

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Mark Your Calendar! April COP

The April Community of Practice webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 24th from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. The topic is “Grief Resources,” presented by two members of the MDHHS Infant Health Unit team: Audra Brummel, MPH, CHES®, Infant Health Consultant and Fetal Infant Mortality Review Coordinator, and Michele Niles, MSN, RN, RNC-MNN, CCM, Infant Health Nurse Consultant and FASD Coordinator.

“Grief Resources” webinar: [REGISTER HERE](#)

MIHP Beneficiary Transfers

Beneficiaries may transfer to another provider for a variety of reasons. MIHP providers must honor all requests to transfer and must work to ensure a timely, professional, and supportive transition to the receiving agency. Providers who integrate beneficiary feedback into their quality assurance process must ensure such communication is conducted in a manner that honors family autonomy. Therefore, any agency that wishes to inquire about services provided (e.g., satisfaction survey, reasons for transfer, etc.), should do so after the transfer has been completed to avoid disruption of the transfer process.

Inclusive Insights: Celebrate Black Maternal Health Week

This month's Inclusive Insight focuses on Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW), April 11th to 17th, 2024. [To learn more about the importance of BMHW and ways to participate, please click here.](#)





Family Photo Opportunity

The information below is being shared on behalf of Early On and Build Up Michigan.

Every day, we here at *Early On* and Build Up Michigan are working hard to help families of children with developmental delays and/or pre-existing medical conditions get the help they need. Unfortunately, there are many families across the state who are unaware of our services. That's why we need your help! Early On Michigan and Build Up Michigan are doing a **photo session to create an image library for marketing materials**.

We are looking for **families with children ages 0-5 years old** to participate. We are looking to represent a wide range of ethnicities, genders and abilities. Families who participate in this project will:

- Receive compensation for their time and image usage
- Be given copies of the professional photography for their own use
- Help reach families across the state who need our help

If you are interested in being a part of this very special project, please reach out to Hannah Burlison at burlison@gudmarketing.com by **Thursday, April 11**.

Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals Training Webpage Updates

The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals (IAFSP) training webpage has refreshed their design along with adding new features. With these updates, learners will have a seamless, more intuitive experience as they navigate through The Institute. Check out what's new, by navigating to the [IAFSP homepage!](#)

New updates includes:

- **New Compass Design**
 - The new compass design is more intuitive, making it easier to see the connection between competencies and the modules that cover each competency.
- **Redesigned Resources Page & Quick Links**
 - All of the Institute's most useful links are now conveniently located under 'Resources'.
 - In addition to the Resources page, our most visited content can be accessed under "Quick Links" and Learn More at the bottom of most pages
- **Updated Dashboard**
 - The newly updated dashboard shows a more comprehensive view of your progress in one convenient location.

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Your Dashboard All Modules Your Compass Resources Sign in

Welcome to the Institute

The Institute offers Family Support Professionals everywhere the opportunity to learn new skills and grow their careers. Through engaging, online modules and a personalized professional development plan, professionals take charge of their growth and advancement.

All Institute modules and the Career Compass are based on the National Core Competency Framework (Spanish). Supervisor modules are based on the National Supervisor Competency Framework.

[Let's Get Started!](#)

CPSC Issues Warnings on Two Infant Products

CPSC Warns Consumers to Immediately Stop Using OmvedTherapies Baby Pillows Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violation of the Federal Ban on Infant Pillows

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers to immediately stop using the OmvedTherapies infant pillows because they pose a suffocation hazard to infants. The pillows violate the infant pillow ban because of their flexible fabric covering, loose filling, and ability to easily flatten and conform to an infant's body or face.

CPSC issued a Notice of Violation to the manufacturer, Omved Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd., of India, but the firm has refused to recall these infant pillows or offer a remedy to consumers.

The pillows were sold online at Amazon.com and Omved.com from February 2023 through February 2024 for between \$20 and \$30.

CPSC urges consumers to stop using the infant pillows immediately, separate the pillowcase and pillow, and dispose of the pillowcase and pillow, as well as the lavender and mustard seed contents.

View the [full warning](#).

