

Communiqué



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kristi Campbell

Director, Cole County Health Department

February 2022

Dear Public Health Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you well! Although we have been faced with another variant and surge of COVID-19 cases, I'm still hopeful for the future of public health. While the spotlight can sometimes be twisted and paint public health in a negative light, it can also showcase the value of public health programs.

As public health professionals, we should never forget the unlimited power of education. We should take opportunities to show public health students how to put what they are learning in their classes into real world practice. We should promote public health programs that improve the health of our communities. Although most Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) are still devoting some resources to the current pandemic, the other public health activities should not be ignored.

Utilizing public health students to work on public health programs as interns has a triple return on investment. First, it allows LPHAs to foster already existing relationships or to establish new relationships with schools of public health. Second, it gives public health students a chance to garner real world experience with public health programs that truly make a difference in communities. Third, it can expand the workforce for LPHAs that need additional staff but do not have the resources to expand their full-time staff. I would encourage you to take advantage of internship opportunities.

Public health activities that improve the health of our communities should again come to the forefront of our desks, like maternal child health and diabetes education. Improving the health of moms, babies, adolescents, teens, adults, seniors and especially those without healthcare resources should be a priority. The top ten leading causes of death in Missouri continue to include heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. These underlying health conditions exacerbate the susceptibility and adverse reactions that people have to communicable diseases, like COVID-19. If the focus can be brought back to promoting healthy lifestyles, illnesses and adverse health conditions can be reduced or prevented.



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Calendar of Events

April 7, 2022

MPHA Board Meeting

MPHA Office
Jefferson City, MO

July 14, 2022

MPHA Board Meeting

MPHA Office
Jefferson City, MO

September 20, 2022

MPHA Board Meeting

MPHA Office
Jefferson City, MO

September 21-22, 2022

Joint Annual Public Health Conference & General Membership Meeting

"A Vision for a Healthier Missouri"

Holiday Inn Select
Columbia, MO

November 6-9, 2022

APHA Annual Meeting & Expo

*"150 Years of Creating the Healthiest
Nation: Leading the Path Toward Equity"*
Boston, Massachusetts

(Board Meetings are held via Zoom and will begin at
10:00 am unless otherwise noted.)

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Unfortunately, many in the community do not see the promotion side of public health. They see the regulation and enforcement side. Through consistent efforts and messages, I'm hopeful that the perception of public health entities can be changed to highlight the benefits of public health programs.

As the public and our partners learn more about the breadth and complexity of public health, we can explore other collaboration and expansion opportunities. Ideally, as we move out of this pandemic mode, we will be able to focus on the aspects of the public health systems and our jobs that need attention.

As always, thank you all for your tireless work. Keep your chins up and keep fighting the good fight because AMERICA NEEDS PUBLIC HEALTH!!

Respectfully,



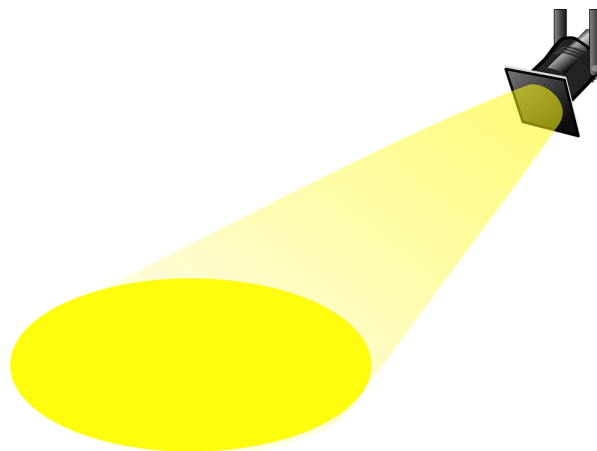
Kristi Campbell
President, Missouri Public Health Association

