

CHN WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of May 10th, 2021



MEMBER REMINDERS

MEMBER LINKS

- [Ohio COVID-Vaccine Scheduler Tool](#)
- [*FREE* COVID Testing Sites](#)
- [COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
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Happy Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month!

Every month we recognize the amazing work that our clinics do for the APIDA community to ensure they can live happy and healthy lives!

Historically, the month of May was chosen specifically to honor two very important dates in Asian American History. The first date being May 7th, 1843, the day the first group of Japanese Immigrants came to the United States and the second date being May 10th, 1869, the date the transcontinental railroad was completed. The majority of the rail workers who laid the tracks were Asian immigrants, making them monumental to our history and innovation as a country!

Want to learn more?

Head to <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/> for more info, exhibits and collections from the Smithsonian and Library of Congress!

CHN SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Denise Lucas, PhD,
FNP-BC, FAANP
Nurse Practitioner
Ohio Valley Health Center

Brandon C. Chapman
LGBTQ Health Program
Manager
Columbus Public Health

Joel Kessel
Executive Coach, Strategic
Advisor
Kessel Strategies

Linda Smith-Berry
Executive Director
Good Samaritan Free
Health Center

MEMBER RESOURCES

Dental Simulation to Understand an Immigrant's Experience with Health Care

Nationwide Children's and Ohio State have created a training module for dental providers (including auxiliary staff) in order to increase provider's empathy and understanding of social determinants of health. This project was funded by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the goal is to spread it statewide. The training is applicable to all non-dental health care providers including physicians, nurses, social workers, etc.

In the MPATHI simulation, designed for English-speaking providers who do not speak Spanish, participants assume the role of a parent seeking dental care for a child in a Spanish-speaking country. They experience some of the challenges immigrant families face in obtaining healthcare in a foreign country, including financial barriers (no insurance), language and cultural barriers (using a child to interpret), limited understanding of the healthcare system (need for appointments), and lower health literacy (difficulty with completing health forms and decision-making).

A quick survey will take you to the training module. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5GMBJD5>

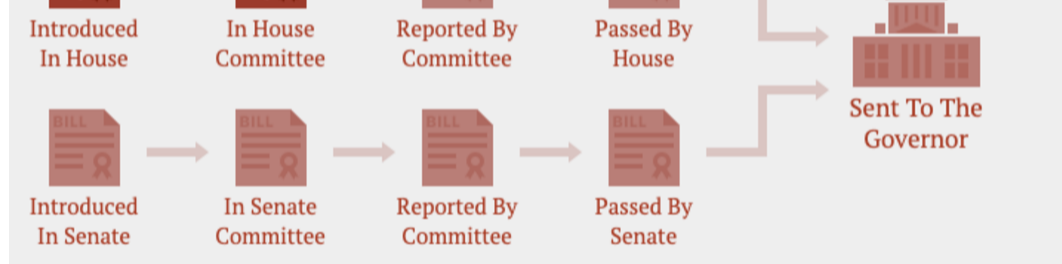
FREE Medical Supplies Available

Licking County Community Health Clinic has medical supplies that they would like to donate to another member clinic:

- Symbicort 160/4 Inhaler 120 dose ct #2 (outdate 6/21 and 8/21)
- Spiriva Respimat Inhaler 2.5 mcg 60 dose ct #3 (outdate 3/23)
- Atrovent HFA Inhaler 17 mcg 200 dose ct #11 (outdate 3/22, 4/22, and 8/22)
 - All of these inhalers are in original, sealed packaging
- 9 boxes of Humalog KwikPen 200 units per ml 2x3ml (outdate 9/21 and 10/21)
- Exam table
- 1000ct box of povidone-iodine prep pads (outdate 12/22)
- 2 large boxes of 2-ply paper drapes
- Large quantity of lancets

If you could use these supplies, please call Ken Quick at 740-877-0364.

IMPORTANT NEWS



Discussions Continue on HB 248 in House Health Committee

HB 248 generally requires exemptions to be granted for required immunizations. These exemptions can be offered verbally or in writing and must be accepted by the entity enforcing the requirement, regardless of whether or not it is a public or private entity. The bill allows for broad exemptions covering medical contraindications, natural immunity, and reasons of conscience including religious and philosophical beliefs. There is no requirement that individuals consult with a physician or other healthcare provider, nor is a provider required to attest to a medical contraindication or natural immunity.

Current law grants exemptions for medical contraindications signed by a physician and for religious and philosophical beliefs for state required vaccines for children entering daycare or school. HB 248 drastically expands these exemptions and will result in fewer children receiving immunizations. Further, the majority of parents who choose to immunize actually face a higher burden than parents who decline since immunization records must be signed by a physician. HB 248 effectively encourages parents to opt out, which is very poor public health policy.

The bill also places restrictions on private entities including hospitals that require immunizations for patient and employee safety. While many hospitals and healthcare providers require employees to be immunized annually against the flu, they frequently offer exemptions for medical or religious reasons. Further, these entities can utilize safeguards such as masking or moving providers from a clinical setting to an administrative setting to further protect patients. HB 248 does not prohibit employers from requiring vaccines but requires the same broad exemptions to be accepted and also prohibits employers from taking steps such as masking to protect other employees and patients.

[Click here](#) to view the current legislation text.

FDA Authorizes Pfizer Vaccine for Kids

The move to allow kids ages 12-15 to get the shot could be a game-changer for getting students back into the classroom. After robust testing and evaluation, the FDA has officially authorized the Pfizer COVID vaccine to be administered to kids ages 12-15 years old.

Pfizer's next challenge will be working to get the vaccine approved for children ages 2-11 years old. This is a huge step in our fight against COVID-19 and brings us one huge leap closer to normalcy and ending the pandemic!

[Click here](#) to view the full article.

Due to Slow Coronavirus Vaccine Demand, Ohio is Declining and Delaying 80% of Doses From This Week's Allotment

This is the first week that Ohio has not taken 100% of their vaccine allotment from the federal government. Unused doses are either being stored for future use or being sent to other states with a higher vaccine demand. This also shows a decrease in Ohioan's desire to receive the COVID vaccine, which could jeopardize Ohio's chance for herd immunity.

[Click here](#) to view the full article.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence

When? Thursday, May 13th from 12:00-1:00 PM ET.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [Office of Minority Health](#) (CMS OMH) will host a Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence webinar on Thursday, May 13 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET.

Dr. LaShawn McIver, Director of CMS OMH, will share information and resources to help you address vaccine hesitancy in your community. Dr. McIver will be joined by Dr. Peter Marks, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) at FDA, who will give an overview of vaccines and their safety. This webinar will equip you to speak persuasively about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas related to vaccine confidence.

[Click here](#) to register.

Vaccine Hesitancy and the Workplace

When? Friday, May 14th at 11:00 AM

Employers are grappling with how to address employees who have not been vaccinated. There are a number of reasons for this hesitancy. Dr. Julianna Nemeth from Ohio State's College of Public Health will share the factors that contribute to vaccine hesitancy and what is being done to encourage the public to get vaccinated. Dr. Thomas will discuss the COVID Vaccine Partnership Program and how it is providing quick access to employers looking to provide their employees with vaccination options. In addition, our panel of experts will answer your questions and provide the latest information on safety, mental health, vaccines and COVID-19 therapies.

[Click here](#) to register.

MONTHLY COVID-19 DISCUSSION GROUP



The Charitable Healthcare Network is hosting a **monthly** virtual discussion group for Ohio's charitable health care organizations. Here we will check-in with one another and share resources/strategies on our approach to handling the pandemic. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 11am-12pm. Come ready to discuss these pressing public health issues and connect with other clinics just like you!

Our next meeting will be: Wednesday, May 19th, at 11AM EST

Would you or someone you know be interested in hosting a discussion? [Click Here.](#)

- [Download, view, or watch meeting recordings here](#)
- [Register for our Discussion Group](#)

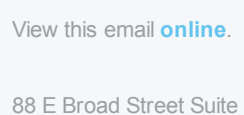
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