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## UPDATES

**National Public Health Week** is April 7 – 11. We can think of no better time to give a shout out and well deserved recognition to all of the state and local public health professionals who work tirelessly, with such commitment and compassion to serve the people in your jurisdiction. Thank you for being true public health champions! To help you celebrate and raise awareness locally, DHSS has created some Missouri-specific social media content you can use locally. Look under **April** in the LPHA Hub [Resource Library](#).

Keep in mind the despite all that is happening nationally, data recently shared by MOPHI that shows that in Missouri **trust in public health is high!** A reported 60% of Missourians trust their local public health department, making it the second most trusted agency after fire departments. That is impressive and encouraging! Learn more at [MOPHIN](#).

We know these are uncertain and unsettling times for public health with rapid changes occurring at the federal level. DHSS continues to work on its response to the 3/25 **announcement from CDC of the end of funding** for ELC-EDE or EDEX, COVID-19 Health Disparities, and COVID-19 and Adult Vaccinations. **Your stories and impact statements** will be very helpful in responding to how these cuts will affect Missourians. You can submit impact statements or stories at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHfunding>

**FPHS Gap Analysis:** We understand this tool may not be on the top of your priority list right now, but the information you provide will be very helpful in explaining with clear data the way funds are spent on public health in Missouri and where funding gaps continue to affect Missourians. In 2025 you will only be asked to complete Module 1 of the FPHS Costing Tool, showing Current Financials for FY24. You will not be asked to complete Module 2 this year. **Please complete the tool by Thursday, May 1, 2025**, so that MU will have time to conduct a thorough analysis and generate a full report for DHSS.

If you need assistance completing the tool, please reach out to the FPHS Project team at [FPHSgap@missouri.edu](mailto:FPHSgap@missouri.edu). You can request a site visit, a special one-on-one or group training, or attend trainings being held in April as follows:

- **Tuesday, April 8** - [Tabs 05. & 06. Current Labor and Background Tab Instructions](#)
- **Tuesday, April 15** - [Tab 07. Current Spending Tab Instructions](#)

**PHIG Evaluation:** Two revised tools have been added to the LPHA Hub to help with PHIG reporting:

- LPHA PHIG Evaluation Monitoring Assessment \_4.1.25
- Optional PHIG Evaluation Assessment Template Tool\_4.1.25

**Regional LPHA Meetings** coming up:

April 16 – Platte County – Platte County Health Dept. 7925 NW 110<sup>th</sup> St, Kansas City, MO  
April 30 – Butler County – Holiday Inn 2781 N Westwood Blvd, Poplar Bluff, MO

May 1 – St. Charles County – Drury Plaza 380 Mulholland Dr, St. Charles, MO  
May 6 – Greene County – Doubletree 2431 N Glenstone Springfield, MO

**PHAB readiness assessment (RA) support** has been extended through 2026, utilizing Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) funds to cover the cost for all LPHAs. The assessment must be completed by January 1, 2027. The Accreditation tab has been updated on the website <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/> with the new 2025 training dates: May 13, August 14, and November 6, 2025.

**County Commissioners Training:** A webinar will be held April 24, 2025 at 12:30 pm offering County Leadership & Public Health Partnership training to County Commissioners. They must type their name and county name into the chat during the webinar in order for the LPHA to receive incentive credit for their attendance.

**Spring Planners Meeting:** As part of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) contract, this meeting was held March 12, 2025. The slide deck is now available on the LPHA Hub under the Hot Topics box.

## NEWS

*News items are posted for your situational awareness only and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of either DHSS or OPHI. News stories behind pay walls will not be included in order to ensure fair access to all.*

**4/2/2025:** A group of NIH scientists who lost their jobs sue NIH arguing what they call an “ideological purge” of research funding is illegal and threatens medical cures. <https://tinyurl.com/2nad6j4t>

**4/2/2025:** The FDA pauses a decision to approve Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine, slated to be approved for people over 12 years old. <https://tinyurl.com/5meshntk>

**4/2/2025:** Supreme Court upholds FDA decision to ban flavored vapes. <https://tinyurl.com/n8zejp2b>

## WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

April 8 – 11, **Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Education Conference.** Oasis Hotel, Springfield. Register on the [MEHA website](#) under the Training and Conference tab.

April 9, 12:00 pm, **Building Pipelines for Women’s Leadership in Public Health**, Boston University School of Public Health. Explore the landscape of public health leadership nationally and globally. Learn how to support building pipelines for women’s leadership in the field. [Register](#)

April 16, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Platte County Health Dept, 7925 NW 110<sup>th</sup> St, Kansas City.

April 17, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **Public Health Law Under the New Administration**, Network for Public Health Law. Learn how intertwined regulations at the federal, state, and local level regarding raw milk, water fluoridation, and school-required vaccinations may be subject to change based on the new federal administration. [Register](#)

April 30, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Holiday Inn, 2781 N Westwood Blvd, Poplar Bluff.

May 1, 12:00 pm, **Public Health and the New Administration: the First 100 Days**, Boston University School of Public Health. [Register](#)

May 1, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Drury Plaza, 380 Mulholland Dr, St. Charles.

May 6, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Doubletree, 2431 N Glenstone, Springfield.

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

Sept 16 – 17, **Missouri Rural Health Conference**, Camdenton, MO. Save the date.

Oct 29 – 30, **TEEX: Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response**, Springfield, MO. Hosted by the Region D LPHA administrators. Learn how to coordinate plans to provide mass distribution of medical countermeasures in response to a large-scale public health incident in order to meet CDC's 48-hour standard. There is no cost to attend, but class size is limited to 35 participants. [Register](#)