Member Spotlight

Mary Menges

Retired, Missouri State Public Health Lab

It has been nearly a year since I “retired” from public health service and not a week goes by that I don’t read, see or hear about the wonderful and positive work going on in the Public Health field. It continues to make me proud that I was once part of this noble system of caring people willing to sacrifice for the betterment and protection of others. I had the good fortune of working on the first piece of Missouri AIDS legislation in 1986 as a researcher for a non-profit lobbying group. I was fascinated with the impact that this “new” communicable disease had on society and politics. Interesting how some 35 years later communicable diseases and public policy are still so intertwined on a global scale. This only reinforces the need for a strong public health system to adequately protect our communities. A healthy community is the foundation for all social, economic and cultural prosperity.



OK, I am jumping off my soapbox now and getting to the task at hand. My journey on the public health road lead me to accept a state position in 1989 assisting in bringing HIV, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis testing to Missouri drug treatment programs. This lead to Department of Health career stops in Tuberculosis Control, HIV/AIDS Care, STD & HIV Prevention, Communicable Disease Control, Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism and finally the State Public Health Laboratory! All the way I was blessed with wonderful mentors and colleagues. I had the opportunity to work along side of the brightest, most talented people at the local public health agencies as well as at other state agencies. My public health vocation allowed me to witness the full gamut of the public health spectrum at the local, state and federal level giving me the appreciation for the role that each level can provide for the other. Remembering that all public health starts and ends at the local level.

This journey has provided me with valued and treasured friendships, fond memories of funny, goofy, dedicated and conscientious members of our public health family. I have been truly blessed and inspired by all of you! Personally, none of this would have been possible for me had I not had the full support of my loving husband and family. They have been with me throughout this marvelous journey.



As for me, I fill my time enjoying what I love most. Spending time with my husband, Jim, going on adventures great and small with him, watching our children and their spouses build a life together, golfing as much as possible, reading all those books that have been stacking up, helping out at church, pop-up volunteering (I work for dark chocolate), and following my beloved Kansas City Chiefs. And now after 32 years of public health service I can live securely knowing the system is in the good hands of the next generation of Public Health Guardians!

2022 Legislative Session Convenes



The Missouri General Assembly reconvened during the first week of January and, as expected, moved quickly into many controversial topics, a great deal of which revolve around public health and community health services. This current session will be open until May 13, 2022. Also, as expected, a significant number of bills, mostly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the global community, have been filed and are scheduling hearings at this time. A total of 31 bills have been filed relating to COVID and the ability of the state and local health departments to mitigate and control the virus. Many propose to limit the authority of local agencies in their mitigation efforts. Public health partners are encouraged to go to the General Assembly's website under the Legislative Branch, www.mo.gov, to track a bill. You can search by the subject matter, e.g., vaccinations, or by the bill number, e.g., HB2177 or SB651 (note there is no space between the number and the appropriate house designation) This search engine allows the reader to review the actual text, as well as a bill summary. It also tracks the status of the particular bill through the legislative process.

Vaccination bills that are scheduled for upcoming hearings include: *(NOTE, some hearings may have been held at the time this article was published - check the website to monitor.)*

- [HB1465](#): prohibits certain vaccine mandates
- [HB1543](#): prohibits places of public accommodation from requiring vaccination against COVID-19 in order to access services

- [HB1575](#): requires natural immunity to be considered equivalent to vaccine-induced immunity for viral infections
- [HB1670](#): creates provisions relating to the COVID-19 vaccines
- [HB1691](#): prohibits the state and political subdivisions from contracting with employers or companies that engage in discrimination against unvaccinated persons
- [HB1709](#): creates provisions related to certain experimental or investigational medical treatments
- [HB1861](#): creates provisions relating to COVID-19 vaccination status with respect to organ transplant procedures
- [HB1485](#): creates provisions relating to exemptions from employer vaccination requirements
- [HB1544](#): prohibits employers from requiring their employees to receive a vaccination against COVID-19
- [HB1624](#): creates provisions relating to COVID-19 tests and vaccinations

Plus a number of bills on other topics related to COVID in schools; employer responsibilities, etc. You are encouraged to search the website or call with specifics.

