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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/>

- Missouri WIC Conference Special Funding 5
- Last week for WIC Updates on the LA Portal
- Revised policy 5.1.070 and Request for Authorization to Purchase form

GRAND OPENING – NEW LOCATION – LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening of the Lawrence County Health Department on Monday, March 10 from 10am until 12pm. The new address is 1549 Missouri Drive in Mt. Vernon, Mo. Come help Lawrence County celebrate their new Health Department location!

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.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IN MARCH!

In celebration of National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) March 16-22, individuals and organizations around the country come together to raise poison prevention awareness. Please use our [Partner Toolkit](#) if you would like to use any premade graphics, social media messages, and other resources that week on your social media pages. Please remember to use the hashtag #NPPW25. If you need free magnets, brochures or other resources for your public health clients, please contact Amanda Ruback, Community Outreach Coordinator by email at: amanda.ruback@ssmhealth.com or by phone at: 314-612-5719.

FPHS GAP ANALYSIS MODULE 1 (FY24) RESOURCES

The FPHS Gap Analysis team continues to collect Module 1 data from LPHAs. **Agency points of contact**, resources to assist LPHAs in reporting FY24 financials to the Gap Analysis team can be found on the FPHS Canvas site [here](#). **Module 1: Current Financials (FY24) are due Thursday, May 1, 2025.** If you have questions feel free to reach out to the FPHS Project Team: (FPHSgap@missouri.edu).

- [Faith-Based Collaborations in the Health Neighborhood](#)
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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](#)

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.

VFC411 training – DHSS Bureau of Immunization

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Bureau of Immunizations is pleased to announce the return of the VFC411 training throughout the state. VFC411 is designed to update providers on vaccine storage and handling, Vaccines for Children (VFC) visits, vaccine ordering, immunization schedules, best practices, and many other helpful topics. This training is a great way for providers to fulfill their yearly educational requirement while meeting other providers from around their area. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for dates and locations. To register, please visit: <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc411form.php>.

Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Education Conference

The Annual MEHA Education Conference will be held April 8-11 at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield Mo. Please see the MEHA [Winter Newsletter](#) for more details. Registration is open, Go to the [MEHA Website](#), find the [Training & Conference](#) tab to register.

Concussion Care Echo

Elevate your concussion care expertise with the Concussion Care ECHO. Join this free, expert-led sessions covering return to activity, AT techniques, and PT strategies. Open to all healthcare professionals with the ability to earn free continuing education credits. Register now at: showmeecho.org.

Evidence Based Creativity in Utilization of Opioid Settlement Dollars

The Heartland Center at Saint Louis University is proud to present Evidence Based Creativity in Utilization of Opioid Settlement Dollars. Dr. Julie Gary of the City of St. Louis Department of Health leads this webinar.

As a result of attending, participants will:

- To understand the guidelines for Opioid Settlement spending provided in Exhibit E of the final Opioid Settlement Agreement.
- To learn utilization practices and examples from other government agencies.
- To learn utilization practices and examples from grassroots community organizations.

Up to 1 CPH Recertification Credit may be earned by attending this event.

Date: March 20

Time: 12:00 – 1:00pm CT

Zoom Registration: https://slu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B8ltSehvRIKkRkoyQRic0Q.

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 #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.

Faith-Based Collaborations in the Health Neighborhood

March 11 -- 12pm-1pm Virtual

Please join the Faith-Based Collaboration-Community of Practice by registering [here](#). Traditionally, tobacco treatment focuses on two domains of wellness: the physical and the mental. But nicotine use undermines all the domains of wellness, including social, intellectual, and, critically, spiritual dimensions. Members of spiritual communities look to their peers and their trusted leadership for advice and support in fundamental areas of how they live their lives, including their health behaviors. At the same time, spiritual communities are interested in obtaining the resources necessary to fulfill their mission, which often involves tending to the safety, security, and health of their membership. Together these characteristics create the potential for powerful partnerships to reduce nicotine prevalence rates. The CoP is offered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in partnership with the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC).

