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Reminder: August COP

The August Community of Practice webinar will be on Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Topic: Maternal and infant Oral Health Updates, presented by Heather Beavers, MM, RDH, Department Specialist, MDHHS Oral Health Section.

CLICK HERE to register for the August COP Webinar!

9th Annual Maternal Infant Health Summit Brings Michigan's Maternal and Infant Health Community Together

MDHHS Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP) staff joined more than 500 maternal, infant, and family health advocates at Saginaw Valley State University on July 15 and 16 for the 9th Annual Maternal Infant Health Summit.

Hosted by the MDHHS Maternal Infant Health Section, the Summit brought together a multidisciplinary community of state and national partners to celebrate progress, share innovative ideas, strengthen connections, and continue advancing efforts to improve the health and well-being of Michigan moms, babies, and families.

Over two days, attendees participated in plenary presentations and a wide range of concurrent sessions addressing critical topics across the maternal and infant health landscape. Sessions explored community trust, fatherhood engagement, doula workforce support, Black maternal health, lactation, birth trauma, postpartum care coordination, transportation, community partnerships, rural maternal and infant health, and statewide quality improvement efforts. The Summit also provided opportunities to learn about emerging approaches, including the use of artificial intelligence to support maternal and infant health work.

The event highlighted the importance of collaboration and community-centered approaches in creating meaningful change. Through shared learning, open dialogue, and cross-sector partnerships, the Summit reinforced the collective commitment to building a stronger maternal and infant health system and ensuring Michigan families have the support they need to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to another successful Maternal Infant Health Summit!

Cyclosporiasis Outbreak

MDHHS is investigating an outbreak of cyclosporiasis in Michigan. While the investigation is ongoing, available information indicates that lettuce or salad greens may be a potential source of this outbreak. However, other food items cannot be completely ruled out. No specific type of produce, grower, or supplier has been identified as the source. MDHHS continues to work with local health departments and partners to investigate cases and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Michigan Case Counts

Total Cases: 7,171 As of July 16, 2026, 102 reported cases indicated they had been hospitalized.

Last updated: July 22, 2026

Data notes

- Case counts reflect all cases of cyclosporiasis reported during the outbreak investigation period and may change as additional information becomes available.
- Case counts reflect data reported through 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.
- Total case counts are updated daily, Monday through Friday, by 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.
- Hospitalization status and detailed outbreak data are updated weekly on Thursdays.

National cyclosporiasis case count information is available from CDC: Cyclosporiasis Surveillance.

For more information, resources and latest news updates, visit MDHHS Infectious Disease Outbreaks website

Job Posting: Home Visiting Section

The Home Visiting Section within MDHHS, which oversees federally funded **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) home visiting programs** as well as state funded home visiting efforts has posted a State of Michigan position for a Departmental Analyst who will work closely with the Home Visiting Section Fiscal Specialist. Work location is the Elliott-Larsen Building at 320 S. Walnut in Lansing, MI.; however, this position is expected to work remotely with occasional mandatory in-person travel to required meetings and program sites.

View the position posting

Share Your Story: Present a Case at the August Project Echo Training!

We're looking for case presenters for upcoming Project ECHO sessions, and we'd love to hear from you!

The case discussion is one of the most valuable parts of ECHO. It's where we learn from each other's experiences, explore real-world challenges, and share practical strategies that can make a difference from families and professionals alike.

Do you have a situation you'd like to think through with colleagues? A challenge that's left you wondering what others might do? A success story with lingering questions? Those are all great cases for ECHO!

You don't need to have all the answers. In fact, the most engaging discussions often come from situations that are unfolding.

Please consider submitting a case for our August session! Your experience can help spark meaningful learning and conversation for participants across the state.

👉 **Submit a case here:https://shorturl.at/6rLic**

Ready to share your experience and learn from others? Consider this your official sign to present a case!

Wildfire Smoke - New Forecast, Communication Resources, and Syndromic Surveillance Summary

The **Statewide Air Quality Alert,** issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), began on Wednesday July 15, 2026, and ended on Monday July 20. With air quality improving, daily average PM2.5 concentrations will range from Good (Green AQI) to Moderate (Yellow AQI) through Thursday, July 23. A few hours of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange AQI) is possible in the western Upper Peninsula on Thursday, July 23.

As several fires continue to burn in the region, it is beneficial to continue preparing for additional poor air quality days this season.

- Continue to monitor air quality at EPA AirNow
- **New Communication Resources:** Spread awareness about wildfire smoke preparedness by sharing this **wildfire smoke and health video** from MDHHS Chief Medical Executive, Dr. Bagdasarian, and this special message on **wildfire smoke and children's health**.
- Educate the public on protecting their health during wildfire smoke events at EH.michigan.gov/WildfireSmoke-Health

Syndromic Surveillance:

- Visits to Michigan EDs for respiratory conditions in general have increased. Between Thursday, 7/16 and Sunday, 7/19, the number of visits was about 20% higher than Thursday through Sunday the week before.
- The number of asthma ED visits between Thursday and Sunday more than doubled from the week before.
- Since Sunday, asthma and air quality-related respiratory ED visits have decreased, with counts and proportions of cases returning back to baseline.
- Monitoring will continue for ED visits for asthma, air quality-related respiratory, and cardiovascular chief complaints, as health effects from acute PM2.5 exposure can manifest several days afterwards.

Wildfire Smoke Resources:

- People can check the air quality in their area at EPA AirNow or they can sign up to receive air quality alerts directly from EnviroFlash.
- Wildfire Smoke and Our Health Fact Sheet provides information on the health effects of wildfire smoke. See translations below:
  - Arabic Translation/ دخان حرائق الغابات وصحّتنا:الترجمة العربية.
  - Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Español: El Humo de los Incendios Forestales y Nuestra Salud.

- Air Quality Poster and accompanying resource guide, which contains guidance for teachers and students on air quality and health. Michigan residents can **order this poster at no cost from the** MDHHS Clearinghouse.
- **MICHAP Summer Climate and Health Education Resource Packet, which contains social media posts and talking points on wildfire smoke and health and heat that can be downloaded and shared.**

Nourishing Michigan Communities: Grant Opportunity to Improve Food Access

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and Blue Cross Complete of Michigan are coming together to support Michigan communities through the *Nourishing Communities: Nutrition Access, Education and Impact grant*. This funding opportunity is designed for Michigan-based nonprofits working to expand access to nutritious food, strengthen nutrition knowledge and build sustainable solutions that help make the healthy choice the easy choice for families and communities. Applications are due Friday, August 14, 2026. For more information, including eligibility details and application requirements, please see the Request for Applications.

Community and Family Regional Town Hall
Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties

Your voice matters! BMBFA (Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association) is partnering with the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) to host a Community & Family Regional Town Hall on Tuesday, August 11, from 4:00–6:00 PM.

This family-friendly event invites pregnant individuals and parents of infants from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties to share their experiences, discuss community needs, and help shape solutions that support healthier families. Together, we'll have open conversations about resources for expecting parents and families with young children while working toward positive change in our communities.

Attendees will enjoy free parking, light refreshments, and giveaways. Plus, the first 20 people to register and attend will receive a gift card!

Event Details

- Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Time: 4:00–6:00 PM
- Location: 17567 Hubbell Ave., Suite #149, Detroit, MI 48219

We hope you'll join us, share your perspective, and be part of the conversation. Register today to reserve your spot!

This version is concise enough for a newsletter while still giving readers a compelling reason to attend.

Click here to register

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

September 7
November 3
November 11
November 26 and 27
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.

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