

Maternal Infant Health Program Weekly Update



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IMPORTANT! MIHP Agency Provider Survey on Telehealth

We are seeking your expertise and feedback! The MDHHS MIHP staff, in partnership with the MDHHS Medicaid Policy staff, is exploring the potential option of extending telehealth visits at the conclusion of the public health emergency. We are interested in feedback about your experience with telehealth so far and value your expertise as you have worked so hard to continue providing services during this challenging year. Your input will directly guide future decisions. We are grateful for the time and energy every single one of you puts into delivering these services. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences with us.

Survey responses are due by close of business on Friday, December 18th. Only one individual per agency may complete and submit the survey, which can be found at this [link](#).

WIC Program Breastfeeding Information

The MDHHS WIC program team is excited to share information on enhancements to their website to improve breastfeeding information.

There are three places where moms, providers, and other advocates can find information:

1. WIC providers can find information [here](#)
2. WIC clients can find information [here](#)
3. COVID-19 information (specific for WIC staff, clients and vendors) can be found [here](#).

They have also recently completed an update that will allow clients to easily find their local WIC clinic. Click [here](#) then look for the “FIND MY WIC CLINIC” or “Michigan WIC Clinic Directory (PDF)” links under the green banner.



Reminder! Virtual Baby Fair

As presented in the November 16th edition of the MIHP Weekly pdate, The MDHHS Newborn Metabolic Screening program and several partners--including MIHP--are hosting **free** virtual baby fairs for new and expecting parents. The first virtual fair was held on December 5th and was a big success. The second event will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 am - 10:15 am. Registration information is available [here](#). Please share with your families and community partners.

Maternal Infant Health Summit Recorded Sessions

The Recorded Sessions for the 2020 Maternal Infant Health Summit are available for viewing until **December 31, 2020**. If there were sessions that you did not get a chance to view please visit <https://mihealthsummit.com/> and click on the “View Recorded Sessions” box at the bottom of the page. Unfortunately, CE is no longer available for the sessions.

If you did not register for the summit, you will be prompted to complete a brief registration form, using the passcode: **2020MIHSummit**.



Resources for Providers and Families from ECIC

Our partners at the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) want to share some training opportunities and other resources from their December bulletin that may be of interest to MIHP agency staff and the families they serve:

COVID-19 and Young Children During Flu Season

The [Zero to Thrive](#) program at Michigan Medicine recently presented a discussion for child care providers regarding young children during the COVID-19 pandemic as we enter flu season. A [panel of pediatric experts discussed](#) preventative measures to keep children and their providers healthy, the overlap of flu and COVID symptoms, screening protocols and recommendations for discussing these issues with parents.

Talking with Children About Big World Issues

The current COVID-19 pandemic has produced a broad sense of unease and fear which transmits the message that the world is not safe (however much adults try to shield young children). Many children in quarantine with their families are experiencing exceptional amounts of screen time—and having to make sense of images, ideas, and terminology that can foster fear and prejudice. Included in these messages are racist ideas falsely attributing the cause of the coronavirus to people of Chinese descent and, by extension, to people of other Asian and Pacific ethnicities. However, as challenging as this period is, it also offers opportunities to engage young children in rich, meaningful conversations. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recently released an [article](#) with tips on how and why it's so important to have conversations with children about these issues.

Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home

School classrooms are busy places where young children learn all sorts of things, including social and emotional skills such as how to express feelings and how to work together with friends on a project. Here are some [suggestions](#) from NAEYC for helping children develop social and emotional skills at home.

To access the full December bulletin from ECIC please click [here](#).



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](#).

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