

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Upcoming MIHP Information

Stay tuned for an updated version of the MIHP Operations Guide and an updated protocol requirement. Information will be sent this week (the week of 7/1/24) via an MIHP Important Update.

Reminder! July COP Webinar

Count the Kicks initiative launched in May!

Join us for a Community of Practice webinar on Wednesday, July 17th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. The team from Healthy Birth Day, Inc. will discuss their partnership with MDHHS to reduce stillbirths by helping expectant parents monitor their baby's movement in the third trimester.

[Please click here to register.](#)

Seeking Home Visitors and Doulas – Infographic Collaboration

[We are looking for you!](#)

The Michigan Home Visiting Initiative and the Michigan Doula Initiative are working together to develop an **infographic sharing how doulas and home visitors partner effectively** and highlighting the differences in the two services.

We are looking for a diverse group of **five doulas and five home visitors** who would be willing to be part of a short-term project to develop the infographic with state-level partners from MDHHS including Medicaid, the Division of Maternal and Infant Health, and the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative.

Here's what you need to know:

- Time Commitment: 2 or 3 meetings late summer/early fall 2024
- Meeting Length: Each meeting will be an hour
- Location: Virtual
- Compensation: There is NO financial compensation for participating
- Experience: We are looking for doulas and home visitors who have had experience working with each other and who could provide viewpoints on what information would be helpful for families and other partners to know how the two systems collaborate. The infographic will also highlight how to access both services.

What happens next:

Once the infographic is completed, it will be reviewed by MDHHS Communications, then shared with the Doula Advisory Council and Home Visiting Advisory in November 2024.

Once all approvals are final, the infographic will be posted on the Doula Initiative and Home Visiting websites and disseminated widely for programs to use.

If you are interested in participating on this group, please complete the short application [here](#). Participants will be notified of selection in July, with the first meeting convening late August/early September 2024.

Learning Resources

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS, MSP remind Michigan families about availability of free gun locks as part of National Gun Violence Awareness Month



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 21, 2024

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MDHHS, MSP remind Michigan families about availability of free gun locks as part of National Gun Violence Awareness Month

LANSING, MICH. – As part of National Gun Violence Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan State Police (MSP) are reminding Michigan families about the availability of free gun locks at MDHHS county offices and some local health departments.

Cable-style gun locks from Project ChildSafe are being offered as part of an effort to protect children from unsecured firearms. Purchased using \$500,000 in state funding in the FY24 MSP budget, 75,000 gun locks have been made available while supplies last.

“Our department is committed to improving the safety and well-being of Michigan children. We are offering these gun locks to keep children and their families safe from firearm violence,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “We are pleased that many residents have already stopped in at one of our local offices to get their free gun lock and encourage others to do the same as we work together to promote firearm safety.”

In 2020, firearms injuries became the number one cause of death for children in the United States and Michigan, surpassing motor vehicle deaths and those caused by other injuries.

[Public Act 17 of 2023](#), which took effect Feb. 13, 2024, generally requires individuals to keep stored or unattended firearms unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is known or reasonably should be known that a minor is, or is likely to be, present on the premises.

“Feeling safe and secure is something every child and every individual in Michigan deserves. Gun locks save lives,” said Col. James F. Grady II, MSP director. “If you have a firearm in your home, store it properly, away from minors – it’s the law. Safe storage is easy and very accessible. Please visit an [MSP Post](#), your local police department or any MDHHS office to obtain a free gun lock, no questions asked.”

Michigan residents can visit their [local MDHHS office](#) to request one of the free gun locks while supplies last, and they can also check with their [local health department](#), some of which will have gun locks available. MDHHS staff who make home visits will also be able to access gun locks if a client has a need or wants to request one.

Free gun locks can also be obtained through [Project ChildSafe police partners across the state](#).

Gun lock installation instructions are included within the product’s packaging and available on the [Project ChildSafe website](#).

- [Gun lock reminder NR.pdf](#)



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS hotline for migrant and seasonal farmworkers provides bilingual information about influenza A (H5N1) in three languages

Press Release

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MDHHS hotline for migrant and seasonal farmworkers provides bilingual information about influenza A (H5N1) in three languages

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services farmworker [hotline for seasonal farmworkers](#), 833-SIAYUDA (833-742-9832), is expanding to include [resources and services](#) that assist farmworkers impacted by influenza A (H5N1).

