

Communications Bulletin 12/12/2024

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UPDATES

PHIG Monitoring Assessment due January 15, 2025. Travis Fisher is offering office hours Dec 31st from 10:00 – 11:00 am and Jan 7th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm for anyone who needs assistance completing the tool. Reach out to Travis at travis.fisher@health.mo.gov for connection information, or find it on the calendar on the LPHA Information Hub at MO-LPHA.com

The Office of Dental Health is looking to expand their current Stakeholder/Partner Workgroup of external partners and stakeholders interested in partnering to improve oral health for Missourians. The workgroup attends quarterly lunch hour meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, with additional monthly meetings as needed for sub-committee work. Please complete this short survey (less than 5 minutes) if you are interested in participating: https://redcap.link/MO_ODH_Workgroup
Contact Gwen Sullentrup at gwen.sullentrup@health.mo.gov or 573-526-1563 with questions.

Missouri Dept of Ag reports **H5N1 in poultry flocks** in Daviess and Cedar Counties. USDA and local LPHAs are assisting in the response. (12/10/2024). <https://agriculture.mo.gov/avian-influenza.php>

DHSS is working on a news release expected to go out this week, announcing reduced rates of substance use overdose as a result of standing orders and availability of Naloxone.

NEWS

12/11/2024: HHS Secretary Becerra signed the 12th amendment to the declaration under the PREP Act for COVID-19 countermeasures, which will provide liability immunity through December 31, 2029. <https://tinyurl.com/2jtcuvyf>

12/11/2024: The FDA has submitted a proposed rule that could significantly lower the amount of nicotine in tobacco products and potentially prompt more people to quit smoking. <https://tinyurl.com/5ckd9ytw>

12/11/2024: A study by Truveta found people between age 30-64 had the greatest rates of new diagnoses of ADHD since 2021. <https://tinyurl.com/2cjbysva>

12/11/2024: FDA puts a hold on clinical trials of RSV vaccine for infants citing potential safety concerns. <https://tinyurl.com/2tw5snvy>

12/10/2024: An advisory committee to HHS recommends healthier eating habits that include less red meat and more plant-based food, noting the prevalence of overweight and obesity is 73% among U.S. adults 20 and older and 36% for kids 2 - 19 years old. *Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee* <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/2025-advisory-committee-report>

RESOURCES

ASTHO released its annual [legislative prospectus for 2025](#), featuring policy briefs on state and territorial legislation that impacts public health.

A [Communications Playbook for Public Officials](#) is a strategic skills primer book published by ASTHO to help public health officials respond to real media challenges.

[Links to winter safety information](#) have been compiled by ASTHO.

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

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 6, 10:00 am, **Pregnancy and Risk Screening Codes Changing**: Changes to CMS codes means MO HealthNet has assigned new codes to reimburse for Prenatal and Postpartum Screenings. The changes go into effect January 1, 2025. [Register](#) for webinar

January 14 – 16, 2025, **Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training** (live virtual training). [Apply](#) by Dec 1. Fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP). 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](#)

May 5 - 9, 2025, **Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators**. \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)