Additionally, a huge focus in the early days of this session has been the effort related to congressional redistricting. It appears that members of the House are in a hurry to get this passed and to the Senate for approval. Indeed, one version of this effort ([HB2117](#)) was passed by the House and has already been referred to the Senate. Members are rushing to get this approved in advance of the August elections in Missouri.

Another focus has been supplemental appropriations, i.e., supplemental to the State's operating budget. This bill (HB3014) is also fast-tracked, as it is a \$5.3 billion spending bill and includes a number of high priorities, including long-overdue pay raises for state employees, COVID relief for elementary, secondary

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and higher education, as well as funding for Medicaid during the remainder of this expansion year. As you may know, Medicaid began enrolling newly eligible Missourians in early October with no designated appropriations at the time. This supplemental proposal will cover the Department of Social Services' expenses obligated as far back as the early enrollment initiation. It, thus, is a high priority for the Administration. It is expected to be debated and approved in the Senate in the early weeks of February.

In addition to the over 30 bills related to COVID-19 vaccine and mitigation efforts, there are a number of other bills related to public health. These include:

- [HB1466](#): enacts to Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act
- [HB1635](#): creates provisions relating to public health
- [HB1798](#): creates provisions relating to vaccine administration by dentists

- [HB1960](#): creates provisions relating to masking requirements
- [SB690](#): modifies provisions of law relating to certain distributors of hypodermic needles
- [HB1690](#): creates provisions relating to visitation rights in hospitals and long-term care facilities
- [HB2097](#): creates provisions relating to visitation rights in hospitals and long-term care facilities
- [HB2476](#): modifies provisions relating to concentrated animal feeding operations

Members of the public health community are encouraged to read these bill texts on any items of interest and to voice their opinions as these bills move through the legislative process.

For additional information or questions about these, or any bills, feel free to contact Bert Malone at 816.809.9994 or email him at Bert.Malone923@gmail.com.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

March 2022

- 1 - Last Day to File Senate Bills
- 10 - Spring Break Begins upon Adjournment
- 10 - Last Day to Place Senate Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar
- 14-18 - Spring Break
- 21 - Senate will Reconvene

April 2022

- 15 - Last Day to Place House Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar
- 18 - Easter Holiday (no session)

May 2022

- 6 - Last Day for Floor Action on Appropriations Bills
- 13 - Last Day of Session

September 2022

- 14 - Veto Session

Get to Know: Missouri Immunization Coalition, Inc.

Nicole Williams, MPH

Programs Director, Missouri Immunization Coalition, Inc.



As many of you know, the Missouri Immunization Coalition, Inc. (MIC) is growing! In January of this year, I started as MIC's new Programs Director and am excited to be coming on board at such a pivotal time. I've spent my career in health systems strengthening, developing public health programming and educational outreach across the globe. But as we entered another year of the COVID-19 pandemic, it felt like the right time to move my international public health career towards improving the health of communities right where I call home, in Missouri. Acting globally starts at home and as a native Missourian, I understand the fears and concerns of fellow Missourians about getting vaccinated against COVID-19 and am eager to help lead efforts across the State to boost vaccination rates and slow its spread.

But at MIC, we aren't just focused on COVID-19 immunization and education. Our mission is to promote immunizations, prevent disease, and protect Missourians against **all** vaccine-preventable diseases. As MIC's Programs Director, I am committed to targeted, community-driven solutions that elevate the essential role vaccines play in promoting health across the lifespan for all Missourians. Please consider MIC your partner in immunization education, advocacy, promotion, and statewide collaborative initiatives and visit our website at www.moimmunize.org to learn more.

Many thanks to our members, Executive Director, and Board of Directors for the warm welcome and I look forward to working with many more of you in the future.

