

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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WIC Formula Change Effective Nov. 1

From our partners at the MDHHS WIC Office:

WIC has awarded a new five-year formula contract with Abbott Laboratories, effective November 1, 2021. Beginning with the client's November benefits, WIC formula benefits will transition from the Mead Johnson Enfamil product to the nutritionally equivalent Abbott Similac product. Please reference the attached Memo for Healthcare Professionals for additional details and the formula conversion chart.

[Click here to view the memo.](#)

National Breastfeeding Month Resources

One of the first decisions all moms have to make is how they're going to feed their babies. The decision to breastfeed is a personal one. New moms deserve support no matter how they decide to feed their baby.

During **National Breastfeeding Month**, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services [Office on Women's Health](#) (OWH) shares its [online resources](#) for making the decision to breastfeed, learning how to breastfeed, overcoming breastfeeding challenges, and pumping and storing of breastmilk. OWH answers questions such as What are the health benefits of breastfeeding? How do you know if you make enough breastmilk? Do you need to avoid certain foods? Will physical activity affect how much breastmilk you make? Can you drink alcohol?



OWH's breastfeeding resources for moms include:

- [Online Content](#)
- [Breastfeeding Fact Sheet](#)

[Your Guide to Breastfeeding](#), an easy-to-read publication with how-to information and support to help women breastfeed. [Download the ePub](#), free of charge, for your tablet, eReader or smartphone. [MOBI format also available.](#)

Presenters Needed for Infant Safe Sleep Webinar



October is Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month in Michigan. The MDHHS Infant Safe Sleep Program is hosting the webinar "Getting Ready for Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month" on **September 9th from 1 to 2 PM**. We are looking for programs to share what they have done in past years or will be doing this year for Infant Safe Sleep Awareness month.

If you are interested in doing a 10-minute presentation on your plans or previous activities, please email Colleen Nelson at nelsonc7@michigan.gov by **Friday, August 13th**. Spots are limited.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars



The latest in the series of free breastfeeding webinars from the Michigan Breastfeeding Network is now available for viewing:

“Bodyfeeding is a Political & Cultural Act,” presented by Mariposa. Registration begins August 17th, 2021.

Description: When working with families, it is vital to respect and use language that honors the experience of the lactating parent. This presentation will include: an introduction to gender neutral language; how to use gender neutral language when working with birth and body feeding folks; and why pronouns are important in birth work in order to avoid misgendering parents and invalidating their experiences. Centered on the experience of a Two Spirit, non-binary lactating parent, this presentation will examine the intersection of political and cultural issues of racism, sexism, and patriarchy.

Approved for 1 nurse’s contact hour, 1 social work CE hour, 1 dietitian CPEU, 1 Community Health Worker CEU, 1 Certified Health Education Specialist CECH, and 1 CME. CERP approval pending.

[Follow this link for additional webinars.](#)

Dental Therapy Licensing Rules

In April 2021, Michigan's dental therapy licensing rules were approved, making dental therapy its newest licensed profession. With the passage of Michigan's dental therapy bill and licensing rules, there will be opportunities to improve access to care for Michigan's underserved communities. This is a big step toward oral health equity! As Michigan colleges and universities begin to offer dental therapy programs, we will see more providers in underserved areas and fewer barriers to

dental care for those who need it most. Read the full feature story by MPCA oral health program specialist Misty Davis, RDH, BS, published on [DentistryToday.com](https://www.dentistrytoday.com).

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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

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