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### Mark Your Calendar: August COP Webinar

The August Community of Practice webinar will be on Thursday, August 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The topic is Immigration Law, presented by Susan Reed, Managing Attorney, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

CLICK HERE to register for the August COP Webinar!

# **MIHP Regional Provider Network Meetings**

MDHHS MIHP encourages collaboration among MIHP providers, including the Regional MIHP Provider Network Meetings, which are facilitated at the local level. Please note that MDHHS MIHP does not sponsor or attend these regional meetings.

Information about these groups is summarized in this <u>document</u>, which is also available on the <u>Policy & Operations webpage</u>. If updates to the information listed is needed, please email MIHP@michigan.gov.



# ACOG issues statement on COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, as well as a social media toolkit



A portion of a statement regarding COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy from the <u>American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists</u> (ACOG) appears below.

Now more than ever, it's critical to continue to recommend the routine administration of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy. Vaccine uptake data since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic have consistently demonstrated that mRNA vaccines are safe and effective when given during pregnancy. Substantial scientific evidence continues to favor vaccination during pregnancy as the best way to prevent severe illness; extend protection to the pregnant patient, the fetus, the growing family, and the community; and strengthen immunization as a critical component of maternal care.

In addition, ACOG released a <u>social media toolkit</u>, with ready-to-use messaging to help inform patients and clinicians about recommended vaccines for pregnant patients. <u>Access and share their graphics</u>, <u>and resources</u> to support maternal immunization with your networks and to keep patients informed.

### **Infant Safe Sleep**

#### Infant Products - What to Use or Not to Use?

There are a lot of infant products on the market but, unfortunately, they aren't always safe for sleep. How can that be? There can be a variety of reasons that unsafe products are sold:

- There is a strong demand for products that help babies settle and sleep.
- There is a belief that the benefit of the product is greater than the risk it poses.
   People are also not good accurately accessing risk.
- Not all products need to meet safety standards.
- There are not enough reports of deaths, injuries, or 'near misses' to have products taken off the market.
- Companies make money from the sale of infant products.
- Products are sold online through third-party sites such as Amazon and Temu and there is no verification that they meet U.S. Safety Standards.

What can you do? There are several things you can do to make sure babies are not sleeping in unsafe products.

1. Use the checklist.

Use the checklist <u>Is this Product Safe for Infant Sleep?</u> to determine if a product is safe for infant sleep. You can also learn more about the <u>sleep spaces</u> that are recommended for infants.

#### 2. Check for recalls

If you want to check a product for recalls, go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Recall website at <a href="www.cpsc.gov/recalls">www.cpsc.gov/recalls</a>. There is a recall tab and a product warning tab. You can also search for a specific product. It can be difficult to search if you don't know a product's exact name – they aren't always well labeled. If you know the brand, it may be easiest to search by the brand even though it will give you a variety of items.

#### 3. Stop using unsafe products

If a product has been recalled, such as inclined sleepers, or is no longer safe, such as cribs made before June 28, 2011, stop using it. If you are working with a family that is using something unsafe, help them find a safe sleep space for their baby or help them figure out how to get a refund on the recalled product so they can purchase something else.

#### 4. Report unsafe items.

The mission of CPSC is to protect the public from unsafe products. To do that, they need people to report when they have concerns about a product. This includes injuries and deaths, but also 'near misses' and other issues. Anyone can report a concern at <a href="https://www.saferproducts.gov/">www.saferproducts.gov/</a>.

It takes all of us to make sure babies are sleeping safely.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

Learn more about the safest way for babies to sleep at michigan.gov/safesleep



# **Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays**

September 1 November 11 November 27 and 28 December 24 and 25 December 31

# Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Biweekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage
Michigan.gov/MIHP.

# **Biweekly Update Topic Submission**

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Biweekly Update, please submit your ideas here.

#### **MDHHS Publications**

Sign up here to receive program updates and communications.

# **Coordinator Directory**

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