

Bi-Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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Protected Health Information (PHI)

MIHP agencies are responsible for compliance with the privacy and security requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations.

PHI includes any information relating directly or indirectly to:

- An individual's past, present or future physical or mental health
- Provision of care to the individual
- Past, present or future health care bills and payments for provision of health care to the individual

The MIHP staff has experienced a surge in emails from agencies that include PHI and are not encrypted.

Please remember:

- Staff communicating PHI electronically, including when communicating with MDHHS staff, the medical care provider, and Medicaid health plan staff, must do so in compliance with HIPAA by using fax, an email encryption software or a secure EMR system.
- Confidential information or PHI sent from a laptop, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and other electronic or mobile devices in the field must be either encrypted or transmission must occur on a password-protected secure network/website.

More information can be located in the *MIHP Operation Guide* and the *MIHP Field Confidentiality Guidelines* on the MIHP website

MIHP Cycle 9 Guidance Update

In response to agency feedback, MIHP Cycle 9 guidance has been slightly modified, and this update is specific to MCIR guidance for infant beneficiaries. Language has been updated regarding **reviewing an infant's MCIR record for the first immunization assessment and the hearing results**. The updated language indicates that these reviews are to occur **“as soon as possible following enrollment but no later than the third professional visit.”** This replaces previous language for these reviews to occur at the first visit following enrollment. Remaining MCIR guidance has not changed (e.g., lead levels, additional immunization reviews, etc.). This change reflects the value of reviewing MCIR in a timely manner while allowing a timeframe that supports potential, unanticipated data delays related to newborn information. This language has been updated on the following MIHP Cycle 9 documents:

- Operations Guide: Page 24
 - Infant-Specific Components: MCIR “Immunization” section and MCIR “Infant Hearing Screening” section
- Certification Specifications: Page 6
 - Indicator 5.11
- Companion Guide - Utilization of MCIR for MIHP: Pages 2 and 6
 - “Immunization” and “Hearing” sections
- Chart Review Tool: Page 7
 - “Infant Immunizations” section
- Maternal Forms Checklist: Page 2
 - “MCIR” section of instructions
- Infant Forms Checklist: Page 2
 - “MCIR” section of instructions

Additionally, the Infant-Specific Components area of the Operations Guide (page 23) has been clarified to include the discussion of caregiver's immunizations at least once during the course of care. This was already included in the Infant PVPN checklist and now reflected appropriately in the Operations Guide.

As a reminder, Cycle 9 guidance will be effective June 1, 2022.

CDC Foundation Launches New “Live to the Beat” Campaign

Created to support the Million Hearts® initiative, “Live to the Beat” aims to reduce cardiovascular risk among Black adults ages 35–54 with a focus on moving more, eating better, quitting smoking, and addressing key risk factors like hypertension, high cholesterol, and high blood sugar.

Black adults in the United States die from heart disease at a rate two times higher than their White counterparts and whose risk of death from stroke is even greater.

Learn more about heart health and “[Live to the Beat](#).”

CDC Milestone Updates

CDC’s [milestones and parent tips](#) have been updated, and new checklist ages have been added (15 and 30 months). For more information about the recent updates to CDC’s developmental milestones, please view the [Pediatrics](#) journal describing the updates.

Interested in free CDC handouts related to milestones? Order them [here](#).

Webinar: Understanding and Responding Effectively to Vaccine Hesitancy

Indiana Immunization Coalition is hosting the following webinar on April 5:
Understanding and Responding Effectively to Vaccine Hesitancy.

- **Date:** April 5, 2022
- **Time:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Notes:** This webinar will focus on communicating effectively with vaccine hesitant individuals. CME, CNE, and Pharmacy Continuing Education will be offered.
- **Registration:** [Understanding and Responding Effectively to Vaccine Hesitancy](#)

One Little Girl's Death and Michigan's Falling Childhood Vaccination Rates

"Francesca McNally's family will gather Thursday evening on what would have been her 10th birthday. Francesca...died in May 2012 of **pertussis, a vaccine-preventable disease, likely contracted from a family member.**"

"But a decade after the little girl's death, Michigan child vaccination rates for a host of serious, even life-threatening, diseases have **fallen to their lowest levels in at least seven years, leaving tens of thousands of children and adolescents more vulnerable to diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles and other life-threatening diseases.**"

Note the disparity among Medicaid-enrolled and non-Medicaid-enrolled toddlers:

- Among toddlers, Michigan saw a 6.8 percent drop in vaccine coverage in those enrolled in Medicaid during the pandemic — falling to a 10-year low of 64.7 percent as of Oct. 31.
- Coverage rates for children not in Medicaid rebounded nearly to a pre-pandemic rate of 75.1 percent, according to the same state report.

Learn more:

- Read the entire article [here](#).
- Sign up for the [I Vaccinate newsletter here](#). Michigan's public-private partnership, the I Vaccinate campaign will be send a twice-monthly newsletter with messaging and social media content for vaccine advocates.
- Learn about the importance of Tdap vaccine to protect against [pertussis \("whooping cough"\)](#).

