

Communications Bulletin 5/22/2025

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

Attachment:

- Data Brief: Missouri Statewide Drug Overdose Deaths (2024), MIMH

UPDATES

Decrease in overdose deaths: Preliminary DHSS data revealed a remarkable 27% decrease in overdose deaths in 2024, compared to 2023. This is a tremendous, life-saving achievement due to an evidence-based, multifaceted approach stretching across the entire health spectrum from early education and prevention to treatment and long-term recovery. The DHSS standing order for naloxone has been used around 11,000 times by Medicaid patients for naloxone prescriptions annually (this order covered 40% of all Medicaid naloxone prescriptions). Additional prescriptions have been dispensed for privately insured and Medicare patients across the state as well. The next annual naloxone standing order will be renewed in June, thanks to a collaboration between DHSS, DMH, MoHealthNet, Missouri Institute for Mental Health (MIMH) and the Board of Pharmacy. See the MIMH data brief [attached](#).

A new **PHIG Data Dashboard** is now available at <https://health.mo.gov/data/phig-dashboards.php>

CORE Contract Invoicing: In order for DHSS to pay the May 2025 CORE invoices, they must all be submitted to CLPHS (MOPHIRS system) **by June 4, 2025**. They have to be in DHSS's financial department for processing by June 9 to be processed and paid for this fiscal year.

The **Workforce contract** ends June 30, 2025, along with the state fiscal year. April invoices must be submitted by June 4 at the latest to be processed before end of fiscal year. The financial system will be shut down for 2-3 weeks and invoices will not be processed or payments made again until the beginning of July when the financial system comes back up. If you would like your May invoice paid before July please have it in by June 4 as well.

NEWS

News items are posted for your situational awareness only and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of either DHSS or OPHI. News stories behind pay walls will not be included in order to ensure fair access to all.

5/20/2025: FDA announces it will only recommend COVID vaccinations for adults 65 and older and people at risk for severe illness. It says it will require manufacturers to conduct clinical trials demonstrating the efficacy of COVID vaccines for health children and adults under 65 years old.

<https://tinyurl.com/mrx4vjrn>

5/20/2025: A provision in President Trump's budget bill would restrict borrowing for medical school tuition, which could exacerbate the nation's shortage of physicians. <https://tinyurl.com/5n6recx8>

5/20/2025: RFK tries to reassure farmers that his report on how the use of pesticides is increasing rates of childhood chronic disease will not put any farmer out of business. The report is set to be released May 22. <https://tinyurl.com/3bejkxt2>

5/20/2025: The first vaccine against gonorrhea will roll out in England, using proteins from the bacterium that causes meningococcal disease, which is closely related to the bacteria that causes gonorrhea. In testing, the vaccine has been up to 42% effective at preventing gonorrhea. <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ut8c>

RESOURCES

The Network for Public Health Law monitors **key court cases and relevant judicial trends in public health**. Cases are organized on the Network website under the topics below and other topics.

1. [Source and Scope of Public Health Legal Powers](#)
2. [Constitutional Rights and the Public's Health](#)
3. [Preventing and Treating Communicable Conditions](#)
4. [Social Distancing Measures](#)
5. [Addressing Chronic Conditions](#)
6. [Mitigating the Incidence and Severity of Injuries and Other Harms](#)
7. [Public Health Information Management, Privacy and Security](#)
8. [Regulating Communications](#)
9. [Monitoring Property and the Built Environment](#)
10. [Public Health Emergency: Legal Preparedness and Response](#)
11. [Reproductive Liberties and Care Access](#)

PHAB offers updated **fact sheets** describing the capabilities and areas of expertise in its national Foundational Public Health Services Model. The tools provide a definition of each component, real-world examples of headline responsibilities that align with the FPHS Costing Assessment, and strategies and resources to strengthen each component. [View and download](#) PHAB's FPHS fact sheets.

