

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/>

- State Agency (SA) holiday closures
- Scale inspection update
- Recording available on transition to the new WIC card
- FFY 2025 financial monitoring

ADOLESCENT AND SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM – NEW RESOURCE

The Adolescent and School Health Program recently launched a new resource for infection prevention and control in Missouri K-12 schools. This resource is called the Missouri Keeping Infectious Disease out of Schools (MO KIDS) Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Toolkit and is available to Missouri schools and school partners online at: www.mokidstoolkit.org. The Toolkit contains eLearnings, posters, social media posts, job aids, letters to parents, and sample guidelines geared towards educating and empowering the entire school community to prevent and limit the spread of infectious diseases in schools and keep our kids in the classroom where they can learn! Please review the resources found in the Toolkit and share them with your school partners today. The Toolkit will remain available to our schools free of charge through May 2030. For questions please contact: shs@health.mo.gov.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 9 -15. Help to make kindness the norm by visiting the [Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org). They provide kindness ideas, activities, and other resources for use at home, school, and work.

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](#)

FREE CAMPAIGN RESOURCES -- "WHAT FINALLY WORKED" AND "HEALTH SUPPORT"

["What Finally Worked"](#) promotes My Life, My Quit and shows teens the quit tools they need to embark on their quit journey - with confidence. [My Life, My Quit](#) offers teens access to Tobacco Treatment Specialist trained Quit Coaches who will help them build a quit plan, identify triggers, practice refusal skills, and provide ongoing support for changing behaviors to be free from nicotine. Campaign videos can be found and shared from the Healthy Living MO YouTube page [HERE!](#) Free social media assets along with suggested post copy are also available on the Tobacco Prevention Media Resource page [HERE!](#) My Life, My Quit flyers, and palm cards are free to order [HERE!](#)

["Health Support"](#) encourages individuals to use Missouri Tobacco Quit Services to quit tobacco products. This campaign reminds people of their "why" to quit in the first place and that daily stressors affect everyone. Campaign videos can be found and shared from the Healthy Living MO YouTube page [HERE!](#) This campaign showcases many chronic health conditions such as lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, heart complications, and pancreatitis that can be worsened by tobacco use. You will see these messages throughout the free assets available on the Tobacco Prevention Media Resource page [HERE!](#) New Missouri Tobacco Quit Services materials are also now available free to order [HERE!](#)

Please share these free campaign resources with partners, organizations, and schools. Please reach out to: motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov with any questions.

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.

Purple Sundays Faith and Health Alzheimer's Webinar – [Save the Date](#)

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Missouri to offer a **FREE** webinar on Wednesday, February 26 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. You are invited to join us to learn how to access free care and support services, engage in research and educate members of the faith community about Alzheimer's and other dementias. **Registration is open and can be accessed [HERE](#) or via this link: <https://stateofmo.webex.com/weblink/register/r7beb2172adcf23613ca85c29966f1940>.**

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>.

FREE Trainings on Cannabis Best Practices and Delta-8 THC -- Registration Open!

We are excited to announce two upcoming free trainings hosted by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in partnership with the Rescue Agency. These sessions are designed to improve understanding of cannabis-related topics and best prevention practices, especially concerning youth. Please see the details in the flyers attached and make sure to register for both sessions through the designated links or QR codes.

Training #1: Social Marketing Best Practices to Address Youth Cannabis Prevention

Date: February 27

Time: 1:30 to 2:30 PM CST

This session will cover the accessibility of cannabis among teens, factors influencing early experimentation, and effective communication strategies for reaching adolescents and young adults.

Register here: <https://info.rescueagency.com/missouri-training-1>

Training #2: Delta-8 Deep Dive

Date: March 20

Time: 1:00 to 1:45 PM CST

Join us for an exploration of Delta-8 properties, legal status, current sales regulations, and effective messaging strategies for engaging youth and parents.

Register here: <https://info.rescueagency.com/missouri-training-2-delta8>

Please feel free to share these trainings with other partners and organizations. Don't miss the chance to engage in informed discussions about cannabis use and prevention—secure your spot today!

Questions regarding the trainings may be addressed to: anna.meyer@health.mo.gov.

Show Me Echo -- Developmental Disabilities

Are you looking to expand your knowledge of serving individuals with developmental disabilities? In the Developmental Disabilities ECHO, you'll gain practical tools to enhance your practice, collaborate with peers, and earn free continuing education credits, all at no-cost. Join these upcoming virtual sessions on February 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24 and more from 12-1:15PM CST. Register today at: showmeecho.org.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS SPECIALIST -- Clay County Public Health Center

The Grants and Contract Specialist is responsible for researching, preparing, submitting, and managing grant proposals/reports that support agency goals and meet funder guidelines and criteria. This position serves as the primary grant writer, contract manager, manages funder relationships, engages in compliance reporting, and supports special project initiatives. This position requires strong writing, data analysis, program budgeting, project management, and outcome measurement and evaluation skills. The Specialist is also responsible for securing and leveraging resources with community partners via collaboration.

Visit: clayhealth.com.

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.

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.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE -- Columbia/Boone County Public Health And Human Services

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is accepting applications for a Licensed Practical Nurse to join the department's Community Health Unit. The full-time position reports to the Community Health Manager and includes the following: perform intake and screening and provide test results, collect and package specimens for testing, provide nurse visits for medication dispensing and education, monitor and maintain stock of medical supplies and medication inventory, assist with outreach and educational programming.

Applicants should have at least one year of relevant nursing experience and must be licensed to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. A complete job description, salary information, and an online application are available at: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/32717>.

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.

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.

COORDINATOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY SERVICES -- Springfield-Greene County Health Department

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is seeking qualified applicants to join the Communicable Disease Division as a Coordinator of Epidemiology Services. In this role, you will lead comprehensive investigations into reportable diseases and conditions, provide disease prevention education to clients, and analyze disease trends to ensure an effective and coordinated response to disease prevention. You will also stay informed on emerging pathogens, applying this knowledge to enhance disease surveillance and outbreak control efforts. As a key resource for local healthcare partners and community organizations, you will offer expert guidance on disease prevention and control strategies. This position requires strong investigative skills, excellent communication, and the ability to collaborate across multiple sectors to protect and improve community health. For more information visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo>.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department will be accepting resumes for a full time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Environmental Public Health Specialist. Duties include administering and enforcement of Federal, State and local statutes, ordinances and regulations related to public health and sanitation; to encourage sound sanitary and environmental health practices; and to protect the environment and the public. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline- Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full-time, non-exempt, 40 hours a week Public Health Nurse. Responsibilities include specializing in our family planning clinic along with general community health nursing, vaccinations, family planning, pregnancy testing, lead testing, and response, and other public health program responsibilities as assigned. TCHD is a thriving state and nationally accredited Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri and is dedicated to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff

County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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