

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/>

- Upcoming state agency closures
- WIC record destruction
- Subrecipient annual financial report
- January 2025 social media
- Unused LA computer equipment

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH

Many wellness skills have been proven to positively impact mental health. Getting quality sleep, practicing gratitude, playing brain games, being physically active, considering other perspectives and creating a positive social circle each promote mental wellness. Here is an [Emotional Wellness Toolkit](#) from National Institutes of Health with more ideas.

There is an illness-wellness continuum with mental health. Everyone finds themselves along the continuum at various times depending on circumstances, aging and other things that shape life experiences. Start the new year off with a renewed commitment to practicing mental wellness to meet life's successes, setbacks and slow times.

The month of January is dedicated to breaking the cycle of stigma associated with mental illness. Encourage someone to seek help or have a conversation with someone about mental wellness. Find some great ideas [here](#) to honor National Mental Wellness month in the workplace, such as having a charitable event or planning fun activities.

NEW RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MISSOURI FAMILIES

Missouri families now have a new tool at their fingertips: a comprehensive resource guide designed to support parents and caregivers of children from birth to age 12. This guide, developed in partnership by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and LifeCourse Nexus Training and Technical Assistance Center (UMKC Institute for Human Development), provides descriptions, links and phone numbers of various statewide resources and is organized by types of supports which are categorized as discovery and navigation, connecting and networking, and goods and services.

While the guide is useful for all families, it was targeted to assist Missouri families of children with special health care needs and disabilities, highlighting Missouri Family to Family and the Special Health Care Needs Family Partnership. Both programs provide free statewide services and are staffed by parents or family members of individuals with special health care needs or disabilities.

To access the guide online, visit: Health.Mo.Gov/SHCN. To request physical copies of the resource guide, please contact the DHSS Bureau of Special Health Care Needs by phone at (573) 751-6246 or email at: info@health.mo.gov.

[LPHA Job Opportunities](#)

[Links to Valuable Resources](#)

- [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](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

ATTENTION MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (MSPHL) CUSTOMERS

Providing the highest quality services to our customers is very important to us. We value your opinion and would like to know how we can make your MSPHL experience better. Please take a few minutes to fill out the following survey with responses that represent your experience with the MSPHL.

https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b1WhVUNAtuZbGR0.

WARMING CENTERS MAP

Warming centers provide a heated place for people to go during extremely cold weather. The Department of Health & Senior Services maintains an interactive map of warming centers/shelters to be used by the public. This interactive map of [warming 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 warming 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 warming 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.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

ONSITE WASTEWATER SPECIALIST – Bureau of Environmental Health Services (Division of Community and Public Health)

The Bureau of Environmental Health Services is seeking a self-motivated individual who can understand and apply environmental health regulations and scientific principles within the field of wastewater regulation. This position is in the onsite wastewater treatment program. Job responsibilities include:

- Assist with the overall administration of the onsite wastewater treatment program
- Lead classroom training for onsite wastewater professionals
- Evaluate onsite wastewater treatment system construction permit applications and variance requests
- Conduct site visits/inspections of onsite wastewater treatment systems and issue construction permits
- Provide training and technical guidance to industry, local public health agencies, and the public
- Conduct field investigations of onsite wastewater treatment system complaints

For more information on qualifications and how to apply visit: mocreers.mo.gov.

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.

2025 Missouri Oral Health Policy Conference -- *IGNITING INNOVATION*

Thursday and Friday, March 6-7

Join us for the 2025 Oral Health Policy Conference Health, featuring the latest in oral health with presentations by national speakers, oral health champions, exhibitors, networking reception, and the best in policy discussion about improving Missouri's oral health!

Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Jefferson City, Missouri

Register to attend: <https://www.oralhealthmissouri.org/conference-registration>

Conference Information Page: <https://www.oralhealthmissouri.org/2025-conference-information>

Upcoming Training For Foundational Public Health Services Gap Analysis Project

The FPHS Gap Analysis team will begin its next round of trainings for *Module 1: Current Financials* on **Monday, January 27, 2025**. These trainings are designed to prepare LPHAs to complete the gap analysis tool for each agency's FY24. The updated form DH-37 is included as part of the new gap analysis tool. All LPHAs are required to complete and submit the DH-37 with their gap analysis tool. Our team will then submit the DH-37 to DHSS on your behalf.

