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A Few Words From Jill:

Happy New Year and welcome to the January issue of the RHC Newsletter!

I am looking forward to a great year ahead. The Michigan Center for Rural Health is poised and ready to assist you with serving your rural communities. I invite you to check out the new [Michigan Center for Rural Health](#) web page and learn about the multiple programs we support.

Below you will find the upcoming Michigan RHC quarterly meeting dates and times so you may plan your calendars accordingly.

- **February 8th, 2023 – 1p – 4p – Virtual Zoom Meeting - [REGISTER NOW](#)**
- **April 26th, 2023 – 1p - 4p – In Person - Soaring Eagle**
- **August 9th, 2023 – 9 am – 12 pm – In Person - Soaring Eagle**
- **November 15th, 2023 – 1p – 4p – Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Each quarterly meeting will feature a combination of policy updates, compliance and regulation topics by our friends from [Heath Services Associates](#), the latest on primary care quality improvement guidance, and more.

Also, don't forget to plan and register to attend the annual **RHC Practice Management Workshop** on **August 8th, 2023** at Soaring Eagle with registration details forthcoming.

I hope to see you at these upcoming events and in the meantime, I will strive to provide you with the tools and resources you need to continue the great work you do in your Rural Health Clinics in 2023 and beyond!

Thanks,
Jill



Conference Partner Opportunities Available!

Consider becoming an exhibiting or sponsorship partner at the 26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, being held April 27-28 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI, today!

There are multiple exhibitor table packages that will maximize your exposure to this year's attendees along with unique ways to put your brand in front of our audience through technology!

The Michigan Rural Health Conference provides the single most targeted opportunity to reach the Michigan rural health community with your organization's message, products, services, and educational outreach efforts. We expect a diverse audience to discuss relevant issues, network, and disseminate information.

Contact Doug Siwek (siwekdou@msu.edu) for more details!

[Click Here to View the Full Sponsorship Prospectus and Partner Registration Page!](#)

NEW! Cold Weather Resources from MDHSS

Fresh snow and crisp air can be lovely, but when temperatures drop, it is important to know how to stay safe indoors and outside. The resources linked in the buttons to the right discuss ways to protect health during cold weather conditions. They are provided by the Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Program (MICHAP), a department of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

- **Cold Health and Safety Fact Sheet**– This fact sheet explains some of the health risks associated with cold weather and ways you can protect yourself and your family. This fact sheet is also available in Spanish.
- **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning**- This fact sheet explains why CO poisoning happens and how to prevent it.

They will be sharing more on seasonal climate hazards soon. Please be on the lookout for a Winter Climate Health Education Resource Packet highlighting how the changing climate can impact:

- Cold temperatures
- Winter Storms



[Click Here to Download the Cold Health and Safety Fact Sheet!](#)

[Click Here to Download the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Fact Sheet!](#)

[Visit the Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Program](#)

- Carbon Monoxide Poisonings
- Mental Health

(MICHAP)
Website!

The packet will also provide recommendations on how to prepare for these seasonal climate hazards.

What you share and distribute in your community can be based on the climate and health issues most important in your region.

**NEW EVENT:
2023 Region C Rural
Hospital and Clinic Virtual
Performance Improvement
Conference -
February 1, 2023**

Register today for the upcoming Region C Rural Hospital and Clinic Virtual Improvement Conference, being held virtually on Wednesday, February 1st!

This informative event is hosted in partnership with Wintergreen and The Compliance Team. Some agenda highlights include:

- Strategies to Improve Quality and Fund Your Medical Home
- 5 Best Practices to Address Rural Healthcare Recruitment
- 10 Rev Cycle Priorities: What to Review Immediately
- And much more

Please click the buttons on the side for Registration and the full conference agenda!



[Click Here for the Full Agenda!](#)

[Click Here to Register!](#)



Now Accepting Applications for the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

Would you like help to pay off your loans? The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program provides loan repayment to nurses in exchange for a minimum two-year full-time service commitment, at an eligible healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses or an eligible school of nursing.