The MDHHS Farmworker Outreach Services Division launched the toll-free SIAYUDA hotline number in February 2023 to provide information and other service referrals in a farmworker’s primary language. Two-thirds of Michigan’s seasonal farmworker population speak only Spanish. The hotline provides English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole translation.

Michigan previously reported two human cases of influenza A (H5N1) in dairy farmworkers, and MDHHS is reminding Michigan residents about the bilingual SIAYUDA hotline that continues to provide prompts and culturally appropriate education to keep Michiganders healthy and safe.

“Immediate bilingual services like translations of safety, well-being and emergency press releases and more are available to seasonal farmworkers through the MDHHS Farmworker Hotline,” said Elizabeth Hertel, director. “MDHHS is proactively providing resources about health topics like influenza A (H5N1) for seasonal farmworkers in Michigan to ensure the health of all residents.”

A translation service is also available for farmworker calls in languages other than English and Spanish. MDHHS contracts with translation service industry professionals to provide quality health care to Michigan residents. MDHHS continues to provide bilingual residents with tools to prevent disease, improve health outcomes and increase well-being.

For more information visit:

- [Michigan.gov/farmworkeroutreachservices](https://michigan.gov/farmworkeroutreachservices).
- [Michigan.gov/help4migrants](https://michigan.gov/help4migrants).
- [Michigan.gov/SIAYUDA](https://michigan.gov/SIAYUDA).
- [Michigan.gov/InfluenzaA](https://michigan.gov/InfluenzaA).
- [Michigan.gov/birdflu](https://michigan.gov/birdflu).

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Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS alerting Michigan residents not to eat Diamond Shroomz-brand chocolate bars, cones and gummies during ongoing FDA investigation

Press Release

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MDHHS alerting Michigan residents not to eat Diamond Shroomz-brand chocolate bars, cones and gummies during ongoing FDA investigation

LANSING, Mich.-The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are urging Michigan residents not to eat, sell or serve any flavor of Diamond Shroomz-brand Microdosing Chocolate Bars, Infused Cones or Micro Dose and Macro Dose gummies, and instead throw them away. The products are labeled as containing a proprietary blend of mushrooms such as reishi and lion's mane.

"People in multiple states have become ill after eating these products, reporting a variety of severe symptoms," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. "As these products look similar to candy, we urge parents and caregivers to consider discussing this information with their teens even though they are intended for individuals 18 and older. We are advising that everyone avoid these products."

As of Friday, June 7, the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with America's Poison Centers and state and local partners, are investigating a series of illnesses associated with eating Diamond Shroomz-brand products. The FDA is working to determine the cause of these illnesses.

A total of 26 illnesses have been reported from 16 states, including Alabama, Arizona, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee. To date, there are no reported cases in Michigan.

Of those who became ill, 25 people reported seeking medical care, with 16 being hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. People who became ill from eating Diamond Shroomz-brand products reported a variety of severe symptoms including seizures, central nervous system depression (loss of consciousness, confusion, sleepiness), agitation, abnormal heart rates, hyper/hypotension, nausea and vomiting.

Diamond Shruumz-brand products can be purchased online or at a variety of retail locations nationwide, including smoke/vape shops or places that sell hemp-derived or CBD products.

Retailers should not sell or distribute any of these products. Instead, hold these products until further direction is given by the FDA.

Those who become ill after consuming these products should seek medical treatment. They can also call the [Poison Help Line](tel:8002221222) at 800-222-1222 to report symptoms and seek information. Callers should let Poison Control know they have recently consumed a Diamond Shruumz-brand chocolate bars, cone or gummies.

Health care providers should report these illnesses to their local health department or the [Poison Help Line](tel:8002221222) at 800-222-1222.

MDHHS will continue to monitor incoming information from FDA. Consumers and health care providers can monitor updates about this investigation at [Investigation of Illnesses: Diamond Shruumz-Brand Chocolate Bars, Cones, & Gummies \(June 2024\) | FDA](#).

Physicians or residents with questions or concerns can contact MDHHS by calling 844-464-7327 or emailing mdhhs-ehf@michigan.gov.

Save the Date: SIDS Awareness Month Activities Webinar

Every October is SIDS Awareness Month. The [Safe to Sleep® Campaign](#) is hosting a free webinar in July to help you get ready for their October activities! **Save the date for July 16, 2024, 1–2 P.M. EST.**

Keep an eye out for registration and other details.

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

July 4
September 2
November 5
November 11
November 28 and 29
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](http://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

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Coordinator Directory

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Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all emails to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.