

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Meet the Team: Alissa Borowiak



Greetings! I'm Alissa Borowiak- the newest Public Health Nurse Consultant. I have had the privilege to support the Maternal Infant Health Program for the past 2 years, previously as a home visitor for District Health Department No. 4. I am grateful to have joined MPHI/MDHHS in an opportunity to continue to serve and support MIHP efforts, specifically around immunizations.

Academically I achieved two Bachelor Degrees from Alma College. First in Integrated Physiology and Health Science and secondly in Nursing. After graduating with my BSN, I turned my nursing focus to a public health scope. I have worked as a Psychiatric Nurse with Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority, and as of recently as a Public Health Nurse for District Health Department No. 4. During my time at DHD4 I was integrated into all of the programs the public health sector has to offer!! Prior to leaving DHD4 I was the immunization coordinator and fell in love with the opportunity to educate on the importance of vaccines. I feel very blessed to have had many opportunities to grow as a professional and am very excited to continue to grow and learn!

My personal passions include my family, being outdoors, and sports. I am a proud wife to my husband of 4 years and mama to a two year old little girl. Also as of recently an 8 week old golden retriever pup! I grew up in Northern Michigan where I currently reside. I love taking walks out in the woods, hunting, riding quads and occasionally ice fishing (when the sun is out). I had the privilege to play collegiate basketball during my 4 years at Alma College, and enjoy watching baseball during my free time.

It's nice to meet you all- I look forward to working and supporting all of the important work you do for our MIHP communities!

Welcome New MIHP agency!

We are pleased to announce that Oakland Family Services joined the MIHP service delivery network on January 9th. Please reach out to say hello and welcome them.

CDC Launches Let's Rise Initiative to Get Routine Immunizations Back on Track

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a concerning drop in routine immunizations for adults and children. Routine vaccination is rebounding but unevenly and has not yet recovered among all groups. While we continue to investigate the impact of the pandemic on routine immunizations, it is crucial that we take steps to help get everyone back on schedule with their routine immunizations. That's why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is launching the [Let's Rise](#) initiative.

The purpose of [Let's Rise](#) is to use evidence-based strategies and available resources and data to encourage catch up on routine vaccinations.

As trusted **community leaders, health care professionals, and partners, you can**

- Prioritize ensuring everyone catches up on routine vaccination
- Identify individuals behind on their vaccinations,
- Encourage vaccination catch-up through reminders, recall, and outreach
- Make strong vaccine recommendations
- Make vaccines easy for everyone to find and afford

Stay tuned for the first comprehensive summary of CDC data on the impact of COVID-19 on routine immunization coverage and priority groups for catch-up in the coming weeks.

Together, **Let's Rise** and get routine vaccinations back on track! More information about Let's RISE and access to routine immunization resources and data can be found at [Let's RISE](#).



Infant Products Recalled



[Fisher-Price reannounces recall](#) of 4.7 million Rock 'n Play Sleepers; at least eight deaths occurred after recall. Infant fatalities have occurred in the Rock 'n Play Sleepers, after the infants rolled from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained, or under other circumstances. The [original recall](#) was announced on April 12, 2019. You can contact Fisher-Price:

- Toll-free at 866-812-6518 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.
- Online at [Fisher-Price Rocking Sleeper recall](#).

[Kids2 reannounces recall](#) of 694,000 rocking sleepers; four additional deaths occurred after recall. Infant fatalities have occurred in the Rocking Sleepers, after the infants rolled from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained, or under other circumstances. The [original recall](#) was announced on April 26, 2019. You can contact Kids2:



- Toll-free at 866-869-7954 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.
- Online at [Kids2 Rocking Sleeper recall](#).

Learn more about [safe and unsafe sleep spaces](#) for your infant and how to tell if a product is safe for infant sleep. For more information on infant safe sleep, visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



Support for Pregnant People with Breast Cancer

Pregnant people with breast cancer often experience unique concerns during the perinatal period. We are sharing two resources that may assist. **Imerman Angels** is an organization that provides support for “cancer fighters, survivors, previvors and caregivers” looking for one-on-one support. **Hope for two...the Pregnant with Cancer Network** also offers free support for women diagnosed with cancer while pregnant.

