

Communications Bulletin 11/8/2024

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Attachments:

- Missouri new elected officials, from MOALPHA
- Whooping Cough Cases Spike, news article from St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- TreeHouse Foods recall (3 documents)

UPDATES

Governor Parson visited DHSS on Nov. 7 as part of his farewell/thank you tour. He shared his praise and support for DHSS and the work that the public health community did during the COVID-19 pandemic.

View the video DHSS presented to Gov. Parson here: <https://youtu.be/5AfyuyTVmlc>

State offices will be closed Nov 11th for Veteran's Day

GTT team offers a new phone number for ELC-EDE questions: 573-526-4473 – Please allow up to two days for a response.

ELC-EDE training: Nov 12, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. See the calendar on [MO-LPHA.com](https://mo-lpha.com) for connection information.

New Missouri elected officials, from MOALPHA ([attached](#))

Flu vaccination: Dr. Heidi Miller interview with Fox 2 on the importance of getting a flu vaccination, including with preventing heart attacks and worsening chronic illness:

<https://fox2now.com/video/protecting-yourself-and-others-from-the-flu/10187380/>

Vaccine ordering: DHSS Bureau of Immunizations reminds that providers order enough vaccine supply before November 15, 2024, to last through January 1, 2025. Reconciliations must be current or no older than 14 days to submit an order. Additional orders can be placed through December 10, 2024, but orders placed after December 10 may not arrive before the holidays.

Whooping cough cases increasing (media coverage):

- KBIA: <https://www.kbia.org/kbia-news/2024-10-30/whooping-cough-on-the-rise-in-missouri> (info provided via email)
- KMOX: <https://www.audacy.com/podcast/total-information-am-2922c/episodes/flu-season-offers-opportunities-to-get-up-to-date-on-multiple-vaccines-96945> (Dr. Miller interviewed)
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch [attached](#). (Dr. Turabelidze interviewed)

RECALLS

Class 1 Low Priority: TreeHouse Foods expands voluntary recall to include products potentially contaminated with listeria monocytogenes. Notify affected facilities in your jurisdiction and conduct follow-up check during next routine inspection. ([attachments](#))

NEWS

11/7/2024: A recent CDC study in Colorado and Michigan showed 7% of dairy workers had evidence of recent infection with H5N1, higher numbers than those who had reported symptoms and had been tested previously. <https://tinyurl.com/mr28ypbu>

11/7/2024: The FDA proposed ending the use of the ingredient oral phenylephrine used in many popular over-the-counter cold and allergy medicines, saying an extensive review shows it doesn't actually relieve nasal congestion. The decision is not yet final. <https://tinyurl.com/yzrreby5>

11/7/2024: A new partnership between USDA and Dept of Education will seek to reduce food insecurity among college students by expanding access and education about the SNAP program. Almost one in four college students experience food insecurity. <https://tinyurl.com/449djhrh>

11/6/2024: Four cases of the new, more infectious mpox have been reported in the UK among a recent traveler to Africa and three household contacts. This is the first cluster of cases to be reported outside of Africa. <https://tinyurl.com/2s32acr8>

11/6/2024: CDC released updated data on diabetes prevalence, stating diabetes rates are higher in men, increase with age, weight status and lower educational attainment. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db516.htm>

11/4/2024: A proposed rule from HHS seeks to advance interoperability and the exchange of electronic health information, proposing significant changes that could impact public health and create a special certification for public health IT. <https://tinyurl.com/28fcn4nr>

11/1/2024: A game embedded inside a smoking cessation app shows promise at keeping people who are trying to quit using tobacco engaged in their goal. The game asks users to care for a pet dragon whose growth reflects the person's progress toward quitting smoking. <https://tinyurl.com/4ru3cras>

RESOURCES

Braiding and Layering Funding, strategies to sustain cross-cutting efforts that benefit multiple programs and funding streams, asynchronous training from ASTHO: <https://tinyurl.com/2p7ps7aa>

AI for Good: Maximizing AI in Health Communication (podcast), Dr. Betsy Mitchell, CDC. <https://tinyurl.com/4uszsbfz>

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Nov 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, **Mental Health First Aid for Adults** (in person training). Burrell Behavioral Center, 2885 West Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO. [Register](#)

Nov 12, 1:00 pm, **General Election Results: What it Means for Missouri**. Hosted by Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH). Will include an overview of Missouri's general election results and what it means for advocates going into 2025. [Register](#)

NEW! Nov 12, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, **ELC-EDE training**. Hosted by DHSS GTT. See the calendar on [MO-LPHA.com](#) for connection information.

Nov 13, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. **Public Health Nursing Community of Practice Regional Public Health Nurse Meetings**. In person in Sedalia. Topics: communicable diseases, immunizations, networking and sharing. Four meetings with the same agenda. Select the date/location that works best for you. [Register](#)

- Dec 3, 2024, Springfield
- Dec 4, 2024, Cape Girardeau
- Dec 5, 2024, Marceline

NEW! Nov 18, 11:30 am, **Working Together to Build Trust in Public Health**. Hosted by Public Health Communications Collaborative. Overview of how community engagement can strengthen public health communication and storytelling tips for sharing the initiatives and impacts of these partnerships. [Register](#)

Nov 19, 2:00 pm, **Creating Communities to Support Healthy Aging**. Hosted by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. Older adults often face difficult choices — like deciding to pay for food or medicine — because of the economic, social and environmental conditions that surround them. Learn how public health can help create age-friendly communities and support the policies and systems that encourage healthy aging environments. [Register](#)

NEW! Nov 20, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, **Leading the Way for Community-Driven Health Transformation: Lessons Learned from the Vaccine Equity Project**. Hosted by ASTHO and the National Community Action Partnership. Provides an in-depth look at insights and strategies gained from the Vaccine Equity Project. Learn how to utilize new tools and resources to address health disparities, including vaccination rates, in different jurisdictions. Hear practical approaches for community engagement and evidence-based interventions to benefit communities and promote health equity. [Register](#)

Nov 20, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **After the Election: What's Next for Health?**, hosted by Boston University School of Public Health. Deans of schools of public health from across all four regions of the US share thoughts on what's next for health in the coming years, taking local and national election results into account. [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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