internship up to 320 hours (some students need fewer hours). Students will receive a stipend of \$20/hour upon completion of their internship while agencies will receive up to 320 hours of work from students pursuing degrees in public health, nursing, environmental health, or other disciplines. To participate in the Pathways program as a student or host site, follow the link below and complete the application: <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/internships/index.php>. Interested students can follow the link and apply to be considered for an internship. We are currently accepting applications from Students for the Spring 2025 semester until October 18. Agencies can apply anytime to be matched with students in future semesters. Selection of students and matching with agencies will occur in October. Agencies will then interview students; agree on duties, projects, etc.; and confirm a match! For more information on the Pathways Program please contact: Rebecca Damron, rebeccadamron@missouristate.edu.

Update on the WebSurv, EpiTrax, and EnvSurv Replacement Project

The EpiTrax conditions (COVID-19, MIS-C, and Mpox) are scheduled to go-live in ShowMe WorldCare on Monday, 8/26, at approximately 9:30 AM. EpiTrax, along with the current MODROP portal, will be locked to further entry at 5:00 PM on Friday, 8/23. Current users of both applications have been notified regarding the migration timeline and trainings required for access to the new system. Users who have completed required trainings will receive new account credentials late this week or early next week. EnvSurv conditions are scheduled for transition in October, with the WebSurv conditions following in February 2025. 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 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.

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.

Joint Public Health Conference - Wellness Room

Join us in Columbia on September 18-19 for a hands-on wellness experience that will engage all of your senses! See the flyer for more details.

[Joint Public Health Conference - Wellness Room Flyer | dmh.mo.gov](#).

A Mental Health Symposium -- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to invite you to A Day of Learning: A Mental Health Symposium Thursday, September 26. The Symposium includes various topics that touch on mental health and suicide prevention. You may register for part of the day or the whole day.

The breakdown of the day is below:

- 9:00 am Talk Saves Lives - LGBTQ
- 10:15 am Missouri student survey results in Boone County and practical strategies for discussing substance use prevention with youth
- 12:30 pm - VA Services and Resources
- 1:45 pm Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes

Register by scanning the qr code on the [flyer](#), or for registration questions please contact Monica Stokes at: monica.stokes@como.gov or call: (573) 874-7285.

2024 National Amish Health Conference -- Best Practices in Communication, Access, Delivery and Design Salt Fork State Park Lodge and Conference Center -- November 12-15, 2024

The National Amish Health Conference is the premier continuing education event for evidence-based, community led initiatives that have improved the health of the Amish and Plain communities. Attendees will explore the past, present, and future of community health within the Amish and Plain communities. Speakers represent the Amish, Plain, rural, and healthcare communities and will address a variety of disciplines that impact the health of the community in culturally sensitive manner. Anyone interested in Amish and Rural Health should attend! Please visit: www.appalcare.org for more conference details or call: 1-877-463-3686 x710. See [registration information](#) or [flyer](#) for details.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST — Audrain County Health Department (ACHD)

ACHD is a dynamic and forward-thinking organization dedicated to delivering Client-First Care to our clients. We pride ourselves on creating a welcoming and professional environment for both our employees and clients. We are currently seeking a friendly and organized Front Office Receptionist to join our team and be the first point of contact for our office. The Position will be responsible for assisting clients, providing administrative support to the organization, and play a key role in creating a positive first impression and ensuring smooth operations in the front office. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent; additional education or certification is a plus. Previous experience as a receptionist or in a similar front office role is preferred. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook). Please send your resume and a cover letter to: cbrace@myachd.org with the subject line "Front Office Receptionist Application".

Audrain County Health Department is an equal-opportunity employer.

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (PHHS) DIRECTOR – City of Columbia

The City of Columbia is recruiting for a Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Director to lead Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, a Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredited department. The Director provides leadership to a department of 104 full-time equivalent employees within six divisions: Administration, Planning and Promotion, Human Services, Prevention and Investigation, Community Health, and Environmental Health and Safety (including Animal Control). The Director reports to the Columbia City Manager, maintains a close working relationship with the Boone County Commission, and serves a population of nearly 188,000 people. To view the full job description and apply for this position, please visit: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/31895>.

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 PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Miller County Health Center

The Miller County Health Center is seeking candidates for a full-time EPHS to earn some amazing benefits, including a 37 ½ hour work week, 100% health, dental, vision, life, and retirement, 37 days of paid time off per year (vacation, sick, & holiday), tuition reimbursement, and a very robust wellness program. Annual salary range \$45,000 to \$57,000, dependent on education and experience. A Bachelor of Science is preferred, but not required with adequate experience in food sanitation (kitchen management, food production, etc.) and most public health backgrounds will be considered. Resume and inquiries to: mchc@millercountyhealth.com will be accepted until the position is filled.

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.

PLATTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- WIC Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian

Job Opportunity: Seeking a full-time (40 hours/week) nutritionist to provide individual assessment, counseling, support for breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Duties also include individual and group education and being accountable for daily clinic functions. At minimum, the candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition, 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. WIC experience is preferred. The applicant must be reliable and able to work in a team environment. Excellent customer service skills and professional demeanor is expected at all times. Applicant must possess a valid driver's license. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. Please forward cover letter and resume to: Heidi Loecke, WIC Coordinator Fax: 816.587.6028.

Email: heidi.loecke@plattehealth.com.

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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/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/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff
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