

Friday Facts

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COVID-19 TECHNOLOGY RESPONSE SYSTEM UPDATES

The [COVID-19 Technology Response System](#) includes EpiTrax, Missouri's Advanced Contact Tracing System (MO ACTS), and the Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting System. This interoperable suite of software streamlines COVID-19 response activities to ease the burden of reporting, case management, and contact tracing. Visit the [EpiTrax](#) and [MO ACTS](#) websites to register for trainings with our interactive calendar and check out our [weekly updates](#) on what's new with each system and the question of the week.

- [EpiTrax News](#): Our updated [EpiTrax FAQs](#) are now available! Over 80 of your burning questions, answered by the experts.
- [MO ACTS News](#): MO ACTS will be updated the evening of Monday October 5th with new enhancements requested specifically by our LPHAs. In this release, users will be able to request access to multiple jurisdictions (for those with data sharing agreements), bulk close or reassign cases, and receive voicemails from citizens – just to name a few of the new features! Check out our release notes on the [MO ACTS website](#) for detailed information.
- [Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting News](#): Version 2 of the system is now live!
- Look out for a few new fields and some improvements to make reporting easier.
- Updated FAQs and a new user guide are available on the [website](#). Look out for important system announcements and links to our latest release notes in the "Recent News" banners on the [EpiTrax](#) and [MO ACTS](#) websites. The new EpiTrax and MO ACTS [help desk ticketing system](#) is live! Submit your questions or issues online or contact the help desk at: epitrax@health.mo.gov or at: 573-526-9533 (answered 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday).

CHILD CARE SANITATION INSPECTION REIMBURSEMENT

As a reminder, the last day of the billing fiscal year is September 30, 2020. Local Public Health Agencies are encouraged to submit their reimbursement requests as soon as possible. **Reimbursement requests for September and any previous months must be received by ECC no later than October 9, 2020. It is highly encouraged that final billings be submitted via email or fax.** Requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement requests to us by October 9, please contact the ECC Program immediately at: eccprogram.lphas@health.mo.gov.

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>.

- REMINDER - FY20 Revised Nutrition Risk Criteria and New Risk Factors, Effective September 21, 2020
- WIC Invoicing/WIC24 Invoice
- NEW! Missouri WIC Online Interest Form
- Update on the National WIC Association (NWA) Calendars

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](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

CONFIDENTIALITY OF VITAL RECORDS

Please see the attached [document](#) from the Bureau of Vital Records for more details.

ELECTRONIC COVID-19 CASE REPORTING VS. ELECTRONIC COVID-19 LABORATORY REPORTING

As DHSS continues to modernize our data collection and analysis functionality, the COVID-19 Technology Response System has grown to include new tools. While similar, the Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting System and Electronic COVID-19 Laboratory Reporting are separate systems designed to collect distinct data. Case reporting captures the "story" of a COVID-19 case, the who, what, when, where, and why of the case. This data is crucial for public health intervention to quickly contact the person with a case and instruct them on how to begin isolating. The information captured in a case report enables case investigation and kick starts the contact tracing activities that come next. Laboratory reporting captures the result of a test on a specimen. The limited information included in a lab report gives public health the indication of a case, but does not supply the necessary case information to begin investigation. Case reporting and laboratory reporting data is ingested into EpiTrax, where the two data sources combine. Updated information gets added to a person's record and assigned to a jurisdiction for follow up. To learn more about case reporting, visit the [Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting System website](#). To learn more about laboratory reporting, visit the [Electronic COVID-19 Laboratory Reporting website](#).

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DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

There is no new job opportunities or news.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

UPDATE NOTICE! FALL REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

These meetings will be held **virtually via WebEX** instead of in-person due to COVID-19.

NOTE: If you plan to join a webinar outside of your region, please e-mail Brenda Buschjost at: Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov so the appropriate calendar appointment can be sent. Please see the attached [agenda](#) for topics/discussion points.

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Region	Date
B	Thursday, October 15
D & G	Thursday, October 22
A & H	Tuesday, November 10
E	Wednesday, November 18
C	Thursday, November 19

Final webinar agendas for each region have been e-mailed and posted to: <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/meetings.php>.

