

# Friday Facts

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **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](mailto: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!

### **HEAD START LEAD TESTING EVENT SIGN-UPS!!!**

The DHSS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) wants to partner with you to offer testing events at your local Head Start. What does this look like? DHSS will provide test kits and the point-of-care testing device along with staff to run the machine, local Health Departments will provide lancets, band aids, stickers (optional) and nurses to collect the blood, and Head Start programs will get consent for testing from the parents. We travel onsite to conduct the event, which helps families access lead testing opportunities. If you are interested in partnering with DHSS and your local Head Start, please complete the [sign-up form](#). If you have questions, please contact Maggie Burns at: [Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov](mailto:Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov) or Teresa Wortmann at: [Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov](mailto:Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov) or call 573-751-6102 and ask for the CLPPP nurses.

### **CHRONIC TRAUMA**

The connection between trauma exposure and long-term health problems is becoming clearer – and the health care sector is now focusing on how to care for patients with a history of trauma. Serious health issues can be the result of trauma, leading to poor health outcomes and higher social services and medical costs. Clinical practice and organizational culture can be changed to reflect trauma-informed principles. This has the potential to improve health outcomes, improve patient engagement and improve providers and staff wellness. [Key Ingredients for Successful Trauma-Informed Care Implementation](#) is a brief that was produced by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and led by the Center for Health Care Strategies. The aim is to implement trauma-informed principles and approaches into health care delivery. Access this printable [infographic](#) on the ten (10) key ingredients for trauma-informed care, made available by the Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Resource Center.

## **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](#)

## **NEW MISSOURI COMMUNITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE WEBSITE GOES LIVE**

In partnership with the Missouri Public Health Association's (MPHA) Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN) and the Ozarks Public Health Institute (OPHI), a new Missouri Community of Public Health Nursing Practice (MCPHNP) website is now available! The website can be found here: <https://www.missouristate.edu/OPHI/SPHN/default.htm>.

Public health nurses can find the following on the new website:

- Information about the MCPHNP
- Information about the SPHN
- Sign up for the MCPHNP mailing list
- Resources (including the Public Health Nursing Manual, the Preceptor Orientation Manual, and much more!)

## **NEW! MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) SOCIAL DRIVERS OF HEALTH DASHBOARD**

The [DHSS Social Drivers of Health Dashboard](#) is designed to leverage data to address health disparities in Missouri. This dashboard can be a resource for local public health agencies, community organizations, policymakers, and Missouri citizens. The dashboard intends to make data easily accessible to stakeholders and citizens so that all Missourians can achieve optimal health and safety in their communities for life.

## **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.

### **Medical Forensic ECHO**

Join the Medical Forensic ECHO! This free virtual program connects healthcare professionals, forensic experts, and multidisciplinary teams to improve care for sexual assault survivors. Through interactive, case-based learning, participants gain the tools and knowledge needed to enhance forensic documentation, evidence collection, and trauma-informed care. Join a statewide network committed to advancing best practices. Due to the sensitive nature of this ECHO registration can be done by emailing: [safevt@health.mo.gov](mailto:safevt@health.mo.gov). All ECHOs offer free continuing education credits for qualifying professionals. Learn more at: [showmeecho.org](http://showmeecho.org).

### **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](mailto:MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov).

### **Upcoming Narrative Writing Workshop with The Missouri Public Health Institute**

Strong narrative writing can be the key to successfully conveying your department's achievements during the accreditation process. This hands-on workshop will guide you through the essentials of crafting compelling narratives, focusing on clarity, coherence, and alignment with accreditation standards. This training will provide input from a PHAB and MICH perspective.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 11:00am-1:00pm**. [Register here](#). Questions? Email Erika Holliday at: [eholliday@mophi.org](mailto:eholliday@mophi.org).

### **Accreditation Coordinator Retreats with the Missouri Public Health Institute**

The Missouri Public Health Institute will be hosting a series of Accreditation Coordinator Retreats across the state. The retreats will be an opportunity for regional Accreditation Coordinators (or staff who wear that hat) to gather and share resources, discuss challenges, and approach burnout and wellness as a group. The four regions that were selected were based off the greatest amount of interest from counties who filled out a previously sent out survey. The retreats are a pilot, and in the remainder of the regions will have retreats occurring in the coming seasons.

The selected regions, and the links to register are below:

- **Region A:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Jackson County Health Department, 9am-5pm

**Register:** <https://forms.office.com/r/JKkeiFjAYb>

- o **Region D:** Friday, August 8, 2025 at Springfield-Greene County Health, 9am-5pm

**Register:** <https://forms.office.com/r/1X1wuuGn51>

- o **Region E:** Friday, August 22, 2025 at the Bollinger County Health Department, 9am-5pm

**Register:** <https://forms.office.com/r/DXfyHzzr6K>

- o **Region F:** Friday, August 1, 2025 at Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, 9am-5pm

**Register:** <https://forms.office.com/r/XEcrxh24Dv>

Anyone can register for any of the retreats, but we are prioritizing people who live in the region and will add people outside the region closer to time depending on the total number of registrants. Hope to see you there! Please email: [accreditation@mophi.org](mailto:accreditation@mophi.org) with any questions.

### **Free Virtual Training for Large Animal Veterinarians**

Join the *Veterinary Education & Training ECHO* on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 12–1pm CT. This free virtual learning opportunity covers real cases, the latest research, and critical topics such as biosecurity, dairy production, and more. Continuing education credits are available at no cost.

**Learn more or register at:** <https://showmeecho.org/clinics/veterinary-education-training/>.

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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](http://clayhealth.com).

### **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](http://www.perrycountyhealth.com) for a full job description. Send cover letter, resume and references to: [Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov) or call 573-547-6564 for more information.

**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/>.

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