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COP Webinar Reminder

The February Community of Practice webinar will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. The topic is Immunization Update, presented by Alissa Borowiak from MIHP and Hannah Forsythe, Ph.D., from the MDHHS Division of Immunization.

Please register now if you haven't already. Immunization Update [REGISTER HERE](#)

Updated Email for Training Module T.A.

There is a **new email address** for assistance when having technical issues regarding training courses within the courses.mihealth.org system.

Moving forward, if an agency is unable to access training courses or having system login issues, please contact eLearning@mphi.org. This email address replaces the current ISGTraining address.

For any questions or concerns, please email MIHP@michigan.gov

PACE Training Resources

In support of the Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (PACE) Initiative, the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) would like to share an additional resource/training:

[Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals ACEs 101: Impact and Our Opportunity.](#)

To access the course, please log in to your IAFSP account and click on "All Modules" at the top of the screen. You will be directed to a search section. In the "NAME OR DESCRIPTION" field, type in the title of the webinar, "ACEs 101: Impact and Our Opportunity." Once populated, click on the title of the course. To begin viewing the module, click "Launch Module."

This training module introduces the 1998 ACEs Study with possible next steps.

The learning objectives for the course include:

- *Understanding the ACEs research well enough to talk about it to someone else*
- *Understanding the data and its implications for yourself and others*
- *Understanding how brain development can be affected by toxic stress*
- *Describing how the damage of toxic stress can be passed from one generation to the next through the process of epigenetics*
- *Describing some of the prevention and response strategies*

For any questions or concerns regarding required trainings for MIHP, please email MIHP@michigan.gov.



Home Visiting Substance Use Training

Below is an opportunity shared on behalf of the MDHHS Home Visiting Unit. Please consider attending and sharing with others who may be interested.

We are excited to be offering a training to home visitors to help support your practice in working with families impacted by substance use.

This training is available to any Home Visiting Program in Michigan, with no capacity limit. Here are the details:

1. **Supporting Families Impacted by Substance Use:** This 90-minute training, led by Linda C. Delimata, LCPC and Janet Evans LMSW, IECMH-E ®, will help address issues related to having conversations around substance use, using a screening tool, supporting the family, substance use impact on very young children, and the impact on the home visitor.
2. **The training will be held on March 6, 2024 from 10:00am - 11:30am**
3. **Register by 2/28/2024:** <https://forms.office.com/r/zBd6SZdz0d> (Zoom Link and calendar holds will be sent out after registering)

Doula Initiative Continuing Ed. Opportunities

The MDHHS Doula Initiative is happy to sponsor the following upcoming webinars. The Doula Initiative has applied for CEUs for Nurses, Social Workers, Community Health Workers, and Lactation Specialists for both trainings. Certificates of attendance will be provided.

Urgent Maternal Warning Signs

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Presenter: Melisa Bauer, D.O. Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Duke University Medical Center

Description: Urgent Maternal Warning Signs (UMWS) are a cluster of warning signs that may indicate serious maternal conditions requiring medical care. This presentation prepares participants to recognize these signs and also provides an understanding of patient advocacy language and actions for when patients are not feeling heard.

Register here: [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs](#)

The Impact of Racism on Black Breastfeeding

Date: February 2, 2024

Time: 10am - 11am

Presenter: Kiddada Green, M.A.T.

Founding Executive Director of Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association

Description: What's race got to do with it? This question has been asked again and again about breastfeeding. This presentation provides maternal-child-health workers with the knowledge, data and language needed to confidently answer this question and to develop strategies to advance breastfeeding rates for Black families.

Register here: [The Impact of Racism on Black Breastfeeding](#)



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Current Issues in Immunizations Webinar

2024 Updates to the Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules

On **March 6, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., the Immunization Services Division (ISD) in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will host the next Current Issues in Immunization Webinar. **Patricia Wodi**, MD, Medical Officer, Health Education and Communication Branch, NCIRD, CDC will give an overview of updates to the 2024 Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules.

Registration will not be needed for this event. Participants can join directly at: <https://cdcizlearn.adobeconnect.com/ciiw/>.

RSV Web Resources

RSV Frequently Asked Questions have been updated on the following webpages:

- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Immunization with Monoclonal Antibody for Children 19 Months and Younger | CDC](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Vaccine for Pregnant People | CDC](#)

These questions have been added or updated:

- [How long after a child has RSV infection should I wait to give nirsevimab?](#)
- [What should be done for a pediatric patient who received GSK RSVPreF3 \(Arexvy\) or Pfizer RSVpreF \(Abrysvo\) vaccination in error instead of administration of monoclonal antibody nirsevimab \(Beyfortus\)?](#)
- [What should be done for a pregnant patient who received GSK RSV vaccination \(Arexvy\) in error instead of Pfizer RSV vaccine \(Abrysvo\)?](#)
- [Can RSVpreF \(Abrysvo; Pfizer\) be administered to pregnant people who have a current or prior RSV infection?](#)

Additionally, the [Maternal RSV Vaccination Recommendations and Implementation in Pharmacies](#) video is now available. This resource covers maternal RSV vaccination recommendations as well as key implementation considerations and resources for pharmacies.