ADOLESCENT CARE DURING COVID - Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership (TPPP)

TPPP will provide a Panel Update on Adolescent Care During COVID at our Quarterly Professional Development meeting on Friday, October 9 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Has the pandemic impacted prevention services to teens? What do we expect over the next few months? How can we work together to ensure young people in Missouri receive medical care and prevention services that support their sexual health during the ongoing pandemic? We will hear from a panel of providers and community agencies about access to care for adolescents. TPPP Professional Development meetings are free for members and \$10 for non-members. RSVP required for Zoom link. Register online [here](#).

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

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NURSING & EPIDEMIOLOGY POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC)

CCPHC nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, currently has the following positions open: Full and part-time LPN/RN's, Epidemiologist & Epidemiology Manager. CCPHC offers a competitive total compensation package. For more details on qualifications and position requirements, visit: <https://www.clayhealth.com/>.

RN CASE MANAGER – Pike County Health Department

Full-time position available for an experienced registered nurse case manager in the field of home health & hospice. Applicant must possess at least 1 year of home care or acute care setting, as well as being familiar with patient assessment, quality care, teaching of patients/caregivers and performance of skilled procedures. Requires on-call every 4th weekend and 1-2 days per week. Position is benefit eligible including: 13 paid holidays, retirement plan, medical insurance, vacation, sick and personal leave, and much more. Interested applicants can download the application from our [website](#) or get one in person at: 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE SOCIAL WORKER – Pike County Health Department

We are accepting applications for a full-time Home Health and Hospice Social Worker. Applicant must possess an MSW degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), or have a baccalaureate degree in social work (BSW) from a school of social work accredited by the CSWE, and one year of experience in a health care setting. This position will require expert organization, a good attitude and a big heart. Candidate will be responsible for coordinating the Hospice Volunteer Program and other small duties as needed. This position is full-time and benefit eligible. If you have a passion for helping people and being their support in a time of need, contact us today! Interested applicants can download the application from our [website](#) or get one in person at: 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR - St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Public Health Nursing Supervisor. This position plans, directs, budgets and supervises the nursing program staff for the Immunization and Education Programs. We are committed to hiring exceptional people and providing them with opportunities to grow and expand their capabilities. We invest in their development through training and education, leading to careers they can be proud of. Security and longevity prevail at St. Charles County Government - many of our employees are proud to remain with us for the duration of their professional lives – making a significant difference to the people we serve together. Minimum requirements including Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing (BSN or MSN preferred) and a minimum of 5 years' progressive responsible experience. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits. For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.sccmo.org/514/Human-Resources>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE EDUCATOR - St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Public Health Nurse Educator. This position provides and evaluates community health education and promotion programs for daycares, schools and adult education programs. Additional duties include supporting the Immunization and Health Services Clinics. We offer challenging and rewarding work in a collaborative environment. In exchange for your service to the community of St. Charles County, we will provide a comprehensive benefits package which includes 12 paid holidays, Paid Time Off (beginning at 17 days per year), Tuition Assistance, Employee Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Retirement and the opportunity to be part of a culture that is dedicated to excellence within the community. Take the next meaningful step in your career path today! Minimum requirements including Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing and a minimum of one-year nursing experience. For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.sccmo.org/514/Human-Resources>.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINICAL CONSULTANT – THE RIGHT TIME INITIATIVE

Missouri Family Health Council Inc., (MFHC), is seeking Family Planning Clinical Consultants to support health centers (located in Northeast, Southeast and Central Missouri) involved in *The Right Time* initiative, a multi-year family planning collaborative aimed at reducing unintended pregnancies in the state of Missouri. MFHC is a private, nonprofit organization based in Jefferson City that champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services by developing and managing family planning and related reproductive health programs. Please see the detailed job description on the [MFHC Website](#) for more information regarding responsibilities, necessary qualifications, and application instructions. This is a contract position; travel is required. Resumes are confidential; cover letter required. EOE **The application deadline for this opportunity is October 12.**

c: Dr. Randall Williams, MD, FACOG, Department Director, DHSS Staff
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