The national FPHS model differs slightly from the **Missouri FPHS model**. Find Missouri-specific fact sheets, tools and resources to operationalize the Missouri model, and more at <https://www.healthiermo.org/fphs-model>. Contact the Ozarks Public Health Institute at OPHI@missouristate.edu to learn more about Missouri's FPHS model or for assistance operationalizing the model.

Blueprint for Public Health System Transformation, expected release is June 2025. Join PHAB for an introduction and overview webinar July 23 at 3:00 pm. The blueprint will provide LPHAs and their partners with guidance and resources for engaging in public health system transformation across a set of common planning phases. [Register](#)

- Health Forward Foundation (HFF) and MO Foundation for Health (MFH) have published legislative district snapshots in their respective service areas. These snapshots highlight data for specific districts and statewide information regarding demographics, uninsured populations, Medicaid, food insecurity, digital access, and more.
 - **HFF's legislative district snapshots can be found [here](#).**
 - **MFH's legislative district snapshots can be found [here](#).**

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Human Impact Partners is offering new, monthly **spaces for health departments and partners to come together and discuss various topics**. If you are interested in attending, please visit <https://mailchi.mp/humanimpact.org/getting-in-information> for more details.

[Field-Tested-Strategies for Effective Communication in Public Health](#), ASTHO

[Meaningful Measures for Community Engagement in Public Health](#), ASTHO

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

NEW! May 27th, 2:00 pm, **Utilizing Service and Resource Sharing for Effective Public Health Staffing Models**, hosted by PHAB. Learn how service and resource sharing (SRS) can help agencies explore cross-organizational, regional, and system-wide staffing models for greater efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability. Gain practical ideas for new ways to assure staffing to deliver public health services. This webinar is perfect for public health leaders, program staff and implementers, and cross-sector partners committed to building a stronger and more connected public health system. Participants will learn from real-world staffing models currently in practice and walk away with actionable strategies to bring shared staffing to life in their own jurisdictions. [Register](#)

NEW! May 28, 12:00 – 1:30, **Strengthening Administrative Preparedness in Public Health Agencies**, ASTHO. Explore administrative strategies and practices, including how jurisdictions are rethinking processes and utilizing tools to evaluate procedures. Learn best practices, resources, and approaches for strengthening procurement and preparedness efforts within the public health sector. [Register](#)

NEW! May 29, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, **Defining Care, Saving Lives: The Role of Levels of Maternal Care in Mortality Reduction**, ASTHO. Learn how implementing defined levels of maternal care leads to reduced maternal mortality rates. [Register](#)

June 24, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, 9th **Annual National Summit for Health Communication**, hosted by the Society for Health Communication. Onsite in Virginia, or fully online option. Experience a rich opportunity to gain practical tools and fresh insights on public health communication. This one-day event will spotlight expert-led sessions on critical topics like generative AI, evaluation strategies, and future trends in health communication. [Register](#)

July 17, 12:00 pm, **Missouri Rural Food Access Partnership**, hosted by the Missouri Rural Health Association and presented by Empower Missouri. Healthy Food Financing Initiatives (HFFIs) have a 20-year history of increasing food access nationwide. A recent grant is providing Missourians with the opportunity to create an HFFI with the capacity to support and fund healthy food access projects for years to come. Join us for this webinar to learn more about the goals of the Missouri Rural Food Access Partnership and how you can contribute to this important work. [Register](#)

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July 29 – 31, **New and Seasoned Administrators Meetings**, hosted by DHSS. New Administrator Orientation will be held at DHSS Wildwood Campus in Jefferson City on July 29th and 30th and halfway through the day on the 30th, DHSS will open this training up to all administrators thru later afternoon July 31st.

Sept 16 – 17, **Missouri Rural Health Conference**, Camdenton, MO. Save the date.

Oct 29 – 30, **TEEX: Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response**, Springfield, MO. Hosted by the Region D LPHA administrators. Learn how to coordinate plans to provide mass distribution of medical countermeasures in response to a large-scale public health incident in order to meet CDC's 48-hour standard. There is no cost to attend, but class size is limited to 35 participants. [Register](#)