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Attachments:

- Responding to Opioids in Missouri (English and Spanish pdfs)

## UPDATES

**National Public Health Week:** DHSS Office of Public Information has created Missouri-specific communications assets to support promotion of National Public Health Week. These are posted on the LPHA Hub under the [Resource Library page](#) – then select **April** from the yellow menu at the top of the page.

## 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.*

**3/20/2025:** President Trump is expected to sign an Executive Order today shutting down the federal Education Department and return education authority to the states. <https://tinyurl.com/4nnz2zxv>

**3/19/2025:** The Trump Administration extends an emergency declaration linked to the opioid overdose crisis calling it a national security emergency despite recent declines in drug deaths. <https://tinyurl.com/3cs5pwxd>

**3/19/2025:** USDA rolls out two biosecurity assessment programs for commercial poultry farms intended to help protect them against avian influenza spread. <https://tinyurl.com/ehppm6yc>

**3/19/2025:** Researchers report an increase in ADHD medication use among women age 35 – 64 over the past few years, an increase of 500,000 women between 2019 and 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/4ttbjrxs>

**3/19/2025:** West Virginia poised to become one of the first states to ban food dyes in school meals in legislation that, if passed, would become effective August 1, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/2nkukzka>

**3/19/2025:** The US fell to its lowest ever place on the [World Happiness Report](#) this year, dropping to 24<sup>th</sup> out of 147 countries. Rank is based on people's average assessment of their quality of life from 2022 to 2024. <https://tinyurl.com/ysj8m532>

## RECALLS

**3/17/2025:** Nestlé USA is initiating a voluntary recall of a limited quantity of Lean Cuisine® and STOUFFER'S® frozen meals due to the potential presence of wood-like material. <https://tinyurl.com/52k2hkum>

## RESOURCES

**Responding to Opioids:** booklets in English and Spanish, DHSS ([attached](#))

**Health in All Policies** – [Food Policy Guides](#), from ASTHO

**H5N1:** [Parents Unsure about Bird Flu](#) This Mott Poll Report explores where parents are getting information on bird flu, how confident they feel in the guidance they are finding, and implications for public health. 3/10/2025

**Public Health Improvement Training** – SAVE THE DATE: In person session Oct 7 in Pittsburgh or virtual workshops during summer 2025. Focus areas include the following. [Learn more](#)

- **Change Management:** Processes and tools to lead change management applications among teams and organizations.
- **Strategic Planning:** Innovative and best practice approaches to develop, implement, and evaluate organizational strategic planning.
- **Communication, Engagement, and Partnership Building:** Developing effective communications and community engagement strategies, and building multi-sectoral or cross-jurisdictional partnerships.
- **Community Health Assessment or Health Improvement Planning:** Innovative and best practice approaches to conducting community, state, and tribal health assessment and improvement planning processes.
- **Quality Improvement:** Building a culture of quality, building and enhancing QI infrastructure and a QI plan, and applying QI models, tools, and techniques.
- **Performance Management:** Guidance on assessing needs, designing, and implementing performance management systems.
- **PHAB Accreditation or Reaccreditation:** Guidance and lessons learned from real accreditation process examples as well as engagement strategies for staff and leadership.
- **Workforce Development and Resource Management:** Innovations in workforce development, recruitment, and career pathways, including diversity, equity, and inclusion in workforce development, as well as acquisition, retention, and management of fiscal resources.

## WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Mar 25, 1:00 pm, **Public Health and Private Sector Partnerships – Part 2: Public Health and Chamber of Commerce**, hosted by Public Health Communications Collaborative. [Register](#)

Mar 26, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, **TB or Not TB: Case Management in Missouri**, hosted by DHSS at Ste. Genevieve County Health Department. [Register](#)

Mar 26, 12:00 – 3:45 pm, **Insights to Practice: A Conference to Inspire Public Health Communications**, hosted by Public Health Communications Collaborative. [Register](#)

Mar 26, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, **Best Practices and Insights for Designing Effective Performance Management Systems in Public Health**, ASTHO and the Public Health Foundation. Explore best practices for establishing and enhancing performance management systems in public health departments. Featuring

insights from two jurisdictions, this session will provide practical strategies and lessons learned from real-world experiences. [Register](#) (will need an ASTHO account to register).

April 1, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, **Birth and Raising the Next Generation: Holistic Approaches to advance Racial and Social Equity**, Boston University School of Public Health. Speakers will share on recent advances, persistent challenges, and point to new directions for advancing equity in childrearing and family health in the U.S. [Register](#)

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

April 2, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Stoney Creek, 2601 South Providence, Columbia.

April 3, 10:00 am, **Regional LPHA meeting** at Holiday Inn 2523 S, Franklin, Kirksville.

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

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

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.