WHAT WE DO at Missouri Immunization Coalition

Coalition Building: The MIC's coalition building strategies leverage the collective voice of Missouri's diverse population on immunization priorities, policies, awareness, and resources in support of promoting vaccinations and the health of our communities.

Community Outreach and Awareness: The Missouri Immunization Coalition's community outreach efforts build awareness for parents about the safety and importance of immunizations. We also provide immunization education and information with healthcare providers.

Public Policy: The Missouri Immunization Coalition brings together a diverse group of healthcare professionals, public health professionals, business leaders, parents, and community members to inform public policy.

Provider Education: Strengthening immunization knowledge for Missouri's physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, pharmacists, and public health professionals enables Missouri's healthcare professionals to:

- Make strong provider vaccination recommendations
- Adhere to proper vaccination safety protocol
- Provide information to patients on the importance of vaccinations
- Address vaccine hesitancy by discussing vaccine benefits
- Remain up-to-date on the latest immunization recommendations



tobacco free **Missouri**

Missouri Eliminate Tobacco Use Initiative Annual Summit

Register now for the Missouri Eliminate Tobacco Use Initiative Annual Summit on April 20th and 21st. This year's hybrid summit will be held with our MD Anderson colleagues and our collaborative partner states for a Day 1 line up of renowned national tobacco control experts from leading organizations such as the CDC Office on Smoking and Health, the Public Health Law Center, and the Center for Black Health and Equity. Day 2 of the Summit will include on-the-ground experts and lived experiences from our students working in tobacco control.

The fee for the two-day summit is *waived* for all Missouri registrants and is \$25 for all out-of-state attendees, \$35 with CE credits. Thank you to Missouri Foundation for Health for providing this summit to Missouri attendees at no cost.

Our goal for this summit is to provide up-to-date research, resources, and support to college campuses and health care systems on tobacco control policy, prevention, and cessation. The summit will work to provide valuable tools that you can take and apply within institutions to advance the health of all and prevent the devastating harms of tobacco in our communities.

The summit includes an in-person and/or remote option, with the in-person summit option in Memorial Union at the University of Missouri – Columbia (for either or both days you chose to attend). Free parking and lunch during the summit are provided to in-person attendees.

For more information, contact Ginny Chadwick at chadwickv@missouri.edu or (573)882-1342. We look forward to seeing you at our summit in April!

Registration: www.eliminate tobacco use.org/2022-national-summit
Missouri Discount Code: ETUM022



REGISTRATION IS OPEN.
SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 20-21

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TOBACCO USE

MISSOURI SUMMIT

MPHA, Among Many Others, Signs on to Comments to EPA on Methane Proposal

January 31, 2022

The Honorable Michael Regan,

Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20450

Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317

Dear Administrator Regan:

As representatives of health organizations and societies committed to patient care and public health, we are compelled to advocate for actions to defend those at risk of environmental health harms. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal to limit the release of methane, is prudent and necessary to mitigate the immediate and long-term health risks resulting from the extraction, transportation and storage of oil and gas. We urge EPA to follow the science and strengthen the proposed standards for new and existing sources, and quickly finalize them into law.

As health organizations, we serve multiple interests including patients, practitioners and caregivers as well as health systems and institutions. Enforceable rules to limit leaking of methane and toxic air pollutants will immediately benefit public health in communities across the country and help mitigate the worst effects of global climate change.

The standards will reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which include gases identified as hazardous air pollutants such as benzene, toluene, carbonyl sulfide, ethylbenzene, mixed xylenes and n-hexane. Benzene and formaldehyde, another hazardous pollutant from oil and gas emissions, are known human carcinogens, while ethylbenzene is considered a probable carcinogen. VOCs also react with other emissions in the presence of sunlight to form ozone, which causes asthma attacks, increases hospital admissions and may cause premature deaths.

