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February 16, 2023

#212

Dear Public Health Colleague,

Thank you for joining the LBOH webinar on Tuesday, February 14th.

- Click [here](#) to view the slides from Tuesday's 2/14 webinar.
- Submit your questions and recommended topics by Wednesday, February 22, at noon. localregionalpublichealth@mass.gov
- The next webinar is scheduled on February 28, 2023, at 3 pm.

Register for LBOH 2023 Webinars

- Click on the following Zoom link to register for the 2023 webinars:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8PytNXtFSMm8T2woJkGZMQ

Please note the Zoom link is a recurring link. You only need to register one time. Save the invite to your calendar.

Finally, we want to ensure that our webinar is accessible to our audience. If you need accommodations, such as American Sign language (ASL) or Closed Caption, please email Lisa McCarthy-Licorish at lisa.n.mccarthy-licorish@mass.gov.

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2023 Summer Local Health Internship Application Announcement

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Division of Epidemiology, is pleased to announce the 2023 MDPH Summer Local Health Internship Program. The program aims to provide graduate public health students with the opportunity to supplement their classroom education by understanding the critical role of local health departments and to support local health departments in undertaking and completing public health projects.

If interested in hosting a student intern this summer, complete the online [2023 Summer Local Health Internship Host Application Form](#) by Friday, February 17.

[Click here](#) for the description of the program and three sample project descriptions from previous years, which resulted in successful matches with student interns. Please remember that students typically begin their projects in late May and conclude their work in mid-August.

If you have any questions or require assistance designing competitive public health projects, please contact Julie Coco at Julie.coco@mass.gov.

[Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)

Extra COVID Food Funds for Families Ending March 2

Extra COVID Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, known as SNAP Emergency Allotments, were created during the pandemic to help individuals and families buy food. These extra COVID benefits are the difference between a household's normal benefit amount and the maximum amount for their household size, with a minimum amount of \$95 a month. The benefits have been put on EBT cards at the beginning of each month. Since March 2020, Massachusetts has elected to utilize this temporary benefit program made available under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act.

Recent action by the federal government (through the Congressional Consolidated Appropriations Act

2023) ends the extra COVID SNAP benefits as of February 2023. This means that Massachusetts households will receive their last extra COVID SNAP payment on March 2, 2023.

The state has launched a new website: [Mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP](https://www.mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP), to help residents plan for the end of these temporary federal benefits. Over the next several months, individuals and families should explore any optional expenses that may increase their normal SNAP benefits.

Help spread the word about the end of these extra COVID SNAP benefits:

- [Outreach materials are available in 15 languages](#) - including flyers, text/email/robocall templates and social media posts
- [Videos](#) are available in English and Spanish, with American Sign Language (ASL) coming soon
- Encourage households to visit [Mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP](https://www.mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP) to learn how they can get the most out of their SNAP benefits, save some of it to help after March 2, and be connected with other resources

MassHealth Office of Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Roadmap

[Roadmap for Behavioral Health](#) helps "people in Massachusetts get the mental health and substance use care they need, when and where they need it. Through a 24/7 Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL) and statewide network of Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHCs), the Roadmap connects people with supportive services right in their communities".

The [Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line](#) is available 24/7, 365 days per year and is available for all residents of Massachusetts. Call or text 833-773-2445.

Click [here](#) to visit the website and to chat online.

- It's free, confidential, and no health insurance is required.
- Real-time interpretation in 200+ languages
- Deaf or hard of hearing? Contact [MassRelay at 711](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Other LPH-Related Information

[Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Bulletins](#) (updated 02.14.2023)

Click [here](#) to view the new Massachusetts Vaccine Confidence Project website. The project is "committed to increasing vaccine confidence and ensuring that all Massachusetts residents are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases".

FDA Alert-REcall of " Deep Bay Cream" due to possible lead contamination

Last week CLPPP put out an important Diep Bao Cream recall announcement. I am reaching out to colleagues across DPH and beyond to help spread the word. The Vietnamese version of this document is attached.