Are You Eligible?

- You must be:
 - A licensed registered nurse
 - An advanced practice registered nurse, such as a nurse practitioner; or Nurse faculty member
- You received your nursing education from an accredited school of nursing located in a U.S. state or territory.
- You work full-time in either:
 - An **eligible critical shortage** facility in a high-need area or
 - An **eligible school of nursing**

Additional Resources:

- **Fact Sheet**
- **Application and Program Guidance**

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program application is open through Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Click Here to Apply Now!



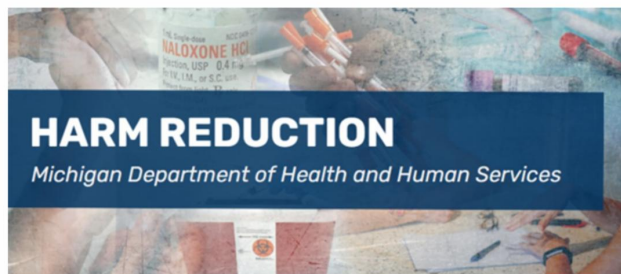
MDHHS Urges Michigan Residents to Get Screened as Part of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

At the start of the New Year, many people make resolutions and begin routines to improve their health. As January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michiganders to make a resolution to be regularly screened for cancer.

By staying current on cervical cancer screening, people could improve their health in 2023, and prevent cervical cancer in the future. In Michigan, the rates of new cervical cancer cases and deaths due to cervical cancer have remained relatively low but steady since 2011. Approximately 75% of cervical cancer diagnoses and 60% of cervical cancer deaths statewide occur among women ages 30-64.

Furthermore, Black non-Hispanic residents experience significantly higher rates of late-stage cervical cancer and cervical cancer deaths than white non-Hispanic residents. “In its early stages, cervical cancer may not cause any symptoms,” said Dr. Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Routine cervical cancer screening is the most effective way to detect cervical cancer early when it is most treatable, and the first step is talking with your health care provider.”

To learn more about Michigan’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program and the WISEWOMAN Program, call 844-446-8727 or visit Michigan.gov/cancer.



2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit

Please save the date for the **2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit**, to be held May 16-17, 2023. The summit will be hosted in-person (Lansing) with a

select number of sessions streamed virtually. For access to all sessions, participants are encouraged to attend the in-person conference.

Target Audience: All public health, public safety, nurses, physicians, social workers, community health workers, therapists, health educators, as well as professionals working in the substance use space are encouraged to attend. Registration is to open in the coming months.

To subscribe to receive future Michigan Harm Reduction updates, please e-mail: MDHHS-SyringeAccess@Michigan.gov

RHC January News & Updates

Here are some of the topics impacting the RHC community in Michigan this month. Click on these links to read more:

- **NEW:** [2023 Michigan Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting Changes](#)
- **NEW:** [Preparing for Medicaid/CHIP Unwinding](#)
- **ONGOING:** [RHC CTM Reporting Reminders \(\\$100k funding\)](#) (December 2022 due January 30th)
- **RESOURCE:** [Answer the call: 988 Lifeline Suicide & Crisis Network Jobs](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Resources

This a reminder that COVID-19 is still having an impact on our rural neighbors and those providing care and solutions. Please click on the links below for important information regarding the latest on vaccines, boosters, testing, and other recommendations:

- **UPDATED:** [COVID-19 Treatment Panels Releases Updated Guidelines](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [RHC Vaccine Confidence News and Information - UPDATED](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [One Stop Online for COVID Prevention and Treatment in Every County](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [COVID-19 Impact on Emergency Preparedness for RHCs](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [The Implications of Long COVID for Rural Communities](#)
- **UPDATE:** [MDHHS Medicaid Policy Bulletins](#)
- **UPDATE:** [MDHHS L-Letters Guidance](#)
- **ONGOING:** [Understanding the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates: Practical Considerations for Covered Employers](#)

Click Here For
**RURAL MICHIGAN
COVID-19
RESOURCES** 

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