

Communications Bulletin 12/20/2024

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UPDATES

PHIG Connect call today (Dec 19) at 3:00 pm. Will discuss PHAB Readiness Assessment and the PHIG Monitoring Assessment due January 15th. See the calendar on the LPHA Info Hub for connection information.

State Lab Holiday Closures: The SPHL will be closed Wednesday 12/25/24, in observance of Christmas and Wednesday 1/1/25 in observance of New Year's Day. The SPHL courier will not be picking up at any locations on these two holidays. The courier will run regular routes the rest of the week. If you need your pick up route adjusted due to additional holiday closures, please notify the lab at SPHLCentralServices@health.mo.gov or 573-751-4830.

PHEP contract update: DHSS is requesting FY26 PHEP workplans be submitted by January 20, 2025. Details and a template were provided in an email sent out the LPHA Administrators and DHSS Preparedness listserves on Dec 18th. Reach out to preparedness@health.mo.gov with questions.

Surveys: The Division of Community and Public Health at DHSS is working to revise its strategy for administering surveys to LPHAs in an effort to more clearly communicate the purpose, due date, expected time to complete, and level of obligation (e.g. requested, recommended, required) for each survey. CLPHS will track survey requests from departments and will work to space them out throughout the year and combine where possible.

PHIG Monitoring Assessment office hours with Travis Fisher Dec 31st from 10:00 – 11:00 am and Jan 7th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm for anyone who needs assistance completing the [reporting tool](#) that is due January 15, 2025. Email travis.fisher@health.mo.gov for connection information, or find it on the calendar on the LPHA Information Hub at MO-LPHA.com

DHSS [Press Release](#): Missouri Sees First Significant Decline in Drug Overdose Deaths in Nearly a Decade (12/16/2024)

H5N1 Potential Outbreak: Missouri Dept of Conservation cautions Missourians not to handle dead birds due to potential H5N1 infection and to report any sightings of dead birds to <http://short.mdc.gov/4KD>. <https://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-encourages-public-use-caution-amidst-suspected-avian-influenza-outbreak>

NEWS

12/18/2024: CDC reports first case of severe H5N1 in a person hospitalized in Louisiana. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/m1218-h5n1-flu.html>

12/18/2024: US healthcare expenditures increased by 7.5% in 2023 to \$4.9 trillion, compared to a 4.6% increase in 2022. Private health insurance spending was up 11.5%, and Medicare expenditures increased 8.1%. <https://tinyurl.com/bdhjfdx>

12/18/2024: CA declares a state of emergency to free up resources to address H5N1 infections in 34 people and more than 600 dairy herds. <https://tinyurl.com/2j286zzk>

12/18/2024: New research reassures older adults that the use of antibiotics is not associated with an increased risk of dementia or cognitive decline. <https://tinyurl.com/2487ucft>

12/17/2024: Annual Monitoring the Future survey of 24,000 students in 8th, 10th and 12th grade across the U.S. reports that 75 – 90% of students surveyed said they hadn't used alcohol, marijuana cigarettes or e-cigarettes in the past 30 days. 12th graders reported an increase in use of nicotine pouches, 6% up from 3% in 2023. (data) <https://tinyurl.com/5cfw5v5m>

RESOURCES

NACCHO's MAPP Learning Community facilitates quarterly meetings for members of our MAPP Network to discuss questions of interest related to MAPP, learn about MAPP topics, and share stories from the field. **The next MAPP Learning Community session will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 12:00 PM and will be on Empowering Communities: Shifting Power Dynamics in the MAPP Process.** [Register](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunity: Upward Momentum (Economic Mobility for All) is a Missouri-based organization and, in conjunction with the Missouri Foundation for Health, is offering \$200,000 to ten (10) selected organizations. Community-led, community-driven nonprofit organizations in Missouri with a demonstrated capability to advance upward mobility for populations facing the greatest need are eligible to apply. This open call aims to support initiatives that are looking to grow or expand promising work. Proposals should aim to bridge across rural and urban communities. This could involve a rural approach that can adapted for an urban setting, or an urban approach that can be replicated in rural areas. Applications are due by January 7, 2025. Direct questions to info@UpwardMO.org. More information is available at [FINAL Upward-Momentum-Open-Call-Proposal-Details-1.pdf](#)

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

January 2025, **Inspector Boot Camp** and **Advanced Inspector Boot Camp**, hosted by Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). The course is free and is only offered once each year. It is virtual, four hours per day, one day per week, for three weeks. [Register](#)

January 6, 10:00 am, **Pregnancy and Risk Screening Codes Changing:** Changes to CMS codes means MO HealthNet has assigned new codes to reimburse for Prenatal and Postpartum Screenings. The changes go into effect January 1, 2025. [Register](#) for webinar

January 14 – 16, 2025, **Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training** (live virtual training). [Apply](#) by Dec 1. Fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP). It provides a comprehensive approach for individuals to learn the core competencies necessary to apply for the National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP). Prerequisites and a deposit of \$100 are required. Deposits are fully refunded after the completion of the entire program. Direct questions to: quitnow@health.missouri.edu.

NEW! January 15, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **Growing with Grants: Preparing to Win and Manage Federal Awards**, National Grants Management Association. Develop a proposal strategy, understand the grants lifecycle, create a checklist for success and learn the basics of compliance. [Register](#)

January 27 – 31, 2025, **Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators**. \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)

May 5 - 9, 2025, **Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators**. \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)