- On February 1st, 2023, Shop Me Ca of Herndon, VA announced a voluntary recall of its 10-gram tubes of "Diep Bao Cream" because they have the potential to be contaminated with lead.
- Diep Bao Cream was sold nationwide through Shop Me Ca's Facebook page and a Vietnamese Moms' Facebook groups: Hội Mẹ Việt Nuôi con Tại Mỹ, Mẹ Việt Tại Mỹ, Chuyên Đồ Bầu và Chăm Sóc Sau Sinh, and Nguyễn Ngọc.
- Customers who have purchased 10-gram tubes of "Diep Bao Cream" should immediately discontinue use of the product and dispose of it immediately .
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is currently investigating a poisoned child case where Diep Bao Cream was identified as a potential exposure source.
- Children are particularly vulnerable to lead exposure. Lead in children can harm their brain, kidneys, and nervous system, slow growth and development, make it hard to learn, damage hearing and speech and cause behavior problems.
- A blood lead test is the only way to know if you or your child have been exposed to lead. Talk to your doctor about getting tested.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/fda-alert-recall-of-diep-bao-cream-due-to-possible-lead-contamination>



Municipal Board of Health Tobacco and Public Health Policy Programs

Re-opening Municipal Board of Health Tobacco and Public Health Policy Programs RFR 190128

[\[BD-23-1031-ADMIN-ADM07-83217\]](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Bureau of Community Health and Prevention's Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program (MTCP) is issuing this Request for Response (RFR) to invite responses from qualified vendors to implement municipal tobacco and public health programming. Programs and strategies will support MTCP goals and priorities of reducing the prevalence of tobacco use, preventing youth initiation of tobacco use, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and eliminating tobacco-related inequities. This work supports MDPH's mission to prevent illness, injury, and premature death; assure access to high quality public health services; and promote wellness and health equity for all people in the Commonwealth.

All questions must be sent to mary.brush@mass.gov by February 27, 2023 by 3:00 PM EST. All questions received and their responses will be posted to Commbuys and can be accessed using the link above.

Applications must be submitted through Commbuys and are due by 3:00 PM EST on March 13, 2023. The Commbuys system time stamps each submission and the COMMBUYS system clock is considered the official time record. All applicants should allow adequate time for application submission. DPH is not responsible for delays encountered by bidders or their agents or for a bidder's local hardware (e.g., computer or network-related) failures associated with application assembly or submission.

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Benefit

[The Federal Emergency Management Administration \(FEMA\) COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program](#) may be able to offer financial assistance to your constituents who have already paid for funeral expenditures linked to COVID-19.

Drought Conditions Return to Normal Across Commonwealth

On February 13, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the end of the drought in the Commonwealth, following five months of normal to above-normal precipitation and record-breaking warmth in January. Click [here](#) for more information and to receive updates.

For further information on water conservation and what residents and communities can do, please visit EEA's Drought [page](#) and water conservation [page](#).

CDC Resources

10 Practical Skills to Learn Before an Emergency

- Emergency preparedness isn't only about collecting supplies. Level up your personal health preparedness. Learn practical skills you can use to help yourself and others. [Read Blog](#)

Using Fire Extinguishers

- Many adults might not know how or when to use fire extinguishers. With proper training and education, you can use extinguishers to save lives and property. [Learn More](#)

Three Things You May Not Know About CPR

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure that can help save a person's life if their breathing or heart stops. Learn some surprising facts about CPR, cardiac arrest, and how you can prepare to help save a life. [Learn More](#)

Training Opportunities

New England Public Health Training Center

1. An Equity Guided Approach to Public Health for Leaders at All Levels

This course will teach you the definitions, value-driven actions and further learning needed to develop your leadership approach to health equity. You'll think about applying the actions and skills in your scope of influence. Over time, developing your equity guided approach will allow you to incorporate health equity principles into public health strategies and programs, and increase engagement and partnership. After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Define health equity and key terms related to health equity
- Identify four value-driven leadership actions for health equity
- Analyze the value-driven actions in your scope of influence
- Explore further learning to strengthen leadership, including some strategic skills

This program is designated for Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) and/or Master Certified Health Education Specialists (MCHES) to receive up to 1 total Category I continuing education contact hour.

