

Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

NEW FRIDAY FACTS PLATFORM!

Friday Facts will be moving to the GovDelivery distribution platform for the first time in the October 3, 2025 edition. It will look a bit different but nothing about the content will change. Everyone who is currently receiving Friday Facts will continue to do so. However, instead of the email coming from FridayFacts@health.mo.gov, it will be sent from MissouriDHSS@public.govdelivery.com / Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. We don't expect it to go to your junk mail, but if you don't see it in your inbox, you might check your junk mail and ensure this sender is marked as a safe contact. If you have team members who don't already receive Friday Facts but would like to, feel free to [self-subscribe here](#). Thank you!

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) GRANT PROGRAM - FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Health and Senior Services, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Grant Program, has released the "Reducing Barriers to SUD Recovery Support" funding opportunity on our program website. Please click [link](#) for more information.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS -- LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

We are pleased to share an exciting new opportunity that supports retention of the oral health workforce and access to care in underserved communities. Dental hygienists are now eligible to receive loan repayment assistance through the health professionals loan repayment program (HPLRP). Delta Dental of Missouri provided oral health workforce funding which made the addition of this provider group to the existing HPLRP program possible. Additional details on eligibility, application timelines, and service requirements are available here. <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/hplrp/> I encourage you to share this information within your networks, particularly with dental hygienists who can immediately benefit from this program. **The application cycle is September 1, 2025 – November 1, 2025 so please act quickly.** I also welcome ideas for additional channels in which to share this information.

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.

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](#)

Dimensions: Tobacco Free Advanced Techniques Training

Registration is now open for the in-person DIMENSIONS: Tobacco Free Advanced Techniques Training. This **FREE** training is available to behavioral health providers, and any health care provider or organization, including LPHAs. **Please register by September 15 for MO DHSS to reimburse your hotel lodging. The training will be held from 8:30am to 4:30pm CT on October 15 and from 8:30am to 12:30pm on October 16.** Lunch will be provided on the first day. This one and a half day training covers tobacco fundamentals, tobacco addiction, tobacco treatment strategies, and a motivational intervention for tobacco cessation. In addition to learning the fundamentals about tobacco, you will gain access to a tobacco-free group curriculum and numerous handouts (including Spanish versions) that help facilitate conversations around nicotine/tobacco use. Even if you do not intend to run a group, this will be a valuable training. To ensure reimbursement, please provide your organization's Missouri Buys Vendor ID Number for reimbursement. If you do not know this number, please provide the appropriate person within your organization for DHSS to contact to obtain this information.

Medical Countermeasures: Point Of Dispensing (Pod), Planning and Response MGT-319

This training course is to enhance jurisdiction preparedness and emergency response efforts by providing knowledge of how to exercise and revise a plan that utilizes an all-hazards, whole community approach toward a medical countermeasures event. Assists with coordination of planning, training and responding to a Medical Countermeasure (MCM) response for a public health incident. This course responds directly to the National Preparedness Goal as it applies to delivery of medical countermeasures to exposed populations. This course is offered through TEEX and is funded by DHS/FEMA.

Location: Greene County Public Safety Center 330 W. Scott Street Springfield, MO 65802

Date: October 29-30, 2025

Time: 8am – 5pm

LOCAL POC: Scott Allen **Email:** sallen@webstercountymohealth.gov

Public Health Nursing Workforce Learning Lab

ASTHO is launching the Public Health Nursing Learning Lab Series, a virtual space for anyone working in a governmental public health agency, focused on exploring solutions to today's public health nursing workforce challenges.

Participants will:

- Identify strategies to address workforce challenges like recruitment, retention, and burnout
- Strengthen their leadership and systems thinking skills
- Understand how to support and sustain the public health nursing workforce
- Build connections and share ideas with peers from across the country

Session Dates: Sessions are virtual. You must be logged in to register. Login or create an account, if you do not have one, use the Login at the top right corner of this page: [Meeting Home Page](#).

- Session 3 (September 24, 3-4pm ET) – Public Health Nursing Residency Programs and Leadership Pathways
- Session 4 (October 22, 3-4pm ET) – Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen the PHN Workforce
- Session 5 (November 19, 3-4pm ET) – Public Health Nursing Workforce Culture

ATTENTION PRIMARY CARE PROFESSIONALS — Dermatology ECHO

Primary care healthcare professionals are the first line of care for patients with skin concerns.

