

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Preparing for the End of the Public Health Emergency

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

MDHHS has issued many COVID-19 response Medicaid policy bulletins and L letters which changed existing policy and processes under the guidance of the federal PHE. Providers will see an increase in updated COVID-19 response policy bulletins and L letters to accommodate the end of the PHE. Refer to the PHE policy crosswalk table below to see current and upcoming policy changes.

We encourage providers to take the following steps to prepare for the end of the federal PHE:

- Review the [PHE policy crosswalk table webpage](#) to see which policy bulletins or L letters may impact your provider type.
- Continue to verify beneficiary eligibility prior to services. Visit the [Eligibility and Enrollment](#) webpage for step-by-step instructions.
 - Eligibility redetermination or renewal dates can be viewed within the CHAMPS eligibility inquiry screen.
- Help beneficiaries verify or update their contact information in [MIBridges](#).

For more information on how benefits are changing with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency(PHE) visit www.Michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges.

Introducing "Just Baby: A Safe Sleep Lullaby"

[Cribs for Kids®](#) works to prevent sleep-related infant deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep. You can help educate parents by sharing "[Just Baby: A Safe Sleep Lullaby](#)".



Webinar Posted: Child Welfare in Michigan

A recent MDHHS webinar was conducted to provide an overview of Child Welfare in Michigan. This webinar recording and slides are available on the MIHP [Provider Training](#) website. To locate these resources, scroll down to the last header titled "Additional Trainings and Resources."

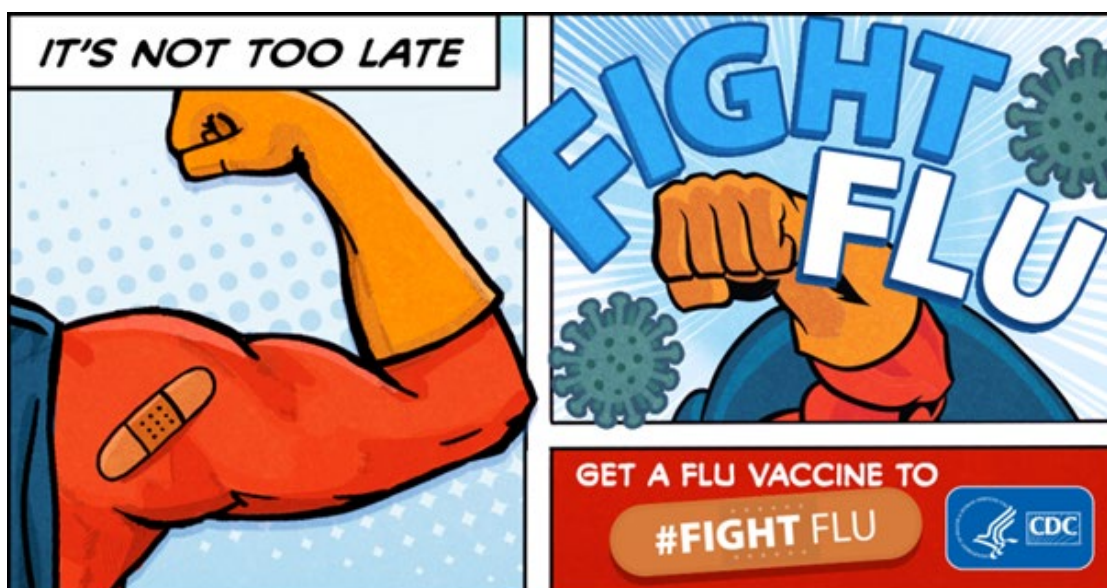
Spring is Near, but the Flu is Still Here!

As we all know, spring is approaching quickly. Schedules are beginning to fill with end of school preparation events, extracurricular activities, birthday parties, spending time with friends and loved ones- it can be a difficult time to try and navigate when, where, and how to keep our families safe from illnesses and germs, specifically the flu.

To protect against the flu, it is important to stay up-to-date on your annual flu vaccine, to help avoid the headache that the flu could put on life's activities.

The flu vaccine is safe, effective, and helps protect yourself and your family. **It's not too late, you can still get your flu vaccine!** If you have questions about which flu vaccine to get, talk to your doctor or other health care professional.

As we near the end of the winter season, we want to continue to stay protected the best way we can! Being healthy and ready to enjoy the spring ahead is MIHP's number one priority!



Breastfeeding Education Resources

The Michigan Breastfeeding Network recently released a collection of breastfeeding education resources. All resources were developed by members of the Michigan Breastfeeding Network Core Cohort of 10 Black and Indigenous breastfeeding supporters and organizations, which are listed below.



The goal of the 2022 Breastfeeding Education in Solidarity with BIPOC Families Project was to create and share educational resources developed by community-rooted and clinically skilled Black and Indigenous lactation supporters for Black and Indigenous families. Topics covered latch, milk supply, and pain, which were identified through PRAMS data as top reasons for why mothers stop breastfeeding in Michigan.

This month, we are spotlighting resources from Full Circle Doula Services, which include [tips for a proper latch](#) and [information about milk supply](#). Consider reviewing and sharing these resources in an effort to support families across Michigan.

[Tips for a proper latch](#)

[Information about milk supply](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing for Mothers

Mental Health and Wellbeing for Mothers – a learning module to guide professionals in their understanding of maternal mental health with strategies to assist clients through pregnancy, perinatal, and the postpartum journey is a new training offered at no cost. The one-module session is accredited by American Public Health Association (APHA) for 1.5 Continuing Education Credits for physicians, nurses, public health educators, and allied health professionals. To register for the course and review the objectives, visit the link below.

<https://nhsa.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/onlinetraining/details/58>

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

May

May 29th - Memorial Day

Women's History Month

Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States.

To read the ["Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?"](#) article in its entirety please [click here.](#)

To learn more about Women's History Month, please use the links below:

[Famous Firsts in Women's History](#)

[Celebrating 10 women medical pioneers](#)

[Women physicians over the centuries](#)

[Women in Public Health and Medicine](#)

[Shirley Chisholm: A Groundbreaking Legacy](#)



Previously Released MIHP Updates

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