WOMEN'S HISTORY HIGHLIGHT: Did you know Michigan women contributed greatly to pertussis vaccinology? Pearl Kendrick, Grace Elderling and Loney Clinton Gordon worked in the Grand Rapids lab for the Michigan Department of Health. In the 1930s and 1940s, they researched pertussis and ran the first successful, large-scale clinical trial which resulted in the first vaccine against pertussis. In 1940, the State of Michigan began producing and distributing the vaccine. These women were truly trailblazers and are honored in the [Michigan Women's Hall of Fame](#).

Polio Risk, Ukraine, and Immunization

CDC has declared several destinations as high-risk for poliovirus in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe, including Ukraine. The World Health Organization (WHO) [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) is extremely concerned about the effects of the crisis in Ukraine and note that Ukraine is currently affected by a poliovirus outbreak. Large-scale population movements and reduced access to care can contribute greatly to infectious diseases such as polio, COVID-19 and more.

These issues serve as a reminder of the importance of on-time vaccination and access to care, as well as understanding infectious disease and risk from a global lens. Regarding poliovirus, the US has been [polio-free since 1979](#) due to our successful vaccination program. However, poliovirus remains a threat in some countries and can pose risks for travel. The best protection is to maintain high vaccination coverage against polio.

Key points to know:

- Everyone should be fully vaccinated against poliovirus according to CDC's recommended immunization schedule. [View Polio Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know](#)
 - Reminder of routine schedule for infants and children: CDC recommends that all infants and children in the U.S. are vaccinated against polio with four doses of the IPV vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years.
- International travel should prompt assessment of risk and immunization needs.
 - [View Travel Notices for Polio in Asia and Eastern Europe](#)
 - [View Travel Notices for Polio in Africa](#)

National Poison Prevention Week 2022

We invite you to join HRSA Region 5 in acknowledging National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) March 20 – 26, 2022. NPPW is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of poisonings for people of all ages and promote community involvement in poisoning prevention. HRSA funds 55 poison control centers across the nation and the Poison Help Line (1-800-222-1222). Over 2,000,000 poisonings occur annually, with nearly 43% of all exposures involving children younger than age 5. Two-thirds of calls to the Poison Help line are successfully resolved over the phone, preventing unnecessary visits to the hospital and reducing medical costs.

You can promote National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in your community by downloading our #EveryMinuteCounts [social media campaign assets](#) and sharing the information on your social media channels. Below are several new video resources that highlight HRSA's poison prevention messages.

- Every Minute Counts – English Version
 - Poison Help Website: <http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/resources/videos/index.html>
 - HRSA YouTube channel (30 sec): <https://youtu.be/KW5mD1PW2Y4>
- Household Cleaners – English Version
 - Poison Help Website: <http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/resources/videos/index.html>
 - HRSA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSW2A78otMA>

The Save the Poison-Proof Home is a Happy Home video resources remain available on the HRSA Poison Help Website at:

- A Poison-Proof Home is a Happy Home – English Version
 - Poison Help Website: <http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/resources/videos/index.html>
 - HRSA YouTube channel (30 sec): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u6zivlJVNE>
 - HRSA YouTube channel (15 sec): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYvIPPKsKDC>
- HRSA YouTube channel (30 sec): A Poison-Proof Home is a Happy Home – Spanish Version
 - Poison Help Website: <https://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/es/resources/videos>
 - HRSA YouTube channel (30 sec): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3btfzEeFg8>
 - HRSA YouTube channel (15 sec): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUtn4pdVZi4>

Finally, please also visit our [Poison Help](#) program and [HRSA's Poison Help website](#) to learn more.

Lead Poisoning Prevention – MDHHS Modules Available

A **new** MDHHS e-learning module is available and an excellent learning opportunity for home visitors. The course is titled **Lead and its Risk at Home** and is designed “to teach individuals how to identify potential sources of lead exposure; how to educate others about minimizing potential lead exposure sources – especially in aging housing – and to encourage and improve interagency collaboration and communication surrounding lead poisoning prevention and correction”.

An additional lead-focused module is also available titled **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention for Primary Care Providers**. This course is focused on enhancing professional awareness of childhood lead poisoning, understanding blood lead testing, and educating on how to eliminate sources of lead poisoning.

Both modules are located on the [MI Health Course Website](#).

Continuing education credits are available for both modules. Details on continuing education can be found on the website, just below the “launch course” button.

Ukrainian/Russian Refugees and IECMH Needs

The following resources are from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

Resources in Response to the War on Ukraine

The ongoing attack on Ukraine has impacted many, and providers across the world are working to support children and families who are experiencing fear, threat, loss of loved ones, and displacement. The NCTSN has developed the below resources and translations to aid their support. Through the work of our generous partners, we are in the process of translating more of our resources to assist those impacted by the war and those that are providing relief work. We will be sending an updated list the end of next week. If you need updates sooner, click on this link <https://www.nctsn.org/resources> and search by languages.

