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HIGHLIGHTS

OUR TURN TO TALK -- PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to invite you to a FREE screening of Our Turn to Talk - a film focused on normalizing conversations about mental health among young people. Following the film will be a panel discussion with mental health professionals and individuals who have had lived experiences that contribute to this topic. The event will also include a community resource fair. This screening is free and open to the public. Registration is not required in order to attend but would be helpful. You can register at this link: <https://forms.gle/5b93NegifUYFB41m7> or by contacting: monica.stokes@como.gov. The event will be held May 8 at the Boone Electric Community Building, 1413 Rangeline Street Columbia, MO from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Please see [flyer](#) for details and registration scan code.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS -- JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Missouri Public Health Association, Section for Public Health Nursing, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence and Missouri Institute for Community Health invite you to submit a proposal to present at the Joint Public Health Conference. The conference will have approximately 300 in attendance with exhibitors and sponsors and will be held September 23-25, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. Please see [flyer](#) for details and Presentation Application.

SHARE WITH YOUR SCHOOLS! THE TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL POLICY SURVEY IS STILL OPEN!

More youth are vaping than ever before! Schools have the opportunity to speak up about their needs and challenges with student vaping and tobacco use by completing the Tobacco-Free School Policy Survey! The results will inform the creation of resources to support schools better statewide. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (TPCP) and Missouri State University (MSU) Ozarks Public Health Institute (OPHI) created the voluntary survey to identify the needs of schools in implementing tobacco-free policies and addressing student tobacco use. Superintendents should have received the confidential survey via email. It can also be completed by clicking [this survey link](#). **The survey closes on May 31.** If you have any questions, contact: motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov or 573-522-2820. Thank you for taking the time to share this survey for the health of Missouri's students and schools!

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LPHA Job Opportunities

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- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
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RISE: A ROADMAP FOR NEW LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS -- NACCHO

Local Public Health Agencies may be interested on this upcoming opportunity, RISE: A Roadmap for New Local Health Officials, through the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO):
<https://www.naccho.org/programs/public-health-infrastructure/workforce-development/rise-roadmap-for-new-local-health-officials>.

FREE CAMPAIGN RESOURCES! "TOBACCO IS CHANGING"

Tobacco Is Changing launched statewide on April 1 the campaign will educate parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers of teens about the dangers of electronic cigarette use and provide resources for those seeking more information. This campaign will raise awareness through the [Tobacco Is Changing](#) website and promote [My Life My Quit](#) to teens as a support resource. New 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 website [HERE!](#) Please share these free campaign resources with partners, organizations, and schools. Please reach out to: motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov with any questions.

NEW WEBSITE – WEBSTER COUNTY

The Webster County Health Unit is proud to announce a new website and web address. Please take a moment to check out our new and updated website at: www.webstercountymohealth.gov. Also, our staff email addresses have changed to reflect the new .gov domain name.

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.

Writing Policies & Procedures: Best Practices for Clarity and Compliance

Learn how to effectively write policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that meet accreditation requirements. This training will explore the key differences between policies and procedures, provide best practices for structuring them, and offer tips for ensuring clarity and compliance.

The virtual training will be on Tuesday, May 20 from 11:00am-12:00pm.

[Register here.](#)

Questions? Email the accreditation team at: accreditation@mophi.org.

Building Healthy Communities ECHO

Are you looking to strengthen your community's health through collaboration and evidence-based strategies? Join the Building Healthy Communities ECHO held every 2nd Wednesday from 10-11am CT. This ECHO connects professionals across Missouri to discuss topics like food access, public safety, health equity, and more. Share real cases, deepen your practice, and earn free continuing education credits, all at no cost. Register today at: showmeecho.org.

Adult Psych ECHO

Join our Adult Psych ECHO on May 5 from 12–1pm CT for an engaging, collaborative learning experience. This free session offers healthcare professionals the opportunity to deepen their practice, expand their knowledge, discuss real-life cases, and connect with a supportive learning community. All ECHOs provide free continuing education credits. Register today at: showmeecho.org.

Adult Immunization Community Convening: Developing Strategic Community Collaborations – MU Extension

Come join the MU Extension Center for Adult Immunization Community Convening: Developing Strategic Community Collaborations on Friday May 16, 12-4pm. In-Person options in 9 Regions across the state for your convenience. What we hope to achieve: Connect Community Health Personnel, Align Strategies to Improve Adult Vaccinations, Share Resources, and Create Future Collaborative Opportunities. Please see [flyer](#) for registration.

2025 Optimizing Benefits for Maternal and Infant Health Meetings

All MO HealthNet providers and professional community partners are invited to join the MO HealthNet Division, our Managed Care health plans, Show-Me ECHO, and the Office of Oral Health for a unique in-person networking opportunity in cities across Missouri.

Attendees will learn about valuable benefits, incentives, and resources available to pregnant women and their families, including individualized case management, Doula coverage, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, and more.

May 29 – St. Louis

June 10 – Kansas City

July 17 – Jefferson City

September 16 – Cape Girardeau

October 22 – Joplin

Visit: [Optimizing Benefits for Maternal and Infant Health](#) for specific locations and to register. Seats are limited. For questions, contact: MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov.

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>.

PER 410 - Enhancing Planning, Preparedness, and Response to Pandemics and other Large-Scale Public Health Emergencies

The State Emergency Management Agency is offering **PER 410 - Enhancing Planning, Preparedness, and Response to Pandemics and other Large-Scale Public Health Emergencies** on August 5 – 6, in Jefferson City from 8am to 5pm. This is an introductory course with a goal to improve the ability of public, private, and nonprofit partners to establish more effective and coordinated preparedness and response efforts for public health emergencies related to large-scale biological, natural, or human-caused disasters, including pandemics. The course includes developing a targeted action plan to address issues and gaps that were identified by your state in an initial program assessment. The course audience is SLTT public health, emergency management, mental health agencies and community or private sector organizations with a role in response to public health emergencies. If you are interested in attending, please register on: sematraining.com as well as using the registration link on the course [flyer](#). Feel free to reach out with questions! SEMATraining-Exercise@sema.dps.mo.gov or Emily.Carpenter@sema.dps.mo.gov.

