

Communications Bulletin 10/4/2024

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Attachments:

- Technical Bulletin RFP24-04 Regulation of raw (unpasteurized) milk and milk product at retail
- Transforming Narratives around Health Equity workshop series informational flyer
- Flyer about virtual discussions related to accountability for implementing FPHS in Missouri

UPDATES

2025 Incentive Funding for MOU and CEHS:

- If you are claiming the MOU portion of the Incentive funding you are responsible for sending in a copy of the signed MOU to receive credit for your county.
- To receive credit on the CEHS portion of the incentive funding, each county will need to send in the CEHS certificate/renewal for the Environmental Specialist you are claiming credit for.
- Please contact Mary Blevins at mary.blevins@health.mo.gov with any questions.

SEMA's contract with Salamander through Midwest Card Solutions has expired and will not be renewed. Agencies who were using Salamander for badging and credentialing may continue with a sole subscription. Resources that were stored in the Salamander database will be moved to WebEOC Nexus. Contact Cheryl Garner with questions, 573-694-5352 or Cheryl.garner@sema.dps.mo.gov

Devin Camden is updating the DHSS tactical communications plan. Please verify the MOSWIN radios you have on hand and whether there is a white state tag on it, often on the radio behind the battery pack. If it does have a state tag, Devin needs to know the tag number and the serial number for the radio. If you know the Radio Alias and the model, share that information as well. The radios should be either APX 7000 (handheld) or APX 7500 (desktop or mounted) Motorola radios. Contact Devin by Oct 15th, if possible at Devin.Camden@health.mo.gov.

Missouri WIC launched a new data dashboard this week that allows the public to access information on participation, certification and benefit data. ([press release](#)) ([dashboard](#))

Shout out to Kristin Brummel of Lee's Summit West Hy-Vee Pharmacy as Missouri's 2024 Immunization Champion. <https://tinyurl.com/mr2unuyu>

RECALLS

Technical Bulletin RFP24-04 Regulation of raw (unpasteurized) milk and milk product at retail (**attached**)

NEWS

10/4/2024: CDC data show nearly 90% of babies hospitalized with COVID have mothers who were not vaccinated while pregnant. <https://tinyurl.com/3s4xzc5r>

10/3/2024: CDC reports that flu vaccine in the southern hemisphere lowered the risk of hospitalization by 35% this flu season, where the H3N2 strain of Influenza A was predominant.

<https://tinyurl.com/2zvp76cx>

10/3/2024: CDC confirms two cases of H5N1 avian flu in people who had contact with infected dairy cattle in California. The two people are not related. <https://tinyurl.com/49fjdnw4>

10/3/2024: WHO approves the first mpox PCR diagnostic test for emergency use.

<https://tinyurl.com/336svk3h>

RESOURCES

New workshop series on Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, hosted by MOCPE and OPHI. Attend this 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. Informational flyer attached. [Register](#) for all three sessions:

Oct 16th: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Nov 7th: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Dec 5th: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

For more information, contact: Xandy Harker at xharker@mocphe.org or Jaci McReynolds at jmcreeynolds@missouristate.edu

Training for environmental health professionals, offered by the MU Extension services. October and November courses: <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/food-safety/events>.

Training for administrators and inspectors from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO): <https://training.afdo.org/2024-2025-trainings/>

Community placement site for substance exposed infant manikins, contact Megan Hammann at 573-536-0213 or megan.hammann@health.mo.gov

LPHAs are invited to share ideas about the accountability plan for future appropriations requests to increase funding for local public health agencies as Missouri implements Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). See the attached **flyer** for more information and contact Daniel Bogle if you would like to participate in the virtual discussions. Daniel.bogle@health.mo.gov

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

NEW! Oct 15, 2:00 pm, Using a new approach to data to understand health and equity in your community (webinar), hosted by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. [Register](#)

NEW! Oct 16, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, **Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, Workshop 1**, 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](#)

NEW! Oct 16, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **Roots of Health Inequity Workshop**, hosted by NACCHO Health Equity and Social Justice team. Explores topics such as the historical influences of public health, root causes related to race, gender, and class struggles, and building power to advance equity in public health practice. [Learn more and register](#)

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>

NEW! Nov 7, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, **Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, Workshop 2**, 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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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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