The Dermatology ECHO is designed to teach you how to recognize and manage the top 10 most common skin conditions seen in Missouri, giving you practical tools and guidance directly from experts.

Join this free and virtual interactive program to sharpen your skills, build confidence, and provide better care for your patients without leaving your clinic.

This ECHO is held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 12-1PM CT.

Register or submit a case at: showmeecho.org.

Governmental Public Health Summit -- Missouri Public Health Institute

The Missouri Public Health Institute is excited to invite you all to our upcoming Governmental Public Health Summit, which will be held December 8-10 at Old Kinderhook. We will be convening governmental public health leaders from across the state to strengthen service delivery, advance systems change, build lasting connections across the state, and celebrate the hard work governmental public health employees do every day. The topics addressed at the summit have been picked by your governmental public health peers, our keynote speaker will be DHSS Director Sarah Willson, and we will have more exciting speakers to announce soon! Governmental public health leaders of all types are welcome - whether you work at DHSS, an LPHA, or serve on a board, we think the Governmental Public Health Summit offers you a unique opportunity to connect with your peers and advance your public health mission.

For registration and hotel accommodation information, please visit: [this link](#). We are currently offering an Early Bird registration deal that will run through October 17 and lowers the cost of registration to \$50 plus fees!

Registration closes November 7th. We hope to see you in December!

High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends

The Adair County Health Department's Drug-Free Communities program, NEMO DFC, will be hosting nationally recognized Officer Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop, on Wednesday November 19 in Kirksville, Mo in the Student Union Building on Truman State University campus. The presentation will focus on current drug trends for youth while educating parents and community members about the importance of staying away and vigilant. A community resource event will take place from 5-6pm with the presentation beginning at 6pm. Link to register:

<https://forms.gle/9Gh3STqPoS3n5tPx7> or contact April Dobrinske at the Adair County Health Department 660-665-8491 Ext. 721. April.Dobrinske@lpha.mo.gov. Please see [flyer](#) for details.

Join the Pediatric Weight Management ECHO!

This FREE virtual education program meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 12–1PM CT and is designed to help primary care teams feel more confident in treating children and adolescents with obesity.

Through real-life case discussions and expert-led sessions, you'll gain practical strategies and resources to better support your patients and their families.

Upcoming sessions:

- October 8 – Family Based Therapy
- October 22 – Common Challenges in Family Dynamics: Routine Obstacles
- November 12 – Medication Tips and Tricks

Register today or submit a case at showmeecho.org

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NUTRITIONIST -- Barry County Health Department

The Barry County Health Department is seeking a full-time (40 hours/week) nutritionist to provide individual assessment, counseling, and support for breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Duties also include individual and group education and being accountable for daily clinic functions. At minimum, the candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. WIC experience is preferred. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. The applicant must be reliable and able to work in a team environment. Excellent customer service skills and professional demeanor is expected at all times. Please submit applications to: Barry County Health Dept, 90 Barry County Drive Cassville MO or mail to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. For questions, please call: 417-847-2114.

GENERAL CLERK -- Barry County Health Department

Barry County Health Department will be accepting applications for a General Clerk position at our Cassville office. This is a full time 40 hr a week position. Starting salary is \$12.00 per hour. Office hours are from 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday. Please submit applications to: Barry County Health Dept, 90 Barry County Drive Cassville MO or mail to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. For questions, please call: 417-847-2114.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Barry County Health Department

Barry County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full time EPHS/40 hours a week. Hours will be Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 6:00pm. 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. Employee will perform routine inspections on food establishments, daycares and lodging facilities, evaluate private well water tests and regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems. Generous benefit package. For more information call: 417-847-2114. Resumes may be hand delivered to Barry County Health Department at: 90 Barry County Drive Cassville, MO 65625, faxed to: 417-847-0924, or mailed to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. Barry County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

Public Health Nurse/TB Case Management – Full Time – 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 Public Health nurse. The Public Health Nurse adheres to professional community health nursing practices and performs nursing services in community health programs for the public to meet set program goals. Visit: clayhealth.com.