The standards will also reduce emissions of methane. Methane is more than eighty times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. Climate change puts at risk the ability of health professionals to help the public and deliver life sustaining care, as witnessed by news reports of unprecedented severe weather and wildfires. Further negative impacts of climate change, including increased risk from vector borne illness, water borne illness, and allergies, have the potential to further strain American healthcare.

We urge EPA to strengthen the proposed standards by requiring increased frequency for leak detection and repair surveys, especially at smaller well sites. We also urge EPA to prohibit not only venting of methane gas, but also routine flaring. Requiring frequent monitoring and modern/zero-emitting equipment is critical to protecting public health. We also urge the agency to address emissions from additional sources beyond the proposal, including abandoned and unplugged wells.

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As health organizations, our work involves both employees and employers and as such, we recognize the importance of meaningful careers to families and communities. These measures to reduce methane and VOC emissions are cost-effective and efficient. We urge EPA to set the strongest limits to protect public health and the environment.

Signed,

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America-Michigan Chapter
 Colorado Public Health Association
 CommonSpirit Health
 Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
 Illinois Public Health Association
 Indiana Public Health Association
 Maine Public Health Association
 Mass General Center for the Environment and Health
 Maternal and Child Health Access
 MI Air MI Health
 Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action
 Michigan Public Health Association
 Missouri Public Health Association
 Montana Public Health Association
 Nevada Public Health Association
 New Hampshire Public Health Association

New Jersey Public Health Organization
 New Mexico Public Health Association
 New York State Public Health Association
 Pennsylvania Public Health Association
 Prevention Institute
 PSR Colorado (Physicians for Social Responsibility)
 Regional Asthma Management & Prevention
 San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
 St. John's Community Health
 Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society
 Vermont Public Health Association
 Washington State Public Health Association
 Wisconsin Asthma Coalition
 Wisconsin Environmental Health Network
 Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action



Centers for Disease Control Recognize Partnership with U.S. Cooperative Extension System

University of Missouri Extension Playing Critical Role in COVID Vaccine Education in Rural America

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and the Center's Deputy Director for Science have expressed gratitude to the nation's Cooperative Extension System, including University of Missouri Cooperative Extension, for addressing vaccine hesitancy by educating and raising awareness about the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID-19 in rural America.

"Rural America continues to be especially hard hit by the pandemic, and the lives of families and communities continue to feel the impacts," said Director of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Dr. Carrie Castille. "Because our communities are faced with making important

decisions about vaccinations, having a trusted, independent community agent to aid in decision making is essential. Cooperative Extension agents and educators are well placed to have that discussion and provide objective educational information. Talk with your Extension agent, and then decide."

Through an interagency agreement with the CDC and NIFA, Cooperative Extension units at Land-grant Universities across the nation received funding and launched the Cooperative Extension Immunization Teaching and Engagement (EXCITE) in June 2021 to address health disparities among rural and other underserved communities.

Acting director of the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Samuel F. Posner said in a letter to the U.S. Cooperative Extension System, "Agents and educators are trusted messengers working in every county across the nation and are uniquely situated at local levels to engage with their communities and build partnerships to improve community health."

"As my team listens to our partners in the field, we hear story upon story of the need for one-on-one,

honest discussions with trusted messengers to address concerns about COVID-19 vaccines," said Posner.

Our team in Missouri realized that our County Engagement Specialists would benefit from hearing from subject matter

experts in COVID. Our Community Health Education and Outreach (CHEO) branch has been holding "Livestream" events every month in support of our CESs. "Our CESs are clearly caught in the crosshairs of promoting science-based decision making and rural attitudes towards COVID prevention and control strategies, and it has been very stressful for them," observes Lynelle Phillips, an Education Director and Nurse Specialist for CHEO. "We decided to hold these Livestreams for informational purposes, but also to let them know that 'we hear you' and want to support you in any way we can."



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“Tailored messaging in rural areas works,” said Posner. “As of today, over 76% of people in the United States have received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose. In rural areas, 71.4% of people ages 18 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine – with the percentage of those reporting that they definitely will get vaccinated on the incline. Thank you to those who helped realize these achievements by getting vaccinated and helping others do the same.”