For those that are needing technical assistance or additional resources, please don't hesitate to contact **Dr. Melissa Brymer** at mbrymer@mednet.ucla.edu for all other questions.

Resources in Ukrainian:

Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event: [Вікові Реакції на Травматичні події](#)

After a Crisis: Helping Young Children Heal: [Після кризи: Як допомогти дитині зцілитися](#)

Talking to Children about War: [Розмова з дітьми про війну](#)

Traumatic Separation and Refugee and Immigrant Children: Tips for Current Caregivers: [ТРАВМАТИЧНЕ РОЗЛУЖЕННЯ ТА ДІТИ БІЖЕНЦІВ ТА ІМІГРАНТІВ: ПОРАДИ ДЛЯ ОПІКУНІВ PFA Mobile: Android version on Google Play](#)

PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Adolescents: [Поради для батьків: Як допомогти підліткам після травматичних подій](#)

PFA: Tips for Adults: [Поради для дорослих](#)

Helping Young Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers: [Допомога маленьким дітям які переживають травматичне горе: Поради для людей що піклуються за дітьми](#)

Coping in Hard Times: Fact Sheet for Youth, High School, and College Age: [Як пережити скрутні часи: Інформаційний бюлетень для молоді старшого шкільного та університетського віку](#)

Resources in Russian:

Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event: [Соответствующие возрасту реакции на травму](#)

After a Crisis: Helping Young Children Heal: [После кризиса: Как помочь детям исцелиться](#)

Talking to Children about War: [Как говорить с детьми о войне](#)

Traumatic Separation and Refugee and Immigrant Children: Tips for Current Caregivers: [ТРАВМАТИЧЕСКОЕ РАЗДЕЛЕНИЕ СЕМЕЙ - ДЕТИ-БЕЖЕНЦЫ И ИММИГРАНТЫ: РЕКОМЕНДАЦИИ ДЛЯ ВРЕМЕННЫХ ОПЕКУНОВ](#)

PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Infants and Toddlers: [Рекомендации родителям детей грудного и ясельного возраста в условиях последствий чрезвычайных ситуаций](#)

PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Preschoolers: [Рекомендации родителям дошкольного возраста в условиях последствий чрезвычайных ситуаций](#) Parent Tips for Helping

School-Age Children: [Рекомендации родителям школьников в условиях последствий чрезвычайных ситуаций](#)

PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Adolescents: [Рекомендации родителям детей подросткового возраста в условиях последствий чрезвычайных ситуаций](#)

Helping Young Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers: [Помощь маленьким детям с травматическим горем: Советы для лиц, осуществляющих уход за детьми](#) Helping School-Age Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for

Caregivers: [Помощь детям школьного возраста, переживающим горе: Советы тем, кто оказывает помощь](#) Helping Military Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for

Parents: [Помощь детям военнослужащих, переживающим травму утраты: советы для родителей](#) Understanding Child Trauma and Resilience: For Military

Parents and Caregivers [Понимание детской травмы и устойчивости: для военных родителей и опекунов](#)

Resources in German:

Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event: [Altersentsprechende Traumareaktionen](#)

After a Crisis: Helping Young Children Heal: [Nach der Krise: Kinder helfen zu heilen](#)

Talking to Children about War: [Mit Kindern über Krieg sprechen](#)

Resources in Japanese: Talking to Children about War: [戦争について子どもに話す際に](#)

Psychological First Aid Field Operations Guide: [サイコロジカル・ファーストエイド実施の手引き 第2版](#)

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Michigan Breastfeeding Network Webinar

The Michigan Breastfeeding Network is pleased to announce the next webinar in their series.

[Registration](#) is now available for you to watch this on-demand webinar.

Topic: Geographies of Breastfeeding: How The Noonni Project Helps Reclaim Breastfeeding in Indigenous Communities

Presenter: Angie Sanchez, MBA, IBC

Description from the presenter: "Breastfeeding in Native American cultures is often viewed as ceremony and thus an act of resilience; however, due to the effects of historical trauma, this ceremonial act has been lost. Breastfeeding is important for maternal and infant health by providing physiological and psychological short-term and long-term benefits, such as the prevention of infectious and chronic diseases and improvements in mental health, family bonding, and a return of societal values. The Noonni Project aims to train community Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselors and local health care providers in breastfeeding best practices, who will thereby teach families and community members about breastfeeding in a culturally appropriate way that meets the health and social needs of tribal communities in Michigan."

Objectives:

- Identify how geographies (time and place) intersect to affect breastfeeding rates within communities
- Recognize how historical trauma is passed down, how it manifests itself, and how to work with community members who suffer from historical trauma
- Understand how to serve Indigenous communities in breastfeeding and beyond.

Michigan Breastfeeding Network presents Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars that launch on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 am EST. Webinars are available to watch whenever and wherever for up to 1 year after the initial air date. Continuing education hours are available when you register for the webinar, watch the webinar in its entirety, and complete the post-webinar survey. If you have any questions, please email hello@mibreastfeeding.org.



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