Public Health Nurse/STI Clinic – Part Time – 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 part-time Public Health nurse. The Public Health Nurse adheres to professional public health nursing practices and performs nursing services for the public to meet set program goals. This position works in the STI/ TB program. 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.

WIC NUTRITIONIST -- Howard County Public Health Department

The Howard County Public Health Department is seeking a dedicated WIC Nutritionist to coordinate nutrition and breastfeeding services for our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. This position can be Full-Time or Part-Time. Qualifications are a Bachelor's or Master's degree in nutrition, dietetics, or a related field OR Registered Dietitian (RD/LD) are eligible. Strong knowledge of public health nutrition and counseling.

TEMPORARY NEED: Currently, we have an **IMMEDIATE** temporary need for a WIC Nutritionist on Thursday's every week to support ongoing program needs to support our team until full-time or part-time position is filled. This can be done virtually.

To apply or Inquire email: rajitha.voleti@lpha.mo.gov or michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov.

WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Osage County Health Department

The Osage County Health Department (OCHD) seeks candidates for a part-time, 12 hours weekly, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. OCHD is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Linn Missouri. Position responsibilities include providing basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to help mothers achieve their personal breastfeeding goal. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, please visit: osagecountyhd.org

WIC DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Osage County Health Department

The Osage County Health Department (OCHD) seeks candidates for a part-time, 4 hours weekly, WIC Dietitian/Nutritionist within the WIC Clinic Team. This professional position includes conducting nutrition assessments, assigning nutrition/health risk factors, providing nutrition and breastfeeding counseling, setting nutrition/health goals, and prescribing food packages to WIC participants based on medical/nutritional needs. Applicants must meet one of the following:

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's or master's degree in the field of nutrition. The degree must include or be supplemented by at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition with at least one course in nutrition counseling, nutrition education (theories and practice), nutrition in the life cycle and food science; or
- Completion of an undergraduate curriculum accredited or approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics-Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) resulting in a verification statement from a didactic program in nutrition and dietetics; or
- Completion of a dietetic internship program accredited or approved by ACEND resulting in a verification statement; or
- Registered dietitian (RD), licensed dietitian (LD) in the state of Missouri (registration or current eligibility for registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration [CDR]).

For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, please visit: osagecountyhd.org.

RN CASE MANAGER – Pike County Health Department

Full Time daytime position available for an experienced registered nurse in the field of home health & hospice. Applicant must possess at least 1 year of home care or acute care setting, as well as being familiar with patient assessment, quality care, teaching of patients/caregivers and performance of skilled procedures. Requires on-call every 6-7th weekend and occasional weekday. Position is benefit eligible. Learn more and apply online:

<https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Pike County Health Department

This position is a full-time (32 hours/week) benefit eligible position that offers a flexible schedule and more! Applicants must have breastfed an infant within the past two years and be available for occasional phone calls after hours and on weekends. Must have good communication skills, computer and organizational skills. Position is benefit eligible. Learn more and apply online: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNER 1 – Platte County Health Department | Kansas City Metro Area

The **Platte County Health Department** is seeking applications for a **full-time Emergency Response Planner**.

There are currently four distinct areas of responsibility assigned to the Planner Position: They are: 1. Emergency Preparedness and Response, 2. Public Information and Outreach; 3. Safety and Security; and 4. Epidemiology Oversight for Emergency Response.

Minimum Qualifications:

A bachelor's degree in public health, biological sciences, community health, emergency management, planning, hazard assessment, business or public administration, or related field is required. Prior experience as a Fire Fighter, Law Enforcement Officer, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, or Enlisted Military Personnel may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for education.

Ideal Candidate:

A **dependable, creative, and collaborative** professional

- Able to work effectively with a **diverse team** and community partners
- Passionate about **improving public health outcomes**

Salary & Benefits:

- **Starting salary:** \$58,786 annually (commensurate with experience and qualifications)
- **Comprehensive benefits package**

Opportunity to serve in a **rapidly growing county** within the **Kansas City metro area**

Please forward cover letter and resume to:

Cindy Gallagher, Administrative Services Manager

cindy.gallagher@plattehealth.com

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://](https://www.taneycohealth.org/)

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Sarah Willson, DHSS Director

DHSS Staff, County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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