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## UPDATES

### CHIP HSI

The CHIP H.S.I. Net expenditure report for Quarter Ending 09-24 (July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024) is **due by November 12**.

- [Expenditure Reports](#) for each program and instructions  
Click the QE 09-24 tab at the bottom of the sheet to insert your expenditures.
- All forms should be sent via e-mail to [CLPHSCHIPHSIReports@health.mo.gov](mailto:CLPHSCHIPHSIReports@health.mo.gov).  
*Signed* forms can be e-mailed to [CLPHSCHIPHSIReports@health.mo.gov](mailto:CLPHSCHIPHSIReports@health.mo.gov) or faxed to 573-751-5350. The form will allow an electronic signature to certify expenditures.
- This is continuing the modified total direct costs (MTDC) reporting. Please continue to keep an electronic copy of the CHIP H.S.I. Net Expenditure Report(s) submitted each quarter. One report form (for each CHIP H.S.I. program) will be used to submit expenditures for the entire year (four quarters for the period QE 9/30/24 through the QE 6/30/25).
- PLEASE NOTE --- School Health is: Screening, Diagnosis, and Education of Public Health Issues – LPHAs provide health related services to children under 19 in a wide variety of settings, including health department facilities, schools, preschools, day care centers, churches, community centers, homes and other settings. Services include health education, screenings, diagnosis, maintenance of health records, basic nursing services and referrals as needed to other health care providers. These services are distinct and different from the services provided in schools as part of special education services authorized under IDEA.
- PLEASE NOTE --- Newborn Home Visiting is: Newborn Services – LPHAs offer a variety of services to newborns and their parents, including newborn care education and support to high risk families, and pre-natal care management. These services can be provided in health facilities, families' homes, and/or other settings. Clinical staff and other trained professionals provide a range of services to young families to ensure the healthy development of infants and toddlers.

Moderna has updated the storage and handling of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine, Spikevax. Below are the thawing and storage after-thawing instructions.

	Thaw in the refrigerator (2° C - 8° C / 36° F - 46° F) <b>Do not refreeze after thawed</b>	Thaw at room temperature (8° C - 25° C / 46° F - 77° F) <b>Do not refreeze after thawed</b>
Single-dose syringe	1 hour	45 minutes
Carton of 10 syringes	2 hours and 30 minutes	2 hours and 15 minutes
Expiration of thawed doses	60 days from thawing or expiration date whichever comes first	12 hours

Missouri is highlighted in the latest edition of the PHIG Newsletter, in the article: “Inspiring Young Public Health Professionals Across the Country”. <https://www.phinfrastructure.org/inspiring-young-public-health-professionals-across-the-country/>

## NEWS

**9/26/2024:** CDC report shows suicide rate stayed level between 2022 and 2023 at just under 49,500 deaths, about the highest level in US history.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db509.htm>

**9/26/2024:** President Biden signs executive order related to reducing gun violence.

<https://tinyurl.com/6buxmcvj>

**9/25/2024:** A federal judge in California has ordered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen regulations for fluoride in drinking water, saying the compound poses an unreasonable potential risk to children at levels that are currently typical nationwide. <https://tinyurl.com/ycxkzkfn>

**9/25/2024:** Major cell phone carriers have adopted new technology that will route 988 suicide and crisis calls to the nearest help center based on the caller’s location, not the phone’s area code.

<https://tinyurl.com/53tsx2s2>

**9/24/2024:** A new study published in Nature Medicine describes the cognitive impact of COVID among patients who were hospitalized, stating it resembles 20 years of normal brain aging.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdewujph>

**9/24/2024:** Federal officials will place warning signs along the Coldwater Creek in suburban St. Louis where radioactive materials has increased the risk of certain cancers for children who played in the water or near the creek. <https://tinyurl.com/32xjssth>

**9/24/2024:** The FDA approves a drug to treat a rare genetic disease. Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) affects the nervous system and other organs. <https://tinyurl.com/3y4me5ze>

**9/23/2024:** CDC expands recommendations for mpox vaccination for persons traveling to countries where the clade I strain of the mpox virus is endemic, stating people who “anticipate certain sexual exposures” to be fully vaccinated with two doses of Jynneos vaccine, beginning at least 6 weeks before travel. <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2024/han00516.asp>

**9/20/2024:** FDA approves first self-administered flu vaccine (FluMist nasal spray). Requires screening and a prescription, but can be administered at home without a healthcare provider’s assistance.

<https://tinyurl.com/3jr2zwd>

## RESOURCES

**Accessible Social Media for Public Health** (pdf), Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)  
<https://tinyurl.com/25xdjw88>

**The Public Health Communicators Guide to Misinformation** (pdf), PHCC <https://tinyurl.com/yc2pens8>

**Infodemiology Training Program**, from the Public Good Projects. Free online training course to help public health professionals learn to track, analyze and respond to trending narratives.

<https://training.infodemiology.com/publichealth>

**Health Misinformation and Trust resources** from KFF. <https://www.kff.org/health-misinformation-and-trust/>

**Health news** from The Conversation, a nonprofit, independent news organization that publishes articles written by academic experts and edited by journalists. <https://theconversation.com/us/health>

***Creating Healthy Communities through Cross-sector Collaboration*** white paper frames the value of the arts and culture for advancing health and well-being in communities. It offers examples and recommendations for expanding cross-sector collaboration and innovation (2019).

[https://arts.ufl.edu/site/assets/files/174533/uf\\_chc\\_whitepaper\\_2019.pdf](https://arts.ufl.edu/site/assets/files/174533/uf_chc_whitepaper_2019.pdf)

**Arts on Prescription: A field guide for US communities**, offers a roadmap for creating programs that formally integrate art, culture, and nature into local health and social care systems.

<https://tinyurl.com/yj6f69wn>

## WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

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