

Communications Bulletin 9/19/2024

Attachment: Guidance for Fall Respiratory Virus Season, Letter from Dr. Miller

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

UPDATES

RSV Education: Dr. Miller sent out a letter (**attached**) Monday to providers in Missouri on RSV and the DHSS Office of Public Information will send out a press release in coordination with that letter. Resources for LPHAs will be added to the Hub, as well.

NEWS

9/16/2024: Patients turn to DIY (do it yourself) recipes for abortion pills and medical treatments due to long wait times and high prices. <https://tinyurl.com/4khywwhw>

9/13/2024: CDC reports a close household contact of the Missouri H5N1 patient and a close contact who is also a health care workers showed similar flu-like symptoms, but CDC says this is not an indication of person-to-person spread. <https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/spotlights/h5n1-response-09132024.html>

9/13/2024: The Florida Health Department and the state Surgeon General are discouraging some Florida residents from getting the COVID mRNA vaccine, questioning its safety and effectiveness for older adults and people with underlying health issues. <https://tinyurl.com/yjvbmwy6>

7/30/2024: SSM hospitals in the St. Louis area expand their human breastmilk donor program to ensure any baby in need of donated breastmilk receives it at no charge. The program is a partnership with the Milk Bank. <https://tinyurl.com/bdtuvdup>

RESOURCES

Integrating Healthy Aging into Public Health (online training course), ASTHO.

[https://learn.astho.org/courses-page/course/integrating-healthy-aging-into-public-health?utm_source=PHW&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=highlight&utm_content=HealthyAging&utm_term=Intergration PH](https://learn.astho.org/courses-page/course/integrating-healthy-aging-into-public-health?utm_source=PHW&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=highlight&utm_content=HealthyAging&utm_term=Intergration%20PH)

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

NEW! Sept 25, 11:00 – 12:30 pm. **Developing a Response Plan to Misinformation in Public Health.** Hosted by Public Health Communications Collaborative. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mswmyc9u>

Sept 25, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at Oak Woods Conservation Center, 1401 NW Park Road, Blue Springs, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov.

Sept 25, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, **Audit-Proof Your Organization: Mastering the Art of Financial Transparency**, hosted by National Grants Management Association; essential knowledge and strategies to effectively prepare for large-scale financial audits; audit requirements specific to your sector; internal controls; best practices for financial documentation; register at <https://tinyurl.com/25bmprzw>

Sept 26, **National Healthy Aging Symposium: Innovation Across the Age-Friendly Ecosystem**, hosted by ODPHP and Trust for America's Health, free online virtual event. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9meyvb>

Sept 26, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at Comfort Inn and Suites, 1821 N Missouri Street, Macon, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov.

Oct 1 – 2. **Missouri Food Safety Task Force Conference**, Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Columbia. Agenda is being finalized, but topics include Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) training opportunities, MU lab resources, Rapid Response Team (RRT), basic fundamentals of HACCP, food safety panel discussion, and more! Conference registration, hotel room reservation instructions, and agenda will be sent via listserv soon. Contact Paige.Anderson@health.mo.gov with any questions.

Oct 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at DHSS, 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov.

Oct 27 – 30, **APHA Annual Meeting and Expo**, Minneapolis. Register: <https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>

Oct 29 – 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (29th) and 8:00 am – 11:30 am (30th), **Fall Preparedness Summit**, Mill Bottom, 400 W Main Street, Jefferson City. Agenda attached. Register by October 14 at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/975cd9442cf54229bbee73a7f610a580>