CPSC Warns Consumers to Immediately Stop Using Comfi Baby Infant Walkers Due to Fall and Entrapment Hazards; Violations of Federal Safety Regulations for Infant Walkers; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by All Merchandise

The CPSC is warning consumers to immediately stop using and dispose of Comfi Baby Infant Walkers because they pose a risk of falls and entrapment to children. The products violate the federal safety regulations for infant walkers because they can fit through a standard doorway, are not designed to stop at the edge of a step, and have leg openings that allow the child to slip down until the child's head can become entrapped.

CPSC issued a Notice of Violation to the seller, All Merchandise, of Charlotte, N.C., but the firm is no longer in business to offer a remedy to consumers. Consumers who purchased the product will receive this notice directly.

The infant walkers were sold online at Amazon.com from October 2022 through March 2023 for about \$100.

CPSC urges consumers to stop using the infant walkers immediately and to throw them away.

View the [full warning](#).

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



CDC Respiratory Virus Recommendations Updated

Each year, respiratory viruses are responsible for millions of illnesses and thousands of hospitalizations and deaths in the United States. In addition to the virus that causes COVID-19, there are many other types of respiratory viruses, including flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The good news is there are actions you can take to help protect yourself and others from health risks caused by respiratory viruses.¹

On March 1, 2024, CDC released [updated recommendations](#) for how people can protect themselves and their communities from respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.² The new guidance brings a unified approach to addressing risks from a range of common respiratory viral illnesses, which can cause significant health impacts and strain on hospitals and health care workers. CDC is making updates to the recommendations now because the U.S. is seeing far fewer hospitalizations and deaths associated with COVID-19 and because they have more tools than ever to combat flu, COVID, and RSV.²

As part of the guidance, CDC provides active recommendations on [core prevention steps and strategies](#)²:

- **Staying up to date with vaccination** to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death.
 - This includes flu, COVID-19, and RSV if eligible.
- **Practicing good hygiene** by covering coughs and sneezes, washing or sanitizing hands often, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- **Taking steps for cleaner air**, such as bringing in more fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors.

When people get sick with a respiratory virus, the [updated guidance recommends](#) that they²:

- Stay home and away from others.
 - For people with COVID-19 and influenza, treatment is available and can lessen symptoms and lower the risk of severe illness.
- Can return to normal activities when it has been at least 24 hours from symptom onset, symptoms are improving overall, AND if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication.
- Continue additional prevention strategies, once normal activities resume, for the next 5 days to curb disease spread
 - such as taking more steps for cleaner air, enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, keeping a distance from others, and/or getting tested for respiratory viruses.

This updated guidance is intended for community settings. There are no changes to respiratory virus guidance for healthcare settings

Respiratory viruses remain a public health threat. CDC continues to focus efforts on ensuring the public has the information and tools to lower their risk of respiratory illness by protecting themselves, families, and communities.

Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot

Core prevention strategies



Immunizations



Hygiene



Steps for Cleaner Air



Treatment



Stay Home and Prevent Spread*



Additional prevention strategies

Masks



Distancing



Tests



*Stay home and away from others until, for 24 hours BOTH:



Your symptoms are getting better

You are fever-free (without meds)



Then take added precaution for the next 5 days

Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- ✓ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- ✓ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

Sources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2024, March 1). *Respiratory virus guidance*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2024a, March 1). *CDC updates and simplifies respiratory virus recommendations*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0301-respiratory-virus.html#print>

Save the Date: MI Home Visiting Conference



Save the Date!

July 30-August 1, 2024

AMWAY GRAND - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

For the latest information, visit

mhvconference.com

The [2024 Michigan Home Visiting Conference](#) will take place in Grand Rapids: July 30 – August 1, 2024. MIHP Providers are encouraged, but not required, to attend the 2024 conference. However, please be aware that **future** HV Conference **Model Day Sessions** will be required. Model Day Sessions allow opportunities to network with fellow MIHP colleagues and attend presentations that uplift the incredible work of the providers implementing this program.

