

COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity for all health care providers to heighten their awareness about the importance of oral cancer prevention. In the US, mouth cancers are diagnosed in over 100 people each day, and someone dies from oral cancer every hour of every day. Health care professionals are part of the first line of defense in detecting oral cancer in its early stages. Beyond the dental office, oral cancer screenings should be conducted by health professionals including nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, physicians, and physician assistants.



The HPV vaccine, the only cancer prevention vaccine, is the most effective method for preventing oropharyngeal, cervical, and other HPV-related cancers. As oral health advocates, health care teams in dental and medical practices are perfectly positioned to provide HPV anticipatory guidance and resources for parents of children starting at age 9 to increase HPV vaccination rates and decrease rates of HPV and related cancers. For more information about oral cancer awareness initiatives, visit the [Oral Cancer Foundation](#) website.

REMINDER: HPV Vaccination Interventions Partnerships Launch Webinar

TODAY, April 5 | 4:00 PM | [Register](#)

Join quality improvement leaders from health systems and health plans from across the U.S for a one hour webinar which will:

- Provide national updates on the current state of adolescent immunization given pandemic disruptions
- Showcase effective interventions implemented by ACS partners in 2021
- Drive collective progress toward 2022 quality improvement goals and the long-term ACS's

[Mission: HPV Cancer-Free](#)

CLINICAL UPDATES

[New nasal spray treats Delta variant infection in mice, indicating broad spectrum results](#) - *Science Daily (3/28)*

[Six crucial lessons from Omicron](#) - *Inside Medicine (2/28)*

[U.S. approves second Covid-19 booster for people 50 and older](#) - *STAT News (3/29)*

[Covid-19 pandemic isn't over for Black Americans, report warns](#) - *STAT News (3/29)*

[NIH experts discuss controlling COVID-19 in commentary on herd immunity](#) - *NIH (3/31)*

CDC UPDATES

[Test to Treat initiative](#) provides quick access to free treatment nationwide for COVID-19.

[CDC Recommends Additional Boosters for Certain Individuals](#)

[How to Improve Ventilation in Your Home](#)

ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

[U.S. dental spending forecast to hit \\$230B by 2030](#) - *DrBicuspid (3/28)*

[Tramadol-dexketoprofen combo effective for 3rd-molar extraction](#) - *DrBicuspid (3/29)*

For resources and information, please visit the [Oral Health Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

Is Your Health Center Hiring? Click [here](#) to utilize the MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!

SAVE THE DATE!

MPCA Annual Conference

October 5-6, 2022

Samoset Resort | Rockport, ME



POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Senate Strikes \$10B Covid Deal

Senate negotiators struck a deal on \$10 billion in Covid aid on Monday, setting the chamber on a potential course to clear the bill this week. The compromise reprograms billions in unused money from other coronavirus bills to deliver funding for therapeutics, testing and vaccine distribution. The scaled-down package is less than half the initial request from the Biden administration and would not include \$5 billion for global vaccine efforts. The House is expected to carefully review the package and potentially make changes. Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), a leading Senate appropriator, predicted that the administration would need to come back soon to request additional funding for COVID treatments, vaccines, and testing.

Congressionally Directed Spending

The Fiscal Year 2023 federal appropriations process will include opportunities to fund local projects through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). This opportunity is available to non-profit entities and state and local governments. Each congressional office has a different submission website and deadline. Please find additional information about this process [here](#).

NACHC 340B Office Hours

NACHC will be hosting monthly 340B Office Hours [starting April 12th at 2:00 PM ET](#). Join NACHC and 340B experts from the field discuss the latest operations, compliance, and 340B policy updates.

CHCNET NEWS

Medicus IT presents Cause & Impact - A Case Study Review of an Actual Cyber Attack Crime Scene

Wednesday, April 6 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | [Registration](#)

Medicus IT brings together 4 industry experts to discuss a real case study of a healthcare practice that was impacted by a Triple Threat extortion, including Ransomware. Learn the top 5 things you can do to increase your cybersecurity posture and maximize incident prevention.

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 Michael Pancook: mpancook@mepca.org.

What's happening? Click [here](#) for a full listing of upcoming MPCA trainings and events.

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

[The Impact of Trauma-Informed Care - One Community's Example](#) - Community Psychology

Here is an example to help you better understand what a trauma-informed organization might look like. Here, we utilize CHDI's key elements to develop trauma-informed systems.

The Weitzman Institute presents Reimagining Primary Care through a Health Justice Lens

Wednesday, May 4 | 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM | [Registration and Agenda](#)

The Weitzman Institute Virtual Symposium provides a unique opportunity to hear from some of the nation's top thought leaders, researchers, clinicians, and entrepreneurs who are leading efforts in the Institute's key priority areas: **social determinants of health, health systems optimization, and transformation and workforce development.**

NEPHTC presents Raising the Bar: On Racism, Health and Publication Standards

Racism is a root cause of racial health inequities. Yet researchers and journals publish on racial health inequities without mentioning or examining racism. How do we raise this bar? For more information and to register for this recorded webinar, [click here](#).

NEPHTC presents Creating Transgender Inclusive Healthcare Environments

Are you addressing the needs of transgender persons in your healthcare organization? This course is designed to support public health and healthcare professionals to develop inclusive environments for transgender and gender diverse individuals. For more information and to register for this recorded webinar, [click here](#).

For resources and information, please visit the [Health Equity/Social Determinants Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

INTERESTING READS

[COVID-19 infection increases your risk for diabetes, a new study says](#) - NPR (3/31)

People who suffered from even mild cases of COVID-19 face an increased risk of being diagnosed with diabetes within a year of recovering from the illness, a new study reports.

[How we will know when COVID-19 has become endemic](#) - AMA (4/1)

The U.S. has a chance to move COVID-19 from being a pandemic to an endemic, which "means that the disease is still around but that it's at a level that is not causing significant disruption in our daily lives," said Dr. Parodi, an infectious diseases physician.

[A New Wave of Covid-19 Is Coming. Here's How to Prepare](#) - The New York Times (4/4)

The next wave of Covid-19 is coming, and in some parts of the United States, it's already here. Are you ready?

WORKFORCE UPDATE

For resources and information, please visit the [Workforce](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

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

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

[AFTER HOURS](#) - MPCA Office Hours resources

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



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