- [Imerman Angels](#) – can serve Spanish speaking women with mentors too
- [Hope for Two | The Pregnant with Cancer Network](#)

New MDHHS "Eat Safe Fish" Guidelines

PRESS RELEASE: The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has released new Eat Safe Fish guidelines for rainbow smelt and carp from seven different lakes across the state.

The updated Eat Safe Fish guidelines recommend limiting the consumption of certain locally caught smelt and carp based on levels of chemicals found in the commonly eaten parts of the fish.

Please review the detailed press release and guidance here: [Interim 2023 Eat Safe Fish Updates \(michigan.gov\)](#)

For more information on where to find, prepare, eat or buy safe fish, visit www.Michigan.gov/EatSafeFish or call MDHHS Division of Environmental Health Hotline at 800-648-6942.

Free Training Opportunity

The Children's Services Administration is offering a webinar on Navigating Michigan's Child Welfare System as a voluntary service provider. This free training will be February 21st from 9-10am. Registration is open to the entire home visiting network. Attached is a training flyer and meeting invite to add to your calendar.

[Navigating Michigan's Child Welfare System Flyer](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88305928699>

Meeting ID: 883 0592 8699

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Screening Reminder

At the start of the New Year, many people make resolutions and begin routines to improve their health. As January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michiganders to make a resolution to be regularly screened for cancer. By staying current on cervical cancer screening, people could improve their health in 2023, and prevent cervical cancer in the future.

In Michigan, the rates of new cervical cancer cases and deaths due to cervical cancer have remained relatively low but steady since 2011. Approximately 75% of cervical cancer diagnoses and 60% of cervical cancer deaths statewide occur among women ages 30-64. Furthermore, Black non-Hispanic residents experience significantly higher rates of late-stage cervical cancers and cervical cancer deaths than white non-Hispanic residents.

“In its early stages, cervical cancer may not cause any symptoms,” said Dr. Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Routine cervical cancer screening is the most effective way to detect cervical cancer early, when it is most treatable, and the first step is talking with your health care provider.”

Screening for cervical cancer is recommended to begin at age 21 and as follows:

Women ages 21 to 29:

- Pap Smear every three years.

Women ages 30 to 65: (one of the following options)

- Pap Smear every **three** years OR
- A laboratory test for high-risk human papillomavirus infection (HPV) every **five** years OR
- A Pap Smear and HPV co-test every **five**

MDHHS has openings for program-eligible individuals to receive free cancer and health screenings through two of its programs.

- The [Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program \(BC3NP\)](#), available statewide, provides free breast and cervical cancer screening services to low-income women. This may include follow-up care if a screening abnormality is found. Although the BC3NP does not pay for cancer treatment, women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible for a special Medicaid program that provides cancer treatment.
- The [WISEWOMAN Program](#), available in select areas of the state, helps participants understand their chronic disease risk factors and make healthy lifestyle choices. Every participant receives a free health screening. A health professional will review the results of the health screening, and the participant will have the opportunity to work with a health coach. In addition, participants can choose to participate in a number of free support services, such as the Diabetes Prevention Program, Weight Watchers, Take off Pounds Sensibly or Cooking Matters.

To learn more about Michigan’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program and the WISEWOMAN Program, call 844-446-8727 or visit Michigan.gov/cancer. For Spanish resources, call 800-379-1057.

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

EHDI National Conference Parent Scholarship

The MDHHS Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is happy to share information regarding the 2023 Parent Scholarship for the 22nd Annual National EHDI Conference. Please share the following link with your families:

- https://www.research.net/r/QRJR9TS_EHDI_ParentSurvey_NationalEHDI2023
 - **Parents must submit their application by 5pm on Friday, January 27, 2023**
 - The parent awarded with the scholarship will be notified by February 6, 2023
- [2023 Parent Scholarship Letter National EHDI Conference.pdf](#)

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

February

February 20th - President's Day



Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by [visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP](https://Michigan.gov/MIHP).

Bi-Weekly Update Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly Update, [please submit your ideas here](#).

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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.