Agency points of contact: Watch your email inbox for guidance on registering for the FPHS Gap Analysis project! **Questions? Contact the FPHS Project Team:** FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

Show Me Echo — Infectious Disease Sessions

Are you looking to deepen your expertise in diagnosing and treating common infectious diseases? Don't miss Show-Me ECHOs upcoming sessions which will be held on February 3, March 3, March 17, April 7, and April 21 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (CST). Each ECHO provides free continuing education credits.

Register today at: showmeecho.org and join us for this engaging and informative series!

Please see [flyer](#).

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER – Clay County Public Health Center

The Community Health Worker (CHW) plays a crucial role in improving the health and wellbeing of the community. A staff member in this role will conduct education, outreach, patient advocacy, function as a community liaison, provide care coordination resources, and function in various administrative duties. Visit: clayhealth.com.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR – Clay County Public Health Center

The Health Center seeks candidates for the position of a Community Health Educator to perform activities within the Community Health Promotion Team. The Community Health Educator (CHE) collaborates with community members to determine health needs, deliver health education, and implement evidence-based health interventions. CHE's are responsible for community outreach, establishing new partnerships, and bolstering existing community relationships. Visit: clayhealth.com.

NUTRITIONIST – Clay County Public Health Center

The WIC Nutritionist provides accurate nutrition assessments, assigns risk factors, and provides appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state WIC Program policies and procedures. Visit: clayhealth.com.

ADMINISTRATOR -- Howard County Public Health Department

The Howard County Commission is seeking applications for a full-time Administrator position in the Howard County Public Health Department, located 30 minutes northwest of Columbia in Fayette. This position answers directly to the Commission and oversees the daily operations of the health department. Qualifications for this position include leadership skills, budgeting and financial management, the ability to multitask, proficiency in Word and Excel software, and excellent verbal and written skills. A bachelor's degree in business administration/management or health administration, and/or administrative experience with public health experience is preferred. A Missouri State Registered Nurse license is preferred but not exclusionary dependent upon other skills and experience. Interested parties should email Michelle Reynolds and Marsha Broadus at: michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov and marsha.broadus@lpha.mo.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For questions, call the Public Health Department at 660-248-3100. The County of Howard is an equal opportunity employer.

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

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Public Health Nurse II. The purpose of this position is to perform communicable disease nursing including food borne illness, infection control with hospitals, tuberculosis case management, and clinic staff nursing. The work is performed under the direction of the Epidemiologist. Requirements include a minimum associate degree, current Missouri Registered Nurse License with three to five years Registered Nursing experience, and valid motor vehicle operator's license required. Employment is contingent on successfully passing a full criminal background check. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits including Paid Time Off, Extended Medical Leave, Holidays, Employee Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Retirement, and Tuition Assistance programs. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT -- St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Nursing Program Assistant (Passport Program). Duties include assisting public with processing passport applications, answering incoming phone calls, and utilizing QLess for appointment management. Must complete online training and receive certification to execute passports within first 30 days of employment. Requires successful completion of computerized clerical skills testing. May be assigned according to department needs to support other programs such as Immunizations, Health Services, or WIC. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits including Paid Time Off, Extended Medical Leave, Holidays, Employee Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Retirement, and Tuition Assistance programs. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

PART-TIME NURSE – St. Clair County Health Center

St. Clair County Health Center, Osceola, MO is seeking a part time nurse to join our team. It would be 2 days a week, doing blood draws, TB test, Communicable Disease case work, Public Health Duties. We are located at 530 Arduser Drive, Osceola, MO 64776. Please contact us at 417-646-8332 ask for Melissa or Evelyn. Send resume to: evie.taylor@lpha.mo.gov or melissa.cone@lpha.mo.gov. We look forward to hearing from you.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff

County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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