[Click HERE to register!](#)

Massachusetts Environmental Health Association

[Registration is open](#) for MEHA's 2023 Title 5 Seminar! Agenda will be forthcoming.

As a reminder please update the address you have on file for MEHA.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

1. Public Health Emergency Management Planning Toolkit with WID

Date & Time: Feb. 21 | 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Join ASTHO and the World Institute on Disability (WID) for a training on their Public Health Emergency Planning Toolkit. Facilitators Dawn Skaggs of WID, and Dee Grimm, CEO of Tenebo Enterprises, co-developed the toolkit and will walk participants through the purpose of the toolkit, its use, and its application to emergency planning that ensures public health emergency planning process and plans are universally inclusive and eliminate systemic barriers whenever possible. [Register now.](#)

State MassDEP / MHOA 2023 In-Person and Virtual Seminars

Dates, Times & Locations:

Tuesday, March 7th, Virtual Day 1, 8:45am to 12pm

- \$25 for members
- \$40 for non-members

Thursday, March 9th, In-Person at Devens Conference Center from 8:15am to 3:00pm

Deadline to register for in-person: March 2nd

- \$65.00 for MHOA members includes continental breakfast and lunch
- \$85.00 for Non-members, includes continental breakfast and lunch

*Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please let us know in advance about any dietary restrictions.

Tuesday, March 21st, Virtual Day 2, 8:45am to 12pm

- \$25 for members
- \$40 for non-members

Continuing Educational Units available:

In-person, all day: RS, REHS, and CHO – 6 CEUs - SE/SI CEUs - pending

Virtual Day 1: RS, REHS, and CHO – 3 CEUs - SE/SI CEUs - pending

Virtual Day 2: RS, REHS, and CHO – 3 CEUs - SE/SI CEUs - pending

[See MassDEP 2023 Preliminary Program](#)

Registrants who select the virtual options will get a Zoom invite closer to the event.

[Click HERE to Register!](#)

This self-paced training is Part 1 of an informative leadership series that explores the relationship between organizational culture and the ability of an organization to adapt and respond to external and internal challenges. The three part self-paced series makes the case for integrating kindness and appreciation into culture and introduces participants to what culture means in health profession settings and how to diagnose culture and use values-based leadership to improve culture.

At the end of the Part 1, participants will be able to:

- Define organizational culture
- List two attributes of culture unique to health serving organizations
- Summarize the relationship between culture, leadership, and performance
- Identify methods to determine core organizational values

[Register Here!](#)

MassDEP / Drinking Water Program Newsletter

1. Boston Water and Sewer Commission Selected as Biden-Harris "Get the Lead Out" Inaugural Partner
2. Getting Ready for LCRR Service Line Inventories Q&A
3. Tools for Attracting New Certified Operators
 - Free Webinar: Strengthening the Water Sector Workforce in Kentucky
4. Training Calendar
5. Cybersecurity, Emergency Preparedness, and You!
6. Supply Chain Reminders

In The Main - The Drinking Water Updates can be found online at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/in-the-main-drinking-water-program-updates-02-10-2023/download58f82>

MHOA Newsletter :

https://associationdatabase.com/aws/MHOA/ebulletin/view_mail/219577/3151256?tcs-token=c5d672670ffda7c9af250c94151f65ab7cc8f66578ef1b7f03a4fc33f7a

Upcoming Webinar

Address Collaborating with Tribal Communities: Cultural Humility

Join a part two of a six-part webinar series to help crisis centers build collaborative, sustainable relationships with tribal communities. In this webinar, presenters will define cultural humility and explore how to use one's own cultural identity to strengthen connections with tribal people.

Designed to support 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline staff, this series can also be useful to other practitioners and providers working with people in crisis.

The webinar will take place on February 21 at 1 p.m. ET. [Register today.](#)

[Career Opportunities](#)

MassCareers Job Opportunities

[Find Your Future Commonwealth Jobs](#) across industries including health and human services, transportation, IT, finance, housing and economic development, energy and environmental, public safety and security, and education.

[Academic Public Health Corps - Opportunities](#)

- [Jobs in Local Health](#)
- [Join The Corps \(for student interns\)](#)

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