

# VITAL RECORDS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

FOCUS: LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Bureau of Vital Records

# Welcome

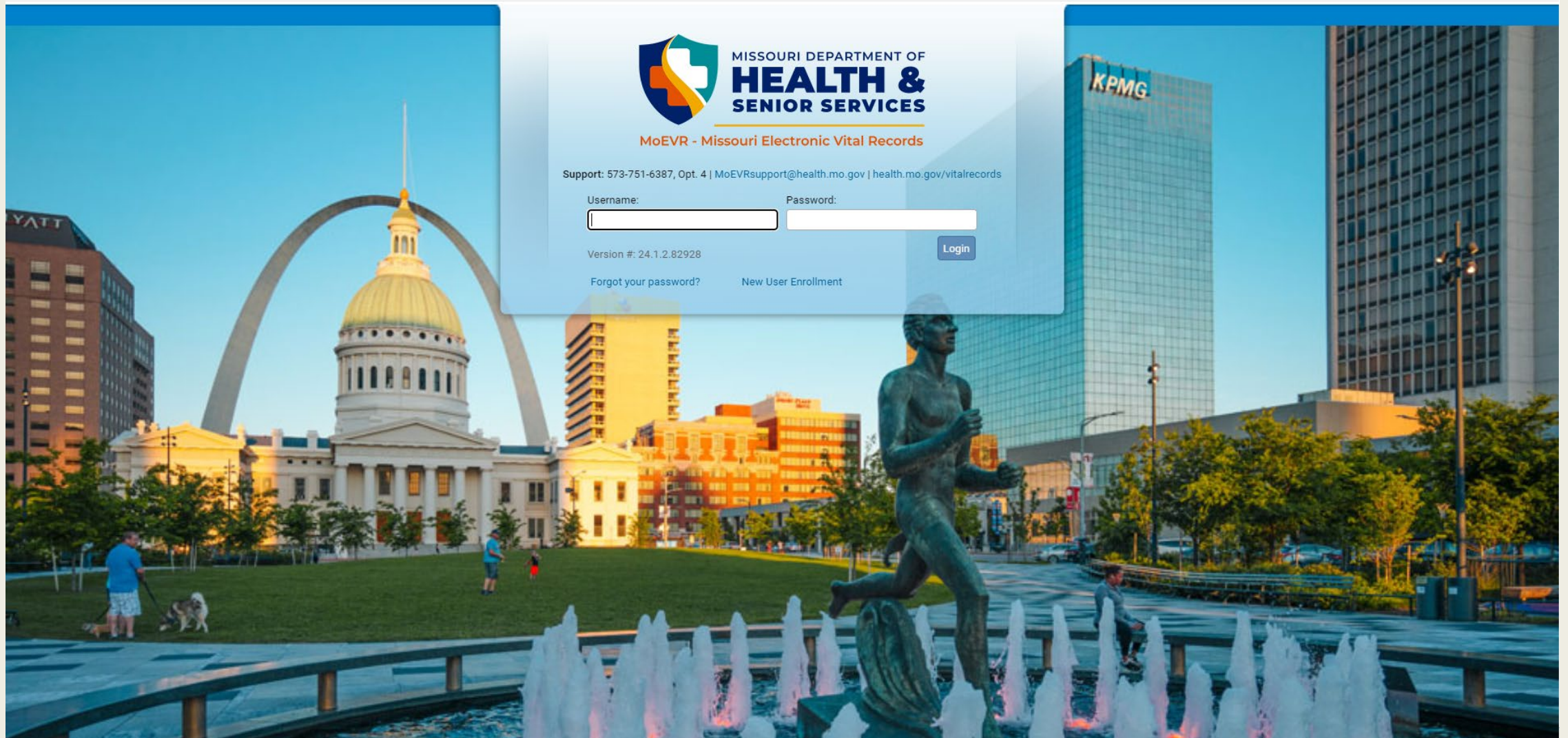


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# Coming to LPHAs in 2026:



A new and improved issuance system that will allow for more records to be issued at the local level!

# Have a Question?

The screenshot shows the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services website. The header includes the department logo, navigation links for MO.gov, Governor Parson, Find an Agency, and Online Services, along with a search bar and social media icons. The main navigation bar lists categories like Healthy Living, Senior & Disability Services, Licensing & Regulations, Disaster & Emergency Planning, and Data & Statistics. The main content area is titled 'Local Public Health Agency Information' and includes a breadcrumb trail: DHSS Home » Data » vitalrecords » Local Public Health Agencies-info. Below this, there is a section for 'Local Public Health Agencies' with a detailed paragraph about their role. A 'Training Resources' section contains a link to the 'Missouri LPHA Training Guide', which is circled in red. To the right, there are sections for 'Consumer Alert', 'Contact', and 'Bureau of Vital Records' with contact information and office hours.

**Local Public Health Agency Information**

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### Local Public Health Agencies

Local public health agencies (LPHAs), also known as city or county health departments, located throughout Missouri work to improve the health of thousands of Missourians every year. These **agencies** address a wide range of public health issues, from assessing the health risks of environmental problems to providing emergency services during natural disasters. Local public health agencies protect food safety by inspecting restaurants and grocery stores. And they work to control communicable diseases such as flu and tuberculosis and to alleviate chronic conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, and stroke.

The Missouri Bureau of Vital Records in Jefferson City maintains a reliable statewide system to register, certify, and report vital events. The bureau works with important partners such as local public health agencies, hospitals, and funeral establishments to collect, register, and issue births and deaths. The state, together with local vital records offices located inside LPHAs across Missouri<sup>1</sup>, provide vital record related customer service and assure that birth and death certificates are issued conveniently and without delay.

### Training Resources

**Missouri LPHA Training Guide**

### Contact Bureau of Vital Records

The Missouri Bureau of Vital Records has field representative staff who travel the state training vital record data providers. Field staff can also arrange for telephone/web conference training calls.

If you are a local public health agency and would like to request a personalized training session or have vital record related questions, **call 573-751-6387, option 4.**

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1. Vital Records are not available at the St. Louis City Health Department. Missouri born citizens can obtain records in the St. Louis City area at the Recorder of Deeds office at: City Hall, 1200 Market Street, Room 126, St. Louis, MO 63103 (314) 613-3016.

**Consumer Alert**

### Contact

**Bureau of Vital Records**  
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
930 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

**General Public Inquiries**  
Telephone: 573-751-6387  
Email: [VitalRecordsInfo@health.mo.gov](mailto:VitalRecordsInfo@health.mo.gov)

**Office Hours**

Telephone Customer Service  
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CST  
(excluding state and federal holidays)

Lobby Customer Service  
**Appointment Required**   
(Call 573-751-6387 prior to arrival)

Email Customer Service  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST  
(excluding state and federal holidays)

The Missouri LPHA Training Guide can be found here: <https://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/lpha-info.php>