MO 0164 Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training – Train the Trainer

The course MO 0164 Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training, Train the Trainer has been scheduled for October 22 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in Jefferson City. This course is intended to train individuals that will be training other volunteers for a PODs that would open during an activation of the Strategic National Stockpile for a pandemic, bioterrorist attack, natural disaster or other incident. This course is primarily intended for a public health, medical and first responder audience whose responsibilities include POD Planning. Local Public Health Agencies: If you have agency volunteers/COAD/CERT members that you would like to take this course in addition to health department staff please reach out to me prior to having them register.

Emily Carpenter: Emily.Carpenter@sema.dps.mo.gov. You can find the course listing to register here: <https://sematraining.com/courses/2088/offerings/11605>.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST I - Cass County Health Department

The Cass County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full-time, Environmental Public Health Specialist I. Duties include administering and enforcement of Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations related to public health and sanitation. Apply at: www.indeed.com, or by submitting a resume to: debg@casscounty.com. Position open until filled.

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.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR – Clay County Public Health Center

The Continuous Improvement (CI) Coordinator coordinates and integrates performance management (PM), quality improvement (QI), strategic planning, workforce development and evidence-based decision making into organizational practice while considering health equity. The Coordinator assures that health center QI initiatives are focused and aligned to improve operational and program efficiencies and effectiveness, provides direction for QI policy development, and researches and develops QI training programs that focus on enabling the workforce to achieve improvements with priority health concerns. The Coordinator also coordinates CCPHC national accreditation activities and manages documentation requirements to ensure continued compliance with all current Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) measure and serves as CCPHC's designated contact with PHAB. 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.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST -- McDonald County Health Department

The McDonald County WIC program is seeking applicants for a Registered Dietitian or Nutritionist. Submit Resumes to: mike.hall@mcdonaldcountymo.gov.

View full job description and benefits at: <https://www.indeed.com/job/nutritionist-7e36e5d880aeaf53>.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Morgan County Health Center

The Morgan County Health Center is hiring a full-time Registered Dietitian or Nutritionist.

The person in this position will be responsible for planning and implementing the nutritional components of 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 a 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 educate WIC-eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. WIC experience is desired. If interested, please get in touch with Shawn Brantley, Administrator at: 573/378-5438 ext.1001 or e-mail at: Shawn.Brantley@lpha.mo.gov.

NUTRITIONIST, CPA, RN, OR LPN -- Pettis County Health Center

Pettis County Health Center is looking for a bilingual (Spanish/English) nutritionist, CPA, RN, or LPN to join their team for the WIC program. This position will involve assisting with the administration of the WIC program, providing nutritional counseling and education, and coordinating breastfeeding services for participants. If you're interested in this opportunity, you can apply by submitting your resume to: robin.bartlett@lpha.mo.gov or by visiting the Pettis County Health Center at 911 E 16th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301.

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/>.

PANEL MEMBERS NEEDED — Direct Service Worker Advisory Panel

We hope this email finds you well. As stakeholders committed to enhancing the lives of older adults and individuals with disabilities, we are excited to share an opportunity for your organization to actively participate in shaping the future of direct service work in Missouri. DSDS is recruiting DSWs for an existing statewide Direct Service Worker Advisory Panel. The Advisory Panel gathers feedback **from frontline DSWs** on various aspects of their roles, including identifying training needs, addressing barriers to retention and advancement, and exploring support mechanisms to enhance job satisfaction and quality of care. DSWs that work in adult day care settings, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, personal care services, and individual homes are encouraged to apply, whether employed by agencies or a consumer-directed option. Given your organization's extensive involvement with DSWs, we are reaching out to request your assistance in broadly disseminating this crucial information to them. The Panel has been meeting every other month since May 2024 and will continue to meet through early 2026. DHSS appreciates the participation of board members and knows their time is valuable. Gift cards will be provided to board members for each meeting attended. If there are DSWs within/employed by your organization who would be interested in participating in this important initiative, please encourage them to complete [this form](#) or reach out to Holly Riley at: hriley@advancingstates.org or 202-898-2578 by **Monday, March 3**. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

Sarah Willson, DHSS Director
DHSS Staff, County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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