Press Release: New Gun Safety Laws

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New gun safety laws to protect families go into effect February 13 *Requires secure storage of firearms to prevent access by minors, enacts penalties*

LANSING, Mich. – To help protect Michigan families – particularly children – from the tragedies of gun violence and unintentional firearms injuries, a law requiring secure storage of firearms goes into effect starting Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The new secure storage law, [Public Act 17 of 2023](#), requires individuals to keep unattended weapons unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is reasonably known that a minor is likely to be present on the premises.

“We want to make sure Michigan families are aware of the new law designed to prevent unintentional deaths involving guns and how to comply with the new requirements,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “Data shows firearms involved in unintentional firearm injury deaths among children and adolescents were often stored both loaded and unlocked, and children were most often fatally injured when the shooter was playing with or showing the firearm to others.”

If an individual fails to store a firearm as required and a minor obtains the firearm and any of the following occur, they are guilty of a crime under [Public Act 16 of 2023](#), as follows:

- If the minor possesses or exhibits the firearm in a public place or possesses or exhibits the firearm in the presence of another person in a careless, reckless or threatening manner: a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 93 days or a fine of up to \$500, or both.
- If the minor discharges the firearm and injures themselves or another individual: a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.
- If the minor discharges the firearm and inflicts serious impairment of a body function on themselves or another individual: a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$7,500, or both.
- If the minor discharges the firearm and inflicts death on themselves or another individual: a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 15 years or a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

These penalties could be imposed in addition to charges for other criminal offenses arising from an incident.

“As the top law enforcement officer in the state of Michigan, as a former Wayne County prosecutor and as a mother, I too am exasperated and deeply saddened that thousands of Michigan residents fall victim each year to the scourge of senseless, preventable gun violence in our state,” said Attorney General Dana Nessel. “I am proud that our state has finally implemented new commonsense gun safety measures and am committed to using the resources of my office to educate residents about the new measures and support our communities through implementation.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two-thirds (67%) of unintentional firearm injury deaths among children and adolescents occurred when the shooter was playing with the firearm or showing the firearm to others. Overall, firearms used in unintentional injury deaths were often stored unlocked (76%) and most of these unlocked firearms were also loaded (91%). Unlocked firearms were most commonly accessed from a nightstand or other sleeping areas (30%).

In addition, firearms are involved in more than half of suicide deaths in Michigan. Secure storage can also serve [as a suicide prevention strategy](#).

In 2020, firearms 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.

“Firearm violence is preventable, and a leading cause of death in our young people,” said Dr. Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “In Michigan, and across the United States, childhood deaths from firearms now exceed deaths from pediatric cancers and drownings. We have had major success over the past decades in reducing pediatric deaths from motor vehicle accidents, and we need to harness the same public health approach - including education and community outreach - to help keep Michigan children and families safe from firearm violence.”

What else the state is doing

To ensure federally licensed firearms dealers communicate the new requirements to their customers, MDHHS is working with the state Attorney General’s Office to provide dealers with safety information on the use and storage of firearms, requirements and penalties of the new laws and lethal means counseling literature.

To help defray the cost of purchasing firearm safety devices, additional legislation made [these devices exempt from sales and use taxes through Dec. 24, 2024](#). Free gun safety kits can also be obtained through [Project ChildSafe law enforcement partners across the state](#). MDHHS is also working with the Michigan State Police to make gun locks available; additional details of this partnership will be announced soon.

“The research underscores the crucial role safe firearm storage plays in safeguarding our children, families and communities,” said Holly Alway, Safe Kids Michigan president and Safe Kids West Michigan Coalition coordinator. “Michigan’s safe storage laws will help prevent tragic accidents like unintentional injuries, suicides and homicides. These laws prioritize safety and responsibility in every Michigan household and are a critical piece of a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to reducing firearm-related injuries and fatalities.”

“There are many options for parents and caregivers to obtain what they need to store their firearms safely,” said Pam Ford, coordinator, Safe Kids Greater South Haven, led by Bronson Healthcare. “In 2023, Bronson Healthcare helped raise awareness by launching a campaign for National Safety Month, making gun safety locks available at Bronson pediatrician offices and provided free cable locks at community events. Gun owners can also get free cable locks at local police departments – with no questions asked. The goal is to assist gun owners in southwest Michigan safely store their firearms.”

Additional gun safety laws going into effect protect Michigan communities by closing loopholes in the law and expanding universal background checks to all firearms as well as legislation that allows judges to order law enforcement to temporarily confiscate firearms from individuals they deem a risk to themselves or others.

For more information, visit the MDHHS [Firearm Safety website](#).



The Black History Month 2024 theme is "[African Americans and the Arts](#)," exploring the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of "visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression."

[A Proclamation on National Black History Month, 2024 | The White House](#)

[Black History Month 2024](#)

[Black History Month 2024: Facts, Theme & Origins | HISTORY](#)

[Fresh Voices: Black History in Michigan | Michigan](#)

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

February 19th (Presidents' 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](#).

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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