

COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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[June Is Oral Health Month – HealthyMouth.org](#)

[Oral Health Month – June 2022 – NationalToday.com](#)

[Inequitable Access to Oral Health Care Continues to Harm Children of Color – Pew \(3/22\)](#)

[Oral Health Equity Cannot Be Achieved Without Racial Equity – HealthAffairs \(4/22\)](#)

[Three Opportunities Facing Oral Health in 2022 – DentistryToday.com \(2/22\)](#)

ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

[Oral health disparities prevalent in people with disabilities – DrBicuspid \(6/1\)](#)

[Vaping associated with periodontal disease - DrBicuspid \(5/24\)](#)

[Cancer drug may have delayed man's oral surgery healing – DrBicuspid \(5/16\)](#)

[Does dentistry need to shake up its approach to gum disease? – DrBicuspid \(5/10\)](#)

[U.S. adults don't know conditions linked to oral health – DrBicuspid \(5/9\)](#)

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

CLINICAL UPDATES

[Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free COVID-19 self- tests on USPS.com](#)

[Food allergy is associated with lower risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection – NIH \(6/1\)](#)

VACCINE ORDERING UPDATE

Health centers participating in the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program may now [pre-order both Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19](#) vaccines for children ages 6 months-4 years and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months-5 years in the Health Partner Order Portal (HPoP).

CDC UPDATES

[COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters – May 24](#)

[Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work – May 24](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised – May 24](#)

[Test for Current Infection – May 16](#)

[COVID-19 Treatments and Medications – April 29](#)

INTERESTING READS

[Pfizer to conduct Lyme disease vaccine trial in Maine – newscentermaine.com \(6/1\)](#)

Pfizer has partnered with a Maine health care system to conduct the third phase of a Lyme disease clinical trial to test the efficacy of the company's vaccine.

POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Vaccines for Children Under 5 Could Start as Soon as June 21

On Thursday, the White House said that it “expects” that health care providers could begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations to children under 5 as soon as Tuesday June 21. Both the FDA and the CDC still need to officially approve vaccines for children this young, but the White House is sounding very optimistic about those decisions.

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

340B: Chart Shows Alternatives for Drugs that are Unavailable at Contract Pharmacies

The [chart](#) – which was developed and shared with NACHC by a CHC pharmacist – lists commonly-prescribed drugs that CHCs may no longer be able to access at contract pharmacies, and potential alternatives for providers to consider

NACHC presents PHE Unwinding Readiness for Health Centers: Strategies for Preparing Medicaid Beneficiaries for Eligibility Determinations

Wednesday, June 29 | 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM | [Register](#)

Learn more about preparation for the end of the PHE and impacts to eligibility for Medicaid enrollees. The webinar will feature national policy experts and community health center outreach and enrollment leaders who will highlight their strategies to prepare patients and communities for the end of the PHE.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

RV-PHTC: Introducing a Graphic Essay on “Understanding the Public Health Workforce’s COVID-19 Mental Health Challenges”

Monday, June 13 | 1:00 PM | [Registration](#)

Join the Region V Public Health Training Center and the National Council for Mental Wellbeing as we introduce a graphic essay that outlines data recorded from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) and Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (WINS), on the mental wellbeing and challenges faced by the public health workforce

[Health Worker Burnout – Current Priorities of the US Surgeon General](#) – hhs.gov

[FAME’s Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program is currently open and accepting applications.](#) This program provides one-time funds to support rebuilding Maine’s health care industry workforce, which has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. FAME will pay up to \$25,000 per year or, in aggregate, the lesser of \$75,000 or 50% of the recipient’s outstanding loan balance. [Click here](#) for more information and qualifications. [Link to application.](#) Applications are due by September 1st.

[Mills Administration Launches \\$1.5 Million Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan Initiative to Promote Health Care Careers](#) - As a part of this effort, [Live and Work in Maine is already promoting the website](#) with employers and will launch radio and streaming audio ads next week as part of a broad outreach effort that also includes social media, digital, mobile and television ads and in-person events. The campaign will be aimed at Maine youth, including current high school students, with components reaching out of state to young people in greater Boston.

The Maine Department of Labor and Department of Education have launched a new [student career discovery dashboard](#) that presents data on in-demand jobs and wages in a manner that is accessible to students in grades 6-12. The health care sector is included and in demand jobs can be broken down by county.

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

Grant Funding Opportunity: Capital Funds for Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Facilities

The Maine DHHS is providing up to \$4.5 million in funding to eligible behavioral health providers for capital projects that will increase residential treatment for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) capacity in Maine.

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

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

[Please Hold Claims for Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Administration Services – dhhs.gov \(6/3\)](#)

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

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

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

CHCNET NEWS

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.

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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Join MPCA on Slack! We are building our communication outreach capacity between meetings using the Slack communication platform. Many of you are already connected with us in several peer groups including our **Clinical Channel** and our **Billing & Coding Channel**. Please feel free to reach out to it@mepca.org for help with joining.