

Communications Bulletin 11/21/2024

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

Attachment:

- Breast Pumps for MO HealthNet Participants

UPDATES

DHSS Press Release, 11/21/2024: [Stay protected this respiratory illness season](#)

Additional resources:

- Missouri Flu Surveillance Dashboard:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/influenza/dashboard.php>
- CDC's respiratory vaccination dashboard: <https://www.cdc.gov/respvaxview/about/index.html>
- DHSS' Vaccine Confidence Campaign ([social media content](#), etc. you can personalize): <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/movax.php>
- Social media toolkit from Missouri Immunization Coalition:
<https://sites.google.com/view/mictoolkit-flu/home>

DHSS Press Release, 11/19/2024: [Make a plan to quit during the Great American Smoke Out](#)

Additional resources:

that you are free to personalize and use at:

- DHSS Tobacco Cessation webpage (pre-developed tobacco prevention and cessation social media content you can localize and use): <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/tobacco/smokingandtobacco/social-media.php>
- [Missouri County Level Data](#)

Private drinking water testing fees will continue to be waived at the State Public Health Lab while Missouri is under a Governor-declared [state of emergency](#) (through Dec 5) from flooding in early November.

REMINDER: Please try to complete the [Local Environmental Health Self-Assessment and Data Questionnaire](#) by November 27th to help the Bureau of Environmental Health Services review the state of Environmental Health Operations in Missouri.

If you missed the **ELC training** that took place on November 12th, the [recording](#) is available.

Join the **PHIG Connect call** **today, November 21 at 3:00 pm** to learn how the PHAB readiness assessment tool will be tied to FY2025 Incentive Funding. Details and connection information are available on the LPHA Hub calendar at <https://www.mo-lpha.com/>

RECALLS

Grimmway recalls organic carrots linked to multistate cases of *E. coli* infection.

<https://tinyurl.com/4d8b79x3>

Noah's Arc Foundation MAN97 LLC recalls improperly labeled marijuana products that do not list food coloring ingredients. <https://health.mo.gov/safety/cannabis/recalls.php>

NEWS

11/20/2024: Rates of post-partum depression have doubled over the last decade according to a new article in JAMA. <https://tinyurl.com/3whkt2ac>
And the CDC reports mental health conditions are now the leading cause of pregnancy-related death in the US. <https://tinyurl.com/28vf79rx>

11/18/2024: The genetic sequence of the H5N1 bird flu virus that infected a teenager in British Columbia shows that the virus had undergone mutational changes that would make it easier for that version of H5N1 to infect people, according to scientists who studied the data.
<https://tinyurl.com/mrdpp6v8>

11/18/2024: Hawaii reports first H5N1 outbreak in poultry along the Pacific flyway were wild birds migrate south. <https://tinyurl.com/2xxzyw5h>

11/18/2024: The number of kindergartners getting vaccine exemptions climbed during the 2023 – 2024 in 40 states, including Missouri, according to new CDC data. ([comparison maps](#)) ([CDC data](#))

11/17/2024: CDC is investigating a multistate outbreak of *E. coli* linked to carrots sold by Grimmway Farms. Missouri has 3 – 4 cases to date. <https://tinyurl.com/mr4xbp5e>

11/15/2024: A large study finds sitting too much (e.g. more than 10 hours a day) increases a person's risk for heart disease and other adverse cardiovascular outcomes, even if they exercise later in the day.
<https://tinyurl.com/27p6pa7c>

RESOURCES

MO HealthNet Participants may be eligible to receive a **breast pump**. The **attached** flyer provides details.

DSS offers [Show-Me Home](#), a federally funded program which helps Medicaid-eligible senior adults or physically disabled adults integrate back to living independently. To meet criteria, a person must:

- Currently reside in a nursing facility for at least 60 days
- Have a physical disability or be at least 63 years old
- Be eligible for, or a current participant in, Medicaid (MO HealthNet) before moving out of a nursing facility
- Move into a home/apartment that is leased or owned by the individual or a family member

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Dec 3, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. **Public Health Nursing Community of Practice Regional Public Health Nurse Meetings.** In person in Springfield. Topics: communicable diseases, immunizations, networking and sharing. All meetings have the same agenda. Select the date/location that works best for you. [Register](#)

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Dec 5, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, **Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, Workshop 3**, hosted by MOCPE and OPHI. 3-part virtual series of workshops focused on creating transformative narratives – ways of communicating that engage people to consider their own understanding of the world around them and imagine solutions to a more equitable world. [Register](#)

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](#)

Jan 14 – 16, 2025, **Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training** (live virtual training). [Apply](#) by Dec 1. Fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTP). 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.

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](#)

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