

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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New Federal Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has approved a new federal rule that will ensure that products marketed or intended for infant sleep will provide a safe sleep environment for babies under 5 months old.

Beginning in mid-2022, any product intended or marketed for infant sleep must meet a federal safety standard—a requirement that does not exist today. The new mandatory standard will effectively eliminate potentially hazardous sleep products in the marketplace that do not currently meet a CPSC mandatory standard for infant sleep, such as inclined sleepers, travel and compact bassinets, and in-bed sleepers, which have been linked to dozens of infant deaths. Popular products formerly referred to as “inclined sleep products” include several styles that have been [recalled](#) over the years.

The new federal safety rule incorporates the most recent voluntary standard developed by ASTM International (ASTM F3118-17a, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Inclined Sleep Products), with modifications to make the standard more stringent.

The new standard now requires that infant sleep products that do not already meet the requirements of an existing CPSC sleep standard must be tested to confirm that the angle of the sleep surface is 10 degrees or lower and that they comply with the agency’s [Safety Standard for Bassinets and Cradles](#).

The Commission voted 3 to 1 to approve the standard on June 2, 2021. Later this year, the Commission expects to consider federal safety standards for crib bumpers and crib mattresses.

View the [full release](#) here.

Infant Products Recalled



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Fisher-Price are announcing [recalls](#) of the Fisher-Price 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide Soothers and 2-in-1 Soothe 'n Play Gliders. There have been reports of four infant deaths in the 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide Soother. The infants were reportedly placed on their backs unrestrained in the product and later found on their stomachs. These incidents occurred between April 2019 and February 2020. There have been no fatalities in

the 2-in-1 Soothe 'n Play Gliders.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled products and contact Fisher-Price for a refund. To obtain a refund, consumers should visit Fisher-Price online at www.service.mattel.com and click on "Recall & Safety Alerts" or call toll-free at 855-853-6224 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

The CPSC continues to emphasize that the best place for a baby to sleep is on the back on a firm, flat surface in a crib, bassinet or play yard. Learn more about [safe sleep spaces](#) and infant safe sleep at Michigan.gov/SafeSleep.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

Learn more about the safest way for babies to sleep at michigan.gov/safesleep



Opportunity to Participate in Stress During Pregnancy Study

From our partners at the Michigan Medicine Zero to Thrive program:

We are researching the impact of stress during pregnancy on maternal and infant health and mother-infant relationships. Specifically, we are interested in determining if there's a particular time during pregnancy when stress poses the most risk to women and infants. We are asking women to complete 7 visits with us; 3 during pregnancy, 2 postpartum with their infant, and 2 when their child is a toddler. At study visits, we collect questionnaires and saliva samples, and participants complete a public speaking task. Visits typically last about 3 hours and participants are immediately compensated with cash for their time.

We recognize that transportation is a potential barrier for some women who may be interested in the study, so we are able to provide transportation to our Ann Arbor or Detroit offices if they live within a 25-30 mile radius. We are also able to provide childcare to women who may need to bring other children with them to study visits. While we are not an intervention, we strive to build warm, supportive, and positive relationships with participants throughout the years we work together.

We are recruiting women 18-34 years old who are currently less than 20 weeks pregnant. Specifically, we are interested in recruiting low income women and/or women experiencing current or recent domestic violence. When a potential participant contacts us, our team will speak to them on the phone to determine if they are eligible. We are currently recruiting new participants for our study and will be doing so for the next several years. We are so appreciative of any help your organization can give us to get the word out about our study and increase the size of our study pool.

A printable flyer is available [here](#).

Feel free to reach out to Allison Koneczny at (612) 214-0957 or by email at akoneczn@med.umich.edu with any questions you may have.



June is Men's Health Month



Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. Use the **HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) Six Plays for Men's Health** social media resources to remind men and boys that they can improve their health by seeking medical advice and taking other important steps, such as making healthy food choices, staying active, quitting smoking, getting regular checkups, taking care of their mental health and being #VaccineReady.

[Learn More](#)

Supporting Parents in Getting Pediatric Vaccinations

A message from our partners at the MDHHS Division of Immunization:

Hello Michigan Immunization Partners,

MDHHS Division of Immunization is working to assure pediatric and adolescent patients are getting back on track with all recommended vaccinations. To support these efforts, attached is a letter encouraging and supporting parents to work with their physician offices to schedule vaccination appointments for their school-aged children. **We ask that the attached letter be shared with parents & guardians using various forms of communication**, to include but not limited to: *emails, sports physical announcements, newsletters, parent-portals, open house information, as well as the before & after-school programs for families of school-age children.*

There is an urgent need to assure that our pediatric and adolescents in Michigan are protected from several vaccine-preventable diseases, such as meningococcal meningitis, measles and pertussis. For everyone's safest return to school and other activities, it is imperative to ensure that everyone is up to date on all recommended vaccines.

Please distribute the attached letter to the parents/guardians of school-aged children, using the methods mentioned above. We also encourage you to share this with your colleagues in other programs that include families of school-age children.

Thank you for the hard work with efforts to protect Michiganders from vaccine-preventable diseases!

View the attached letter [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines and Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations



Racial and ethnic minority people are more likely than white people to get sick, become hospitalized, or die from COVID-19.

To help address concerns people may have related to the COVID-19 vaccines—such as safety, cost, and side effects—OMH has developed a new COVID-19 resource in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This resource includes key facts about COVID-19 vaccines as well as important information about how and why minorities should participate in clinical trials.

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available. OMH encourages you to be #VaccineReady and that you get vaccinated as soon as possible. For the latest information and guidance about COVID-19 vaccines, visit the [CDC website](#).

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 or by clicking [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.