

Visit the [LPHA Info Hub](#) for news and links to resources.

Attachments:

- EPA funding opportunities

UPDATES

Contract due dates:

- PHEP FY26 budget due January 24
- [VFC 2025-2026 Flu Vaccine Pre-book](#) due January 31

Survey request: LPHAs are invited to complete the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) survey to inform HIDTA's annual threat assessment. The survey will be open through Friday, January 31. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWHORSPH2025survey>. For more details, contact Brenda Schell at bschell@midwest-hidta.gov.

LPHA Update Call time change: PLEASE NOTE: The Feb 4th LPHA Update call will take place from 3:30 – 4:30 due to a scheduling conflict. All other LPHA Update calls in 2025 will be from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Links are provided in the Calendar on the LPHA Hub at [MO-LPHA.com](https://mo-lpha.com)

CLPHS Website Update: As part of the DHSS website refresh project, the CLPHS will be moving all content from their current webpages to the LPHA Information Hub at [MO-LPHA.com](https://mo-lpha.com) by February 1st. The LPHA-Hub is intended to be used only by LPHAs, not the general public, so it is not searchable on Google or other search engines. Please make a note of the URL so that you can easily find the website in the future. LPHA call recordings, contract documents, news, funding opportunities, DHSS contact information, social media content you can use, and many other resources are available to you on the LPHA Hub. The Hub is updated Monday and Thursday, and when urgent news or messages need to be communicated.

FPHS Costing Assessment FY24: MU will soon be starting their training sessions for the FY24 FPHS Costing Assessment. To register now for the upcoming sessions, please visit the links below.

1. [Tab 04. DH-37 Tab Instructions](#)
2. [Tabs 05. & 06. Current Labor and Background Tab Instructions](#)
3. [Tab 07. Current Spending Tab Instructions](#)

Missouri legislative session updates:

Committee chairs and full memberships: [House Committees](#) and [Senate Committees](#).

Hearing Schedules:

- [Missouri House of Representatives - Past/Upcoming Committee Hearings](#)
- [Hearings - Missouri Senate](#)

Upcoming events:

- January 28, 2025 – State of the State Address, 3:00pm – House Chamber
- February 26, 2025 – State of the Judiciary, 10:30am – House Chamber

NEWS

1/23/2025: CBS News reports that Susan Collier Monarez, the deputy director of a federal health research agency may be tapped by President Trump to serve as acting head of CDC, filling the current leadership gap. <https://tinyurl.com/4zdya8zz>

1/22/2025: Kaiser Family Foundation Health News comments on changes from the White House that could impact public health. <https://tinyurl.com/zsbake3e>

1/22/2025: RFK says he has resigned from anti-vaccine non-profit and will stop collecting fees on some of his vaccine lawsuits involving the US government if he becomes the Secretary of Health and Human Services. His confirmation hearing is scheduled for January 29th. <https://tinyurl.com/y28w97f9>

1/21/2025: A new report published in The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health reports 1 in 12 children are exposed to sexual exploitation and sexual abuse online. [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642\(24\)00329-8/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(24)00329-8/abstract)

1/20/2025: President Trump signs an executive order removing the US from participation in the World Health Organization, effective January 22, 2026, including halting funding and withdrawing personnel from WHO posts. <https://tinyurl.com/mwymx6xz>

1/20/2025: Homelessness and substance use are exacerbating each other, often in a self-reinforcing cycle, especially in rural areas, according to a 10-state study published in Drug and Alcohol Dependence. <https://tinyurl.com/2b5j48pf>

1/17/2025: Members of the new Trump administration will reportedly be looking to reduce junk food in a program being called “Make America Healthy Again.” <https://tinyurl.com/p27n6scm>

RESOURCES

Anticipated public health impacts of potential changes in federal cannabis policy, the Network for Public Health Law, Dec 12, 2024 [webinar recording](#)

The Value of Cancer Screening (infographic and report); nearly 6 million deaths have been averted in the past 45 years due to advancements in cancer screening, prevention and treatment. 4.75 million of all averted deaths were the result of screening and prevention. 3.45 deaths were averted through smoking cessation. [Details from NIHCM](#)

[Climate Resilience for Health Care Toolkit](#), January 2025, OASH

Youth mental health ([infographic](#)), July 2024, NIHCM

What LPHAs should know about alpha-gal syndrome <https://tinyurl.com/y39v2xek>

How to Build Cross-Sector Partnerships that Improve Public Health, Public Health Communications Collaborative [https://publichealthcollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Building-Cross-Sector-Partnerships PHCC.pdf](https://publichealthcollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Building-Cross-Sector-Partnerships_PHCC.pdf)

Strategic Communications for Public Health, new Public Health Communications Collaborative Academy course that provides a foundation in strategic communications for public health professionals. Opens January 29th at academy.publichealthcollaborative.org

Strengthening Public Health Communications through Community Engagement Synchronous Sessions, hosted by the Public Health Communications Collaborative. Over the course of three interactive sessions, you will gain practical skills and strategies to enhance your ability to engage effectively with communities and build strong, trusting relationships. These sessions build on the asynchronous trainings. [Apply](#) by February 12 to join a new cohort starting soon.

OPPORTUNITIES

EPA federal funding opportunities for clean water, drinking water, school buses, community clean up, assessments, etc. ([see attached pdf](#))

Grantmakers program: Applications are now being accepted for 1 – 2 year projects that fit criteria in the EPA’s “Cultivating Healthy Environments” grant opportunity. This program is intended for local governments and non-profits to address a wide array of concerns in their communities with reduced grants management/oversight duties. It is designed to help ease the burden of federal funding awards for smaller communities with limited resources. Learn more and apply at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/region-7-grantmaker-cultivating-healthy-environments>

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

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](#)

NEW! Jan 30, 2:00 pm, Ask Us Anything: The State of Social Media for Public Health Communicators, Public Health Communications Collaborative. Join public health communications peers for a dynamic discussion on social media amid rising health dis- and misinformation. Learn practical ways to connect with your communities online, and share your questions and challenges with experts in communications and public health. [Register](#)

NEW! Feb 4, Jab Gab Childhood and Adolescent Vaccination Updates for Professional Webinar Show Your Love with Lifelong Immunity-Addressing Pediatric Vaccine Hesitancy, MU Continuing Education for Health Professions. [Register](#)

NEW! Feb 12, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Approaches to Engaging the Amish Community, FOCUS Jurisdictional Chat, CDC. Hear from a panel of jurisdictions currently working with the Amish community on increasing vaccine uptake. Ask your questions and share your experiences engaging the Amish community and partners on vaccine uptake. [Register](#)

NEW! Mar 3 – 5, Community Health Worker Association of Missouri Conference. [Register](#)

NEW! April 1 – 2, Rural Health Workforce Development Conference, Missouri Rural Health Association. [Register](#)

NEW! April 2, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in Boone County; Save the date, details to come

NEW! April 3, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in Adair County; Save the date, details to come

NEW! April 16, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in Platte County; Save the date, details to come

NEW! April 30, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in Butler County; Save the date, details to come

NEW! May 1, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in St. Charles County; Save the date, details to come

NEW! May 6, 10:00 am, Regional LPHA meeting in Springfield-Greene County; Save the date, details to come

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](#)