MIHP Model Day 2024

Come join us at this year's Model Day on July 30th! Key presentations for the MIHP Model Day Session include:

- Firearm Injury Prevention: Home Visiting Conversations and Community Well-being
 - *Featuring Kent County Health Department*
- Quality Assessment: Transition
- Innovative Collaborations from the Field
- Networking

The focus for this year's conference is *The Heart of the Matter: Connection, Reflection & Wellness Redefined*. We look forward to fostering continued connections with providers and families across the state.

Easy to Read Schedules (Parent-friendly Schedules) Now Available and CIW Recording

**CDC Recommended
Immunization Schedules**

NCIRD
National Center for
Immunization and
Respiratory Diseases



Prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases.

The 2024 Easy to Read Schedules, or Parent-friendly Schedules, are now available both in English and Spanish:

- [Vaccine Schedule for Children 6 Years or Younger | CDC](#)
- [Vaccine Schedule for Children, 7 to 18 Years Old | CDC](#)

Additionally, the recording and slides of the “2024 Updates to the Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules Webinar” is now live! The webinar recording and slides can be found at: [Current Issues in Immunization Webinars](#).

Preventing ACEs Plan of Care Monthly Support Session

Please join us the third Friday of every month to discuss the Preventing ACES Plan of Care. This is a space for MIHP staff members to share their successes and challenges with implementing the new POC2 and ask any questions.

The same Zoom link will be used for each meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85952743626>

Meeting ID: 859 5274 3626

These sessions will take place the third Friday of every month from 9:00am to 10:00am EST (April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS We Treat Hep C Initiative results in more than 5,000 Medicaid beneficiaries being treated to date



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 28, 2024

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MDHHS We Treat Hep C Initiative results in more than 5,000 Medicaid beneficiaries being treated to date *Three-year contract extension with AbbVie to treat Hepatitis C announced*

LANSING, Mich. – To continue efforts to eliminate hepatitis C (HCV) in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing a three-year contract extension with AbbVie, the manufacturer of the chronic HCV direct-acting antiviral Mavyret® through the [We Treat Hep C Initiative](#).

MDHHS launched the We Treat Hep C Initiative April 1, 2021, with the goal of eliminating HCV by increasing access to HCV curative treatment for Michigan Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries at little to no cost. Treatment with Mavyret® does not require prior authorization and more than 5,000 Medicaid beneficiaries have been treated for HCV through the We Treat Hep C Initiative.

HCV is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus, which can cause both short- and long-term illness. It is spread through contact with blood from an infected person. People with HCV infection are often undiagnosed because they remain without symptoms until decades after infection when symptoms due to advanced liver disease manifest.

“There is no vaccine for HCV, however, there are now highly effective therapies that can cure HCV infection when taken once daily for as little as eight weeks,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “We encourage all residents to get tested for HCV and know their risk factors. Treatment is approved in children as young as three years of age.”

MDHHS and its partners are dedicated to actively engaging with community partners to ensure residents are linked to HCV testing, treatment and supportive services to eliminate HCV in Michigan. Additionally, a prescriber does not have to specialize in treating HCV and medication recipients no longer have sobriety requirements which allows more people to have access to treatment.

To support clinicians with HCV disease management and treatment, MDHHS has partnered with Wayne State University’s [Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center](#) to provide free case-based discussions, curricula and trainings. In addition, MDHHS has partnered with Henry Ford Health System to maintain a free HCV clinical consultation line to provide peer-to-peer advice to clinicians evaluating and [treating their patients for HCV](#).

To help connect people living with HCV to a treatment provider, MDHHS developed a [Hepatitis C Treatment Provider Map and Directory](#), which is a listing of clinicians with HCV treatment experience. While not a complete list of all HCV treatment providers in the state, it serves as a valuable resource for individuals seeking clinicians who treat HCV.

For more information, visit the We Treat Hep C [webpage](#).

[We Treat Hep C Press Release.pdf](#)

Updated Guidance: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC has updated its guidance for COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

- New guidance on COVID-19 vaccination and pemivibart (Pemgarda™), a monoclonal antibody authorized for COVID-19 pre-exposure prophylaxis in people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and meet the [FDA-authorized conditions for use](#).

To view all updates, please visit [CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#).



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Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

May 27
June 19
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](#).

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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