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CLINICAL UPDATE

- [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome \(MIS-C\) - USCDC](#)
Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. Children with MIS-C may have a fever and various symptoms, including abdominal (gut) pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, or feeling extra tired. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C. However, many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes [COVID-19](#), or had been around someone with COVID-19.
 - [What CDC Is Doing About Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\)](#)
 - [Health Department-Reported Cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) in the US](#)
- [COVID-19 Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance - Maine DOE \(September 14\)](#)

INTERESTING READS

- [AstraZeneca Partly Resumes Coronavirus Vaccine Trial After Halting It for Safety - The New York Times \(September 12\)](#)
The pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca said Saturday that it had resumed its coronavirus vaccine trial in Britain after suspending it six days ago over potential safety issues but that its trials in the United States and other countries were still on hold.
- [Health Officials Worry Nation's Not Ready for COVID-19 Vaccine - Kaiser Health News \(September 2\)](#)
“There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to be prepared for this vaccination program and it will not be complete by Nov. 1,” said Dr. Kelly Moore, associate director of immunization education at the Immunization Action Coalition, a national vaccine education and advocacy organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. “States will need more financial resources than they have now.”
- [United States COVID-19 Data Tracker - USCDC \(September 14\)](#)
United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State reported to the CDC since January 21, 2020. (interactive map)
- [How Superspreaders - People and Places - Drive the COVID-19 Pandemic - VOA News \(September 9\)](#)
A few events are triggering a rash of coronavirus infections. These "superspreader" events seem to be on the rise, public health experts say. They worry that these events will seed outbreaks that ultimately reverse the overall downward trend in COVID-19 cases and deaths as summer winds down, temperatures cool and entertainment increasingly moves indoors.
- [A New Theory Asks: Could a Mask Be a Crude 'Vaccine'? - The New York Times \(September 8\)](#)
Scientists float a provocative — and unproven — idea: that masks expose the wearer to just enough of the virus to spark a protective immune response.



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POLICY UPDATE

Senate Republicans “Skinny” Stimulus Bill Fails

While Sen. McConnell was able to unite the majority of his caucus to vote for a “skinny” COVID-19 stimulus last Thursday, he did not get 60 Senate votes needed to move the bill forward. The “skinny” bill only addressed a limited number of COVID-specific items and did not include any health center priorities. Unfortunately, Congress remains largely at a stalemate as to how to find agreement on a stimulus bill. Read more about the latest in Congress [here](#).

Pharmacy Access Office Hours on 340B Developments

On Thursday, Sept. 17 at 2:00 PM EST, NACHC will be hosting [340B Pharmacy Access Office Hours](#), a monthly opportunity for health center and PCA staff to ask questions and share information about pharmacy-related issues. This month’s session will include a brief presentation on recent 340B Developments. To register, click [here](#) then click on the Register button.

CHCs Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign

NACHC has collaborated with FTLF on two documents, [Voter Registration Best Practices](#) and [Legal Questions and Answers for Voter Engagement](#), to provide voter registration guidance for CHCs. VotER and NACHC have also created a [page](#) specifically for CHCs.

CHCNET UPDATE

Visit Volume Impact Dashboard Project: MPCA is continuing the *Visit Volume Impact Dashboard* project to understand how COVID-19 has impacted health centers and how health centers have responded. Please continue to report your monthly data via [this spreadsheet](#) and email it, or any questions, to gparent@mepca.org.

For the latest information concerning the MPCA’s HCCN, **Community Health Center Network of Maine (CHCNet)**, or for support with health information technology needs, please visit the [CHCNet Member Portal](#) or contact Greg Parent: gparent@mepca.org.

OFFICE HOURS RECAP (FROM SEPTEMBER 10)

We were joined by Tom Morse of [Woodbury & Morse Advertising and Public Relations](#). Tom shared key components of the print, broadcast and digital ads that they have been working on in conjunction with MPCA and that will be a part of multi-tiered marketing/advertising campaign beginning later this month.

Deb Hagler, President of the Maine AAP, provided to us an [updated version](#) of the slides she presented at the 9/3/20 COVID-19 Office Hours.



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Click on the icon to the left to utilize the new MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!



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RACIAL JUSTICE/HEALTH DISPARITY RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- [Commission Recommends Putting Racial Equity 'At The Heart' Of Maine Lawmaking](#)
In a [report](#) issued Monday, the [Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations](#) says 26 bills pending in the Maine Legislature could help close gaps in health, income, education and incarceration rates, among others, and urges lawmakers to pass them if they return for a special session.

ME DHHS Webinar: Strategies for Addressing Disparate Impacts of COVID 19 - 3rd Wednesdays | 7:30-8:30 AM

Maine DHHS is supporting several efforts aimed at improving health equity and addressing disparities with respect to race and ethnicity, particularly in response to disparities related to COVID 19. As part of that work, Maine DHHS is partnering with colleagues to offer a series of monthly webinars focused on sharing creative solutions and best practices for working with Black, Indigenous and people of color at higher risk of COVID-19 infection.

- Wed, Sept 16: Building Trust With Diverse Communities: Essential Steps for Health Care Providers - Part 1
- Wed, Oct 21: Building Trust With Diverse Communities: Essential Steps for Health Care Providers - Part 2

Join Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 621 843 4986 | Password: 338847 *(Same Zoom invite for all webinars)*

<https://zoom.us/j/6218434986>

For resources and other relevant information, please visit the [Racial Justice/Health Disparities Resources](#) page on the [MPCA website](#).

Advancing Excellence in Transgender Health: A Course for the Whole Care Team - (Virtual)

October 16 - 19, 2020

This conference is designed to train the whole health care team in providing responsive and confident gender-affirming health care, grounded in research evidence and best clinical practices. Sessions are led by expert faculty specialized in transgender-focused research and patient care. The conference is appropriate for all members of health care teams, including physicians, behavioral health care providers, physician assistants, nurses, and other staff. [Register today!](#)



Please click on the calendar for a full listing of upcoming MPCA trainings and events. These events can be viewed by the day, month or as a list.



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TELEHEALTH UPDATE

Part 3 of the Teledental Webinar Series

- 9/24/20 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM - Virtual Dental Home: Outreaching and Delivering Preventative Care Remotely

Registration: <https://mepca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqce2srz0qH9RTol1CgTNKudNKhESyt17>

Connected Health Virtual Summit: Delivering Quality Care in the COVID Era - Sept. 14-18 | Times vary

We invite all payers and providers to attend free of charge. This includes employees of major hospitals, physician practices, outpatient centers, ACOs, and skilled nursing facilities; as well as those who work for payers, insurance companies and MCOs. We invite you to listen live, ask questions, and collaborate in our virtual environment.

- [Click here](#) to see sessions and to sign up. If you are currently unemployed or furloughed, please [contact us](#) directly to register.

For updates from insurers and other relevant information concerning Telehealth, please visit the [Telehealth Resources](#) page on the [MPCA website](#).

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

For the **Stay Informed**, **Sign Up**, **Maine Helps**, and **Coping and Stress Resources** information, please visit the [Weekly Compendium Resources Addendum](#) page on the [MPCA website](#).

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