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Ohio News

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Summary of Sanitarian Registration Changes

H.B. 442 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA133-HB-442>) was signed by Governor DeWine on January 8, 2021 and will be in effect on April 12, 2021. The bill impacts include:

- Changes the professional title of “sanitarian-in-training” and “registered sanitarian” to “environmental health specialist in training” (EHST) and “registered environmental health specialist” (REHS), respectively (R.C. Chapter 4736 and makes conforming changes).
- Removes the requirement that the Director of Health create and conduct EHST and REHS registration examinations, and instead requires an REHS or EHST registration applicant to pass the credential examination conducted by the National Environmental Health Association (R.C. 4736.02, 4736.03, 4736.08, 4736.09, and 4736.10).
- Removes the requirement that an REHS applicant be of good moral character (R.C. 4736.08).
- Extends the period of validity of EHST and REHS certificates of registration from one year to two years (R.C. 4736.11).

- Requires an REHS to complete a continuing education program every two years (instead of every year) (R.C. 4736.11).
- Specifies that an REHS must complete 24 hours of continuing education (instead of an amount determined by the Director that is between six and 25 hours) (R.C. 4736.11).
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- Reduces specified registration application and renewal fees for REHSs and EHSTs (R.C. 4736.12).
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UPDATE ON ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT

The proposed settlement is with three of the largest pharmaceutical companies. