

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Mark Your Calendar: December COP Webinar

The December Community of Practice webinar will be on Wednesday, December 11th from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. The topic is "MI Bridges - How to Help Families Navigate," presented by Crystal Korpi of the MDHHS MI Bridges team.

[REGISTER HERE for the MI Bridges webinar.](#)

NEW – MIHP Brochure Available

As part of a statewide marketing campaign that is newly underway, a brochure has been developed to enhance communication about MIHP. As a means of promoting direct access to this information, the brochure is being printed and shipped to a select number of healthcare offices across the state. It is important that local providers are aware of such efforts, as it may boost inquiries and referrals.

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The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) surrounds you with all the information and resources your growing family needs to stay healthy and feel supported.

MIHP is an evidence-based home visiting program for pregnant people, infants and their families at no cost to them. Families are partnered with registered nurses and licensed social workers who provide care coordination and education during pregnancy and infancy.

They can also connect you with other MIHP team members such as a registered dietitian, infant mental health specialist, and lactation consultant.

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Providers are also encouraged to use this brochure for local outreach efforts. A version has been developed to allow **customization with local agency contact information**. Providers can access both versions on the MIHP website: [Promotional Materials](#).

- [MIHP Brochure - General, Statewide Version](#)
 - Directs to statewide provider map. Ideal for broad outreach efforts and state-level partners

- [MIHP Brochure - Agency-specific, Customizable Version](#)
 - Allows agencies to customize the back panel with their local contact information. Ideal for community-specific outreach to local partners.
 - Please download/save the document in order to add customized information.

Translations to Spanish and Arabic are being pursued and providers will be notified upon availability. Stay tuned for more information on additional information regarding this newly-launched statewide marketing campaign!



Learning Resources



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS warns Michigan residents about increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Nov. 4, 2024

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MDHHS warns Michigan residents about increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases *Families of young children urged to get up to date with immunizations*

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is calling attention to an increase in cases of pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, and urging individuals to get up to date with vaccinations. Case numbers across the state surpassed last year's reports and are coinciding with a return to pre-pandemic patterns of more cases per year nationally.

Between 2017 and 2019, Michigan averaged 596 cases of pertussis each year. There have already been 830 confirmed or probable cases reported to MDHHS this year as of Oct. 28.

Early symptoms of pertussis can look like a common cold. It can take five to 10 days for symptoms to appear after exposure and sometimes longer. Babies and young children may not cough, but they may have pauses in their breathing (called apnea), which can make their skin look bluish or cause shortness of breath. Later symptoms can consist of uncontrolled coughing fits.

Pertussis is common in the United States. The acute infectious disease can cause serious illness in people of all ages, is more likely to be severe and possibly deadly for infants. The median age of pertussis cases in 2024 is 13 years and 75% of these cases have been in people under the age of 18.

“Vaccinations continue to be our top line of defense against the spread of pertussis,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “With a declining rate of immunizations, we are unfortunately seeing a rise in pertussis and other vaccine preventable diseases statewide. We encourage all Michiganders to stay up to date with their [immunization schedule](#).”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends pertussis vaccine for infants, children, adolescents and people who are pregnant. CDC also recommends a dose of pertussis vaccine for adults who haven’t received a dose as an adolescent or adult.

Michigan is continuing to see declining childhood immunization rates, meaning more infants and children are at risk for severe pertussis illnesses. In Michigan, 82.9% of children have received their first dose of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine by the time they are three months old. However, only 65.6% of 19-month-olds received all four recommended doses for DTaP.

For more information on pertussis, visit the [CDC’s website](#) and follow the CDC for information on pertussis cases and [outbreaks](#) or [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) in Michigan](#).

[Please click here to view the full Press Release](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Michigan residents reminded of carbon monoxide dangers; routinely check detectors and appliances



Press Release

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Michigan residents reminded of carbon monoxide dangers; routinely check detectors and appliances

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) urge residents to protect their family by taking preventative measures against carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and check CO detectors and fuel-burning appliances.

Carbon monoxide is known as the “Invisible Killer.” You cannot see, taste or smell it, but it can be deadly when you breathe it in. CO is found where carbon-based fuels like gasoline, propane, charcoal, wood and others are burned. The gas can build up to deadly levels within minutes in enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces.

“Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen to anyone if there are no safety measures in place,” said State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier. “The only way to tell if it is present is with a carbon monoxide detector. Most CO poisonings take place at home and are caused by items that are not properly installed, cared for or vented like furnaces, water heaters, generators, grills, dryers, space heaters, fireplaces, chimneys and gas stoves. Having these appliances checked yearly by professionals will reduce CO poisoning from happening.”

“Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms are similar to the flu,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “Symptoms include fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion. Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead to coma and death, so these symptoms should not be ignored.”

If you suspect you may be experiencing CO poisoning, or your CO detector alarm alerts, go outside immediately and call 911. Stay away from the enclosed space, even if you aren’t experiencing symptoms, until the fire department tells you it is safe to return.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that each year approximately 100,000 people across the country visit the emergency department for accidental CO poisoning. In 2022, there were 727 Michigan emergency department visits for CO poisoning (MiTracking Data Portal).

CO exposure may be particularly dangerous for:

- Developing babies: Fetal blood cells absorb CO more easily than adult blood cells.
- Children: Children have smaller bodies and breathe more rapidly than adults, potentially taking in more of the gas.
- Older adults: Older adults are very susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning and may be more likely to develop brain damage following exposure to the gas.
- People who have heart disease: CO causes direct damage to the heart, which permanently impairs heart function. People who have pre-existing heart disease are at greater risk for serious adverse health effects following exposure.
- Those with chronic exposure: People who are repeatedly exposed to carbon monoxide can incur more severe health effects at lower levels of exposure.

CO poisoning is preventable. Here are some prevention tips to follow:

- Install CO detectors. Detectors should be on every level of your home including the basement, mechanical rooms and near sleeping areas.
- Replace detectors every five years or according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Test detectors monthly to ensure they work.
- Generators should be run at a safe distance (**at least 20 feet**) from the home. Never run a generator in the home, garage or next to windows, doors or other enclosed spaces. Remember that CO can build up and linger for hours, even when the generator has been shut off.
- Maintain and use fuel-burning devices correctly. Have heating systems, water heater and any fuel-burning devices inspected by a professional every year. Make sure gas appliances are vented properly.
- Where you have fuel-burning devices, use a CO detector. Have a detector handy when camping or hunting and/or when using tents, cabins, RVs and boats with enclosed cabins.
- Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running in the garage, the garage door must be fully open to allow harmful fumes to escape.
- Use fuel-burning devices outside only. Never run a gasoline or propane heater or charcoal, gas or wood grill inside your home or in any enclosed space, including a garage.

Additional CO poisoning and poisoning prevention information is available at the following sites:

State of Michigan

- LARA
 - [MI Prevention.](#)
- MDHHS
 - [CO and Generators \(Video\).](#)
 - [MiTracking - CO Poisoning.](#)

National

- [CDC - CO Poisoning Basics.](#)
- [Consumer Product Safety Commission.](#)
- [National CO Awareness Association.](#)

Visit <https://mitracking.state.mi.us/> for more information about CO poisoning.

[Please click here to view full Press Release.](#)

Infant Products Recalled

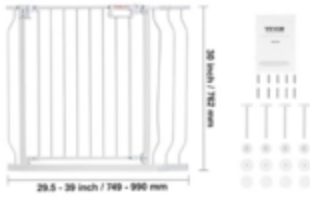


Baofali crib bumpers recalled due to suffocation hazard and violation of Federal Ban on Crib Bumpers. Bumpers were sold exclusively on Temu.com by Unique Person Home Goods. Consumers should immediately stop using and remove the recalled crib bumpers from the crib. View the [recall](#) for more details on the hazards present and how to contact the manufacturer.

Guava Family recalls Roam strollers due to fall and injury hazards. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers. View the [recall](#) for more details on the hazards present and how to contact the manufacturer for a free repair kit.



VEVOR



Sanven Technology recalls Vevor baby gates due to entrapment hazard and other violations. Consumers should immediately stop using the gates. View the [recall](#) for more details on the hazards present and how to contact the manufacturer.

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

November 28 and 29
December 24 and 25
December 31
January 1
January 20

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

[Sign up here to receive program updates and communications.](#)

Coordinator Directory

Please click here to access the most recent Coordinator Directory. [MIHP Coordinator Directory](#)

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.