“To reach the remaining individuals who are hesitant about receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, we are relying on trusted messengers to provide education about the vaccines, share information on how they were developed, and address myths about what’s in the vaccines,” he said. “There’s an enormous need to cut through the confusion that exists about why everyone should receive a vaccination, how to get a vaccine, where to get vaccinated, and what services are available to get them to the point of vaccination (if needed).”

“In Missouri, our CESs helped identify the most common sources of vaccine hesitation in rural areas. We collaborated with the Missouri Immunization Coalition and developed “myths and facts” cue cards,” explains CES Rachel Buenemann. “These cue cards are aids designed to assist CESs when they are in the field and confronted with difficult questions about COVID vaccines. They now have the facts at their fingertips, as well as some helpful communication tips.” The cue cards are now available in an animated format, as well as in several different languages at <https://moimmunize.org/covid-19-resources/>. “The Missouri Immunization Coalition has been a terrific partner for us in Extension,” said Lynelle Phillips.

The CDC recently published a COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide Addendum: Rural Considerations for Vaccine Confidence and Uptake Strategies. This

resource complements CDC’s 12 COVID-19 Vaccination Strategies for Your Community and content on How to Conduct a Rapid Community Assessment, both designed to support the work of communities across the U.S. to increase vaccine confidence and vaccine uptake.

“I know how hard field agents work, the long hours and distances traveled especially in rural and frontier areas, and how much you all care about the community members you serve. Thank you for all that you do!” Posner said.

The Cooperative Extension System is operated through the nation’s Land-grant University System in partnership with the federal and state and local governments. As the federal partner, NIFA develops methods to address national priorities, funds and awards grants, and provides program leadership. The agency supports both the universities and local Extension offices to bring science directly to the regional and county level.

NIFA invests in and advances agricultural research, education, and Extension across the nation to make transformative discoveries that solve societal challenges. NIFA supports initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of agriculture and applies an integrated approach to ensure that groundbreaking discoveries in agriculture-related sciences and technologies reach the people who can put them into practice. In FY2020, NIFA’s total investment was \$1.95 billion.

#HealthierMO: Hope for a Healthier Tomorrow

Emily Fessler and Jaci McReynolds, MHA
Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

#HealthierMO has launched a brand new photostory series called "Hope for a Healthier Tomorrow" on our social media platforms and website that started **Monday, January 10th**.

Collected in partnership with expert photographers and storytellers at Humans of St Louis, these stories from people across Missouri highlight gaps in our healthcare system, emphasize the urgent need for change, and demonstrate the passion to create a brighter, healthier tomorrow for all Missourians.

Right now, we have an extraordinary opportunity to change the future. We're connecting, rebuilding, and moving forward based on what we've experienced, how the world has changed, and what we all need to be well and thrive. We're working with our partners to assure every Missourian has access to foundational public health programs and services they can depend on.

We're looking for champions to join us --people like you, with the compassion to support the people hurting the most, and the courage to drive a recovery plan that puts people first. Everyone's health depends on cooperation. Collectively we can create stronger systems that support better health for all of us.

You can help amplify our photostories by liking, commenting, and sharing them on your social media channels, using hashtags #HealthierTomorrowMO and #HealthierMO. We hope you will also use these powerful stories to engage in conversation with your audiences, community members, and decision-makers.

We are sharing stories in "chapters" on our Facebook and Instagram pages running through National Public Health Week in April. We'll promote the stories on our Twitter feed and feature them in full on our website at HealthierMO.org.

Stories have a powerful way of connecting to hearts and changing attitudes and behaviors. Your story is important. Visit HealthierMO.org to share your own story. Together we can build a healthier Missouri.

Newsletter Articles

All members of Missouri Public Health Association are invited to submit articles for our newsletter and we will welcome submissions on any public health related topic.

Please include the following information with your article submission:

- Name
- Professional Affiliation or Academic Institution (if a student)
- Title of Article
- Reference List
- A Headshot or Photo of You Doing Public Health Work

Please keep your article within 300-500 words. Articles from members will be reviewed by the Missouri Public Health Association Board and the Newsletter Editor. Email your articles and any questions to Lisa Marshall at lisa.marshall@lpha.mo.gov or Sandy Boeckman at sboeckman@mopha.org.

FEBRUARY, JUNE, AND OCTOBER ISSUES

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, FOR THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON HOUSING INSTABILITY



PROBLEM

PRE-PANDEMIC

On average,



3.6 million
evictions

occur annually across the US.

NOW

At the end of 2020,



40 million
renters were at
risk of eviction

80% of those facing eviction
are Black and Latinx.



HOW PUBLIC HEALTH CAN HELP

COMMUNITY



Build partnerships
with housing
advocacy groups.

SHORT TERM



Support emergency rental
assistance at the local,
state or federal level,
and expand, extend and
enforce eviction and rent
moratoriums.

LONG TERM



Advocate for better
tenant protections
and increased
funding for
affordable housing.

Joint Public Health Conference

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“A Vision for a Healthier Missouri”

*MPHA along with MoALPHA, MICH, MOCPHE
and MODHSS are excited to be back and are
planning an in-person Conference!*

on

September 21-22, 2022

at the

**Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri**

*If you are interested in presenting or know someone who is, be on the
look out for the Call for Presentations.*

The committee is on the hunt for a stellar speaker lineup.

MPHA Members,

Now in existence since 1925, the Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) continues to strive to meet the needs of public health across Missouri. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the challenge of this mission up a notch but MPHA and its members remain committed.

It is our mission to be the voice of public health in Missouri through advocacy, membership services and by investing in our members through the MPHA Education Foundation. The MPHA Education Foundation plays a key role in ensuring a resilient public health workforce by providing funding for education experiences that recipients may not have without the Foundation's monetary support.

In order to fund these educational opportunities, MPHA relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations. Cash donations are always welcome but you can also donate to the MPHA Education Foundation at no direct cost to you. In fact, I have generated over \$57 of donations and it cost me nothing. What is this magical money generating scheme you ask. It is AmazonSmile. More details are at the bottom of this page. It takes a little bit of set up but then you can buy, buy and buy really cool stuff on Amazon while knowing that you are helping MPHA. At least that is my logic. For the record, my wife does not necessarily agree with my approach.

Every dollar counts in the advancement of public health. Whether it's a cash donation or through AmazonSmile, your generosity will make a difference by allowing MPHA to continue in our work advancing public health in Missouri. ***The MPHA Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation which means that cash donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.***

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Andrew Warlen, MPH
MPHA Foundation Chair

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Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation is registered with AmazonSmile. Anytime you shop on Amazon for eligible items, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of the eligible smile.amazon.com purchase to the Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation.

On the website: Go to smile.Amazon.com and select the Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation as your charity.

On the mobile app: Find settings in the main menu. Tap on AmazonSmile and follow the instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

AmazonSmile will donate .05% of your eligible purchase to MPHA which can add up fast. Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com or through AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app will support MPHA once you select it.

Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation's unique charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1652927>

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Are YOU a Member of MPHA?

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Get Involved and Let's Further the Message of Public Health
in Missouri Together!**

MPHA Member Benefits:

- Three Newsletters a Year Filled with up-to-date Information
- Legislative Updates on Missouri Issues
- National Topics Impacting Missourians
- Joint Annual Meeting with Public Health Professionals from Across the State and Beyond
- Statewide Network of Public Health Professionals



If you are interested in membership in MPHA or know someone who is, please contact Dan Luebbert, Platte County Health Department, 816-858-2412, Dan.luebbert@plattehealth.com. (MPHA membership form is on the back page and can be returned it to the MPHA office.)

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