Artificial Intelligence in Public Health: Innovative Solutions for Missouri – Heartland Center

The Heartland Center at Saint Louis University is proud to present a webinar series on AI in Public Health.

Artificial Intelligence in Public Health: Innovative Solutions for Missouri

Monday, May 5, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT

Speakers:

Dr. Josh Wymer, Chief Health Information & Data Strategy Officer, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS)

Dr. Heidi Miller, Chief Medical Officer, DHSS

Dan Hlavac, Head of AI, Office of Administration, State of Missouri

Daniel Bogle, Policy Director, DHSS

The panelists discuss the current state of AI tools and opportunities for public health. The conversation will cover a range of foundational topics, including standards, policies, and ethical considerations. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the current approach to these opportunities and current governance initiatives guiding Missouri's journey. For more information, register here: https://slu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8fZj0G7vTkSisXhU7eHn0g.

Medical Countermeasures: Point Of Dispensing (POD)

The Region D administrators' group has arranged to have TEEX (Texas A&M University) present a 'Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response' course in Springfield on October 29 & 30. This course is a guide for local health officials and their partners to coordinate plans to provide mass distribution of medical countermeasures in response to a large-scale public health incident. This course focuses on planning considerations, recommendation to achieve the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) 48-hour standard for Mass Prophylaxis, and the local community's Mass Prophylaxis and Point of Dispensing (POD) site preparedness. The course material is applicable to pandemic influenza, bio-terrorism, and other public health emergencies.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the roles and responsibilities for local, state, and federal levels across a broad range of complex preparedness challenges related to medical countermeasures
- Identify the different POD models and standards for selecting POD locations
- Apply the POD command structure for initial planning, execution, and demobilization of a jurisdictional response in POD operations
- Demonstrate the essential functions of POD setup and operations
- Identify the planning and training needs to operate a POD site
- Discuss the concerns of the community jurisdictional medical countermeasures plan.

There is no cost for the course, and class size is limited to the first 35 to register. Registration may be accomplished by going to:

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT319&S=662> .

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

PROGRAM MANAGER OF ACCOUNTING – 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 Program Manager of Accounting. With guidance from the Section Chief of Operations, the Program Manager of Accounting establishes and maintains effective programs through hands-on, collaborative, and strategic program management. The manager also supervises, and coordinates activities of personnel engaged in carrying out program goals. Visit: clayhealth.com.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR – 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 Continuous Improvement Coordinator. With guidance from the Section Chief of Health Planning & Policy, the 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. This position does not have direct reports, and the program manager/Section Chief will have overall accountability for staff.

Visit: clayhealth.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Howell County Health Department

Howell County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full time EPHS/40 hours a week. Must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 30 credit hours in one or a combination of Biology, Chemistry, Bacteriology, Food Science, Soil Science, Sanitary Science, Environmental Health, or in closely related physical or natural sciences and/or environmental experience within the public health setting. Employee will perform routine inspections on food establishments, daycares and lodging facilities, evaluate private well water tests and regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems. For more information call: 417-256-7078. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://howellcountyhealth.com/>. Howell County Health Department 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.

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT -- Perry County Health Department

Perry County Health Department is currently accepting applications for a Certified Medical Assistant. The full-time position reports to the Director with clinic duties under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Qualifications required are a valid driver's license, completion of Medical Assistant training and successful completion of CMA certification exam, minimum one year of experience and certified in first aid and CPR. Please visit: www.perrycountyhealth.com for a full job description. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov or call 573-547-6564 for more information.

HEALTH EDUCATOR / WIC-- Perry County Health Department

Perry County Health Department is currently accepting applications for a Health Educator / WIC position. The full-time position reports to the Director. Qualifications required are a valid driver's license, Bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University in Nutrition and/or Dietetics. Previous public health experience as a health educator or WIC is preferred. Please visit: www.perrycountyhealth.com for a full job description. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov or call 573-547-6564 for more information.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR — Saint Louis County Dept. of Public Health

This position will educate the public on program goals and collaborate with external agencies to deliver services. This position will work specifically within the Public Health Department's Emergency Preparedness Program. The Outreach Coordinator will have responsibilities related to public health emergency preparedness and response activities including work with the Access and Functional Needs registry, community resilience efforts, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and outreach related to medical countermeasure Points of Dispensing (PODs). Minimum qualifications: Equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree and three years of related experience. For more information, visit our website [here](#).

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/>.

WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR -- Taney County Health Department (TCHD)

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a part time, 24 hours a week WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. TCHD is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson & Forsyth Missouri. The TCHD leadership team is committed to our core values of Caring, Serving and Protecting in our community as well with our staff. TCHD does this by providing a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, staff development, trust, and fun! Responsibilities include providing basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to new mothers and help mothers achieve their own breastfeeding goal. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. The ideal applicant would need to be a team player, make our values a top priority, and have excellent communication skills. For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

SAFE-CARE PROGRAM SPECIALIST - Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MO-NACA)

The Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MO-NACA) is looking for our next SAFE-CARE Program Specialist! SAFE-CARE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examination-Child Abuse Resource and Education) is a state-funded program that develops and maintains a coordinated medical response to child abuse and neglect in Missouri. Our organization serves all of Missouri and this position can be based in our Jefferson City office or remotely. Learn more and apply at: <https://mo-naca.org/about/careers/>.

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

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