

Bi-Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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MIHP team members.

Monday, March 14, 2022

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REMINDER! COP Webinar

The next MIHP Community of Practice webinar is Wednesday, March 16th from 12:30pm – 2:00pm. Colleen Nelson, Infant Safe Sleep Program Coordinator, will be presenting on Safe Sleep and Motivational Interviewing: “Sometimes we practice safe sleep...now what?”

Register at [MIHP March 2022 Bi-Monthly Agency Webinar Tickets, Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

REMINDER 2! May Coordinator Meeting

The Annual MHIP Agency Coordinator Meeting will be held virtually on May 17th, from 9:30am - 3:30pm. Information will be coming soon, including an agenda and registration link. **Attendance for the full meeting is required for all agencies.**

Medicaid bulletin, HASA 22-03

A recent Medicaid bulletin, HASA 22-03, addresses telehealth Place of Service (POS) and telephone only visit modifier requirements. **Providers are encouraged to review Section E., Telemedicine Coding Changes, within the bulletin.** The changes impact all Medicaid providers, including MIHP providers and are effective on and after January 1, 2022.

Providers are recommended to resubmit telephone only claims, with dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, to include the additional FQ modifier. The MIHP telehealth guidance has been updated to reflect these changes and has been posted on the MIHP website. These changes apply to all MIHP telehealth services, including HMHB Pilot services.

[Click here to view the HASA 22-03 bulletin.](#)

Free Webinar: COVID-19 and Pregnancy



SARS-CoV-2, the cause of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), has been associated with significant maternal morbidity and poor neonatal outcomes, including preterm birth and stillbirth. Fatality review teams are collecting and analyzing information on cases of fetal, infant, and child deaths that are directly attributed to COVID-19, and those that are indirectly impacted by the pandemic. The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention invites you to join them on **April 12th** to learn from expert speakers the latest information on prevalence, risk factors, and the current guidelines for medical/obstetric care and preventive strategies for pregnant patients with COVID-19. [Click this link for additional information](#), including speaker bios.

April 12th from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ObrimfplTjqqI6I3vK2LmA

Early Elective Delivery - Having the Conversation!

The Maternal Plan of Care – Part 1 lists “Discuss waiting until after 39 weeks gestation for elective delivery” as one of the activities to be completed during the Risk Identifier visit. The MIHP at MDHHS team has recently added a few resources on the MIHP website to assist with the conversation: [Healthy Babies are Worth Waiting For](#) and the March of Dimes *Why the Last Weeks of Pregnancy Count*. There is also a link to a video showing a pregnancy time lapse to share with the families you visit.

Use the following path to access these resources



You can also find helpful resources on the March of Dimes website. The health topics cover not only preventing early elective deliveries but other pregnancy and infant health topics. You may access this information at <https://www.marchofdimes.org>.

Look for new resources and data on the "Prevention of Early Elective Delivery" course. This course is required for agency Waiver staff and encouraged for current staff. The updated course will be available in early spring.

Father Engagement Conference

The Family Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs and The 21st Century Dads Foundation/Special Fathers Network have joined together to offer an opportunity to hear **"an insider's perspective for fathers, mothers, caregivers, and those who support families of children with special needs"** on Saturday, March 19th.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Michigan Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals

PROGRAM:

There will be three sessions each featuring two Special Fathers Network (SFN) Mentor Fathers, a panel presentation followed by a breakout discussion:

- *Respite & Marriage*
Brian Page, Homewood, IL
Rick Daynes, San Diego, CA
- *Grieving The Life Anticipated*
Josh Jacobs, Minton Hills, MI
Jarrell Roach, Lincoln, NE
- *Siblings & Family Balance*
Lenn Boston, Kalamazoo, MI
Scott Newport, Royal Oak, MI

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Only \$10 (each attendee will receive a resource packet and great dad coin)

The conference will take place on:

Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Please use the following link to register: [Father Engagement in Families of Children with Special Needs Conference Tickets, Sat, Mar 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Early Childhood Mental Health Assessment Learning Collaborative Recruitment

The Zero to Thrive team at University of Michigan, with support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, is offering a Learning Collaborative focused on training clinicians and supervisors in Early Childhood (age 0-6) Mental Health Assessment. This learning collaborative will go beyond diagnosis and help clinicians hone their skills in assessment, including clinical observation and case conceptualization for young children with a wide variety of clinical presentations. This collaborative will incorporate extensive case-based clinical material and will offer opportunities for clinicians to present their own cases. Participants will receive resources including diagnostic interview and report templates that they can adapt to their own settings.

[The Learning Collaborative Flyer can be downloaded here.](#)

INTERESTED?

Please complete the following brief survey. We will be in touch to let you know if we have space for you to participate in this round of the learning collaborative: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

Please share!

[Click here to learn more](#)

New ACOG Resources Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine

Two new resources are available from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), encouraging COVID-19 vaccination for people who are pregnant, thinking of becoming pregnant, and lactating.

- **COVID-19 Patient Education Video** which can be shared on clinician or partner websites and via social media. We hope that this resource helps to support clinicians and partners in counseling their patients to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

[Get Your Recommended COVID-19 Vaccine During Pregnancy | ACOG](#)

- **ACOG's first-ever video PSA** encouraging all people who are pregnant, thinking about becoming pregnant, and lactating to get vaccinated against COVID-19. This PSA is designed to work on multiple platforms including TV, radio, social media, and websites. You can find the PSA here: [acog.org/covidvaccine](https://www.acog.org/covidvaccine)

ACOG has a variety of [additional resources](#) such as FAQs and infographics discussing the safety and importance of COVID-19 vaccination. Many resources are available in multiple languages.

Additional COVID-19 Resources

New CDC Report Finds COVID-19 Vaccination During Pregnancy Provides Protection for Babies

On February 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a [new report](#) that found COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy was associated with a substantially reduced risk of COVID-19 hospitalization in babies younger than 6 months old. While previous studies had established that maternal vaccination is effective in preventing severe COVID-19 in pregnant people, this report provides the first epidemiologic evidence for the protective benefits of maternal immunization during pregnancy against COVID-19 in infants.

Using data from 20 children's hospitals across 17 states from July 2021 through mid-January 2022, the report's authors looked at vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization with COVID-19 in babies whose mothers completed a two-dose COVID-19 vaccination series during pregnancy. The report found that COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy reduced the risk of infant hospitalization with COVID-19 by 61%, suggesting that COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy might also help protect babies.

Infants are at risk for life-threatening complications from COVID-19, including acute respiratory failure. The majority (84%) of babies hospitalized because of COVID-19 were born to individuals who were not vaccinated during pregnancy. CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccination for persons who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future to protect them from COVID-19.

New CDC Report on Health and Well-being of Children During COVID-19 Pandemic

On February 18, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released two new reports in MMRW that provide important insight on the health and well-being of children and adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first report looked at pediatric emergency department visits. The study found that overall pediatric emergency department visits decreased in 2020, 2021, and in January 2022 compared with visits in 2019, while COVID-19-related emergency department visits increased across all pandemic years and among pediatric age groups. There were also increases in the weekly number and proportion of emergency department visits for certain types of injuries, some chronic diseases, and visits related to behavioral health concerns, especially among older children (5–11 years) and adolescents (12–17 years).

The second report examined changes in pediatric emergency department visits for mental health conditions and found that adolescent girls (12–17 years) accounted for the largest increases in the number and proportion of emergency department visits for mental health conditions in 2020, 2021, and in January 2022 compared with 2019. Weekly visits for eating and tic disorders increased for females, and particularly adolescent females (12–17 years), during 2020, 2021, and in January 2022.

[Use this link to read CDC's full Media Statement.](#)

New CDC Studies: COVID-19 Boosters Remain Safe, Continue to Offer High Levels of Protection Against Severe Disease Over Time and During Omicron and Delta Waves

Data from two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports show COVID-19 vaccine boosters remain safe and continue to be highly effective against severe disease over time.

In the first study, CDC reviewed data from two of its vaccine safety monitoring systems, [v-safe](#) and the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#). They found that people 18 years and older who received the same mRNA vaccine brand for all their vaccinations experienced fewer adverse reactions following the booster dose, than they did after their second dose of mRNA vaccine.

A second study reveals that a third dose of mRNA vaccine continues to offer high levels of protection against severe disease, even months after administration, underscoring the importance of staying up to date when eligible after receiving a primary series.

[Use this link to read CDC's full Media Statement.](#)

CDC COVID-19 Resources and Webpages

- [CDC's Latest Updates](#)
- [Healthcare Workers: Information on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical & Professional Resources](#)
- [Health Departments: Information on COVID-19](#)
- [Health Departments: Vaccines & Immunizations](#)
- [Self-Testing at Home or Anywhere](#)

AMCHP COVID-19 Resources and Vaccination Pages

AMCHP is committed to working alongside our federal agency and organizational partners to gather available information, resources, and guidance specific to our MCH population during the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources are on our [website](#) for your convenience and are updated regularly as untapped resources become available. Find out more about vaccinating MCH populations to stay up to date on well care during the pandemic [here](#).

Link to MDHHS Publications

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

Coordinator Directory

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Topic Submission

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

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

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

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all email to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.