

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



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Note: Due to the shortened holiday weeks, the MIHP Weekly Update will not be published on Monday, December 28th. Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you in the new year!

COVID-19 Vaccination Priorities

Confusion remains as to where home visiting professionals fall in the prioritization of COVID-19 vaccines. MDHHS is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for prioritization of distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines for individuals. The complete MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance document is attached.

The CDC recommendations are based on input from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), but do not specifically reference home visitors. CDC and ACIP have defined populations for different vaccination phases:

- Phase 1A includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and **are unable to work from home**, as well as residents of long-term care facilities.
- Phase 1B includes workers in essential and critical industries, including workers with unique skill sets such as non-hospital or non-public health laboratories and mortuary services.
- Phase 1C includes people at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness due to underlying medical conditions, and people 65 years and older.
- Phase 2 is a mass vaccination campaign for all individuals 16 years and older

The ACIP recommended on Sunday, December 20th that adults aged 75 and older, as well as frontline essential workers, be designated as the second priority group to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

The ACIP also voted to recommend that the third stage of the national vaccination program should focus on adults 65 to 74, people 16 to 64 years old with high-risk medical conditions, and essential workers not included in the second phase of vaccination. *Note that these recommendations had not yet been approved by the CDC at the time of publication of the Weekly Update.*

The committee defined frontline essential workers as first responders, teachers and other education workers including day care workers, food and agriculture workers, correctional facility staff, postal workers, public transit workers, and people who work in manufacturing and in grocery stores.

MIHP and its partners in the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative will closely monitor developments and report out any changes or clarifications to the vaccination guidelines for Michigan home visitors.

Michigan Maternal Mortality Review Committee: Membership Opportunity

Reposting from the "MDHHS Maternal Infant Health and Equity Updates" bulletin in the event that you missed it:

The Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance (MMMS) program's is seeking applicants to be considered for membership on the MDHHS multidisciplinary maternal mortality review committee (MMRC). The MMMS program is looking for broad and diverse membership which extends across region, but also by race, gender, and specialty/profession. Committee members will review cases of maternal death, determine contributing factors, and will make recommendations to improve systems and resources for women. Determinations are often a reflection of MMRC composition; therefore, it is critical to have diverse voices at the table who can provide greater perspective on system-level factors that contribute to maternal deaths. Each year, there will be eight full-day MMRC meetings that will be held via a Teams or Zoom platform.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send their CV/resume for consideration to MDHHS-MaternalMortality@michigan.gov, and an application will be sent afterwards to be filled out by December 21, 2020.

Appointment letters will be sent on or before January 15, 2021. Additionally, if selected, members will be required to complete an MDHHS-provided Bias, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training as part of the onboarding process. For more information about MMMS, please visit www.Michigan.gov/MMMS.

Infant Product Recall



Graco [recalls](#) the inclined sleeper accessory sold with the Pack 'n Play Day2Dream Playard with Bedside Sleeper, Pack 'n Play Nuzzle Nest Playard, Pack 'n Play Everest Playard and Pack 'n Play Rock 'n Grow Playard to prevent risk of suffocation. Infant fatalities have been reported while using other manufacturers' inclined sleep products after the infants rolled from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained or under other circumstances. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled inclined sleeper accessory and contact Graco for a refund for the accessory. Consumers can continue to use the playard portion of the product and other accessories included with the playard.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a firm, flat sleep area for your baby--a crib, portable crib, bassinet, or play yard is recommended. With the many products on the market, it is hard to know if they are safe for sleep. Use our checklist [is this Infant Safe Sleep?](#) to determine if your child's sleeping space is safe.

Learn more about [safe sleep spaces](#) and infant safe sleep at Michigan.gov/SafeSleep.

MI-AIMH Membership Renewal

If you are currently a member of the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH), it's time to renew your membership, MI-AIMH Endorsement®, and IMH Journal Subscription.

For renewal instructions and tips, please review the attached [article](#).



January is Birth Defects Prevention Month

From our partners at the [MDHHS Birth Defects Education and Outreach Program](#):

The theme for 2021 Birth Defects Prevention Month is “**Best for You. Best for Baby.**” We know that not all birth defects can be prevented. But, we also know that women can increase their chances of having a healthy baby by reducing their risk of getting an infection during pregnancy. Materials and resources have been developed to assist you in raising awareness during National Birth Defects Prevention Month.

Download the entire 2021 packet [HERE](#).

Materials:

- 2021 "Best for You. Best for Baby" theme resources [PDF](#)
- Tools you can use [PDF](#)
- Sample proclamation [MS Word](#) | [PDF](#)
- Sample news release [MS Word](#) | [PDF](#)
- Educational Flyer: Tips for Dad [PDF](#)
- Social media how-to [PDF](#)
- Materials for partners [PDF](#)
- Videos [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Social media graphics [here](#)



Partner Resources:

- [Best for You. Best for Baby. Promo kit](#) from the CDC.
- Read the [MotherToBaby](#) fact sheet on influenza (flu) [here](#).
- Resources provided from the [Society for Birth Defects Research & Prevention](#):
 - [Five infections to know about](#)
 - [Teratology Primer, 3rd edition](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Resources on specific birth defects](#) (on-line only)
- Birth Defects Awareness [Public Service Announcement \(PSA\)](#)
- [Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative](#)
- Free materials from the CDC on: [birth defects](#), [FAS](#) and [NTD/folic acid](#)
- March of Dimes [NTD/folic acid](#) and [Healthy Pregnancy](#)

Michigan Resources:

Resources are available to order free of cost through the Michigan Birth Defects Prevention Program and the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN). Please share these resources to help reach millions of women and decrease their risk for birth defects. Click here for [Resources in English, Spanish and Arabic](#).

MI-AIMH Training Opportunity

Registration is OPEN for Matters of Equity: A social justice informed IECMH treatment approach

This MI-AIMH sponsored training aims to enhance a clinician's ability to use a social justice lens--based in critical consciousness, empowerment and self-accountability--to inform anti-racists interventions. Together, we will explore how each of our social identities impact our roles as professionals, encouraging this through deep reflection on systems of oppression and identity of the self. Participants will be guided through informative and experiential activities allowing them to deepen their understanding of how to partner with families with young children using an equitable, culturally relevant, socially just approach that is transformative at the micro and macro levels.

Dates: Thursday, January 14 & 28, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

Presenters: Amy Delira, LMSW, IECMH-E®, Andrea Rodgers, MA, LPC, IMH-E® & Hannah Schottenfels, LMSW, IMH-E®

Access: Training will be virtual using Zoom

Registration Fees: \$90 for Non-Members, \$70 for MI-AIMH members, \$50 for Students, \$10 for continuing education

Click [here](#) for more information and to register!

Vaccines and Safe Sleep

Did you know that vaccinated babies are healthier babies? Evidence suggests that vaccination is associated with reducing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) by 50 percent. In addition, vaccines protect against germs that may affect your baby's breathing, such as germs that cause whooping cough, pneumonia, and the flu.

Learn more by viewing our resource [Safe Sleep and Vaccines](#).



Coordinator Directory

To view the most recent Coordinator Directory, please click [here](#).

Topic Submission

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

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.