

METROWEST SHARED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

January 2024



Cervical Health Awareness Month

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month. More than 14,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer each year, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening.

As a health department, you can help promote the importance of cervical health and cervical cancer prevention by sharing prevention messages throughout the month!

Your communication efforts about cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination can be most effective when you

- 1) Emphasize screening information and follow-up reminders to the public and
- 2) Remind the community about the importance of talking about HPV vaccination as cervical cancer prevention!

Cervical Health Awareness Social Media Shareables

- **HPV materials (MWSPHS)** *Also available in Portuguese & Spanish
- **HPV & Cervical Cancer Toolkit (ASHA)**
- **Cervical Awareness Month Toolkit (NCCC)**
- **HPV Vaccination Flyer (NCCC)**
- **Cervical Cancer Prevention Vaccination Awareness Flyer (NCCC)**



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AWARENESS MONTH

Latest Opioid Related Overdose Report Released – *What can we do?*

Massachusetts public health officials released the December 2023 Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths Report. Below are some key findings from the report that show evidence that we should be centering public health strategies and leadership to respond to these record high overdose deaths.

Key Findings from the Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths Report:

- There was **1,718 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths** in the first nine months of 2023.
- The rate of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts has **increased at a rate of 3%** per year.
- **Cocaine has increased at a rate of 6%** per quarter on average since 2016 and was **present in 60% of opioid-related overdose deaths** in the first three months of 2023.
- 47% of all opioid-related overdose deaths in the first nine months of 2023 were **among people aged 25–44**.
- **Naloxone was administered in 97 percent of acute opioid overdoses** treated by Emergency Medical Services during the first nine months of 2023.

Strategy Ideas for responding to the Opioid Crisis in your municipality:



Offer Narcan administration training at your health department or organization.



Have Narcan available for the public in case they request it.



Get a SAMBOX (Naloxobox) for public buildings in your municipality -- starting with Town Hall!



Ask our epidemiologists for current opioid overdose numbers so you are informed about what this looks like in your community.



Translation Services - Update

New interpreter and translation services available! Be on the look out for a follow up email that will include more information on how to access on demand services, pin numbers, and access instructions.

Accessing iTi Services



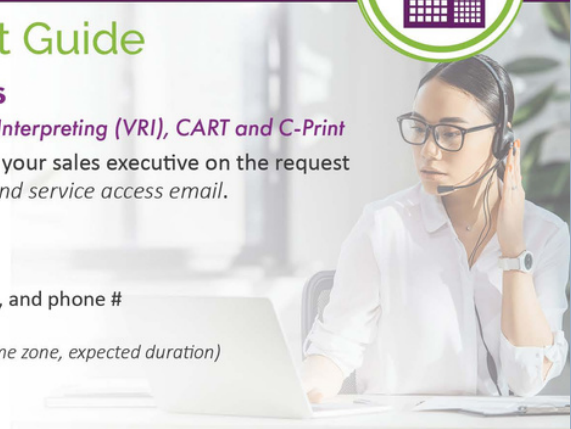
Government Guide



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In-person, Over-the-phone (OPI), Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), CART and C-Print

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Accessing On-Demand Services

Over-the-phone (OPI)

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4. Provide the following information:
 - ✓ Company name
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Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)

1. Visit your provided custom url.
2. Enter your access code. *The app may ask for permission to use your camera and microphone select "Allow" for both.*
3. Complete the online form and fill out the required fields.
4. Select Your Language- *If you don't see the language immediately continue to scroll, it may be further down.*
5. Once connected to the interpreter, place the device where all parties can see.



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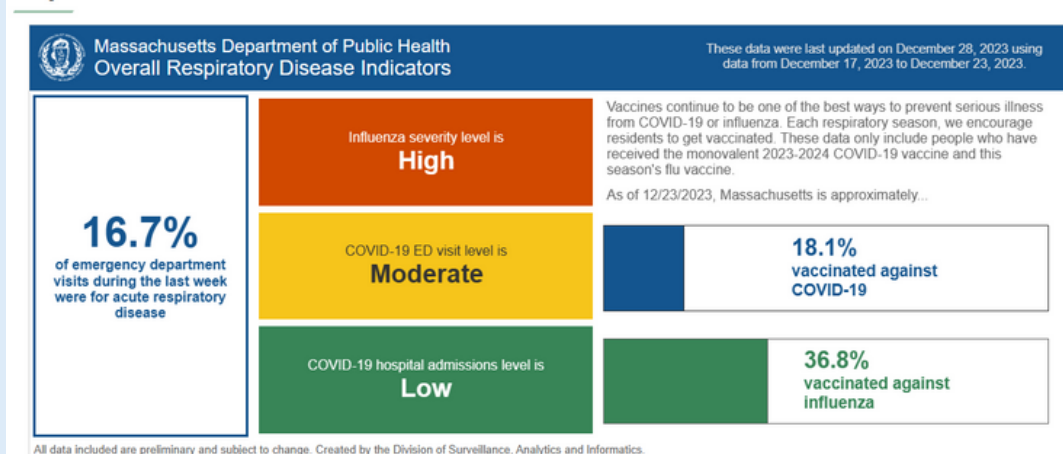
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DPH Viral Respiratory Illness Dashboard – Update:

The respiratory virus illness interactive dashboard from MDPH was created to provide details about the levels of COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The recent update of the dashboard allows users to visualize vaccination rates for these diseases.

Topline Indicators



Highlights of the Immunization Dashboard:

- The integration of all COVID-19 vaccination information in a single place.
- The ability to view vaccination data at the city/town, county, and statewide levels.
- The ability to view vaccination data by age, sex, race, and Hispanic ethnicity.
- The ability to view vaccination rates and illness levels by towns based on their rurality and vaccination equity status.

*You should use this respiratory illness data and vaccination statistics to **help you make informed and targeted decisions that will benefit the health of residents across your community!**

Webinar and Training Opportunities:

INSPIRE: Readiness Website Launch— Strengthening Public Health Preparedness

About: Join ASTHO for the launch of the INSPIRE: Readiness website and explore how it can help meet today's public health challenges.

When: January 16th, 2023
2:00pm - 3:00pm

*** Register [here](#) to attend.**

Infectious Disease Tools for Local Health Webinar Series

About: MAVEN Review and Demonstration on Core Functionality.

When: December 12th 2023
11:00am

*** Register [here](#).**

Office of Local and Regional Health Monthly Webinar

About: OLRH's monthly webinar on various topics relevant to local public health.

When: December 12th 2023
3:00pm

*** Want to join? Sign up [here](#).**

Happy New Year from MWSPHS!

Happy New Year! Please remember that you can request meetings with our team (or team members) to discuss your communities needs, brainstorm ideas and determine how our team can help you!

- ◆ **Request relevant and new communications materials from Thalita**
- ◆ **Language & social support from Lanie**
- ◆ **Health inspection services from Casey**
- ◆ **Clinical support from Bridget**
- ◆ **Data & epidemiologic support from Manizeh and Pooja**

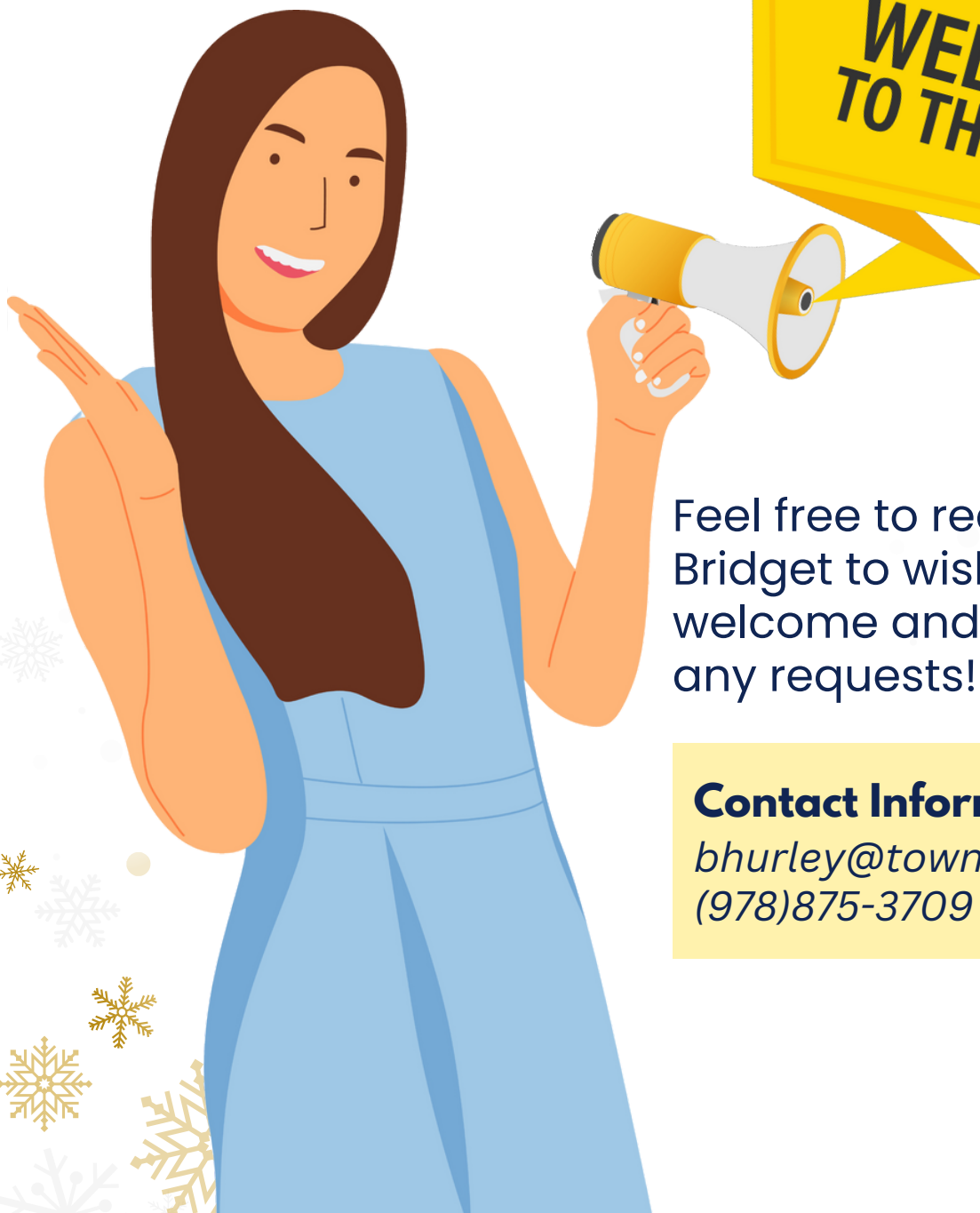
...and any other support/services you may need!

Happy New Year



Welcome Bridget!

Please welcome nurse Bridget to the MWSPHS team! Bridget will be available to provide nursing assistance and services to your municipality. Services can include vaccination assistance, MAVEN, and any other clinical support.



Feel free to reach out to Bridget to wish her a warm welcome and communicate any requests!

Contact Information:

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(978)875-3709



Reminders:

- *If you need any documents to be copied in another format (pdf, jpeg, png, etc.) please feel free to email them to Thalita (tcampelo@townofhudson.org)*
- *All available communication materials and campaigns can be found [here](#).*
- *Materials may be used on social media and can be updated upon request.*
- *Please reach out to Thalita directly for any additional communications requests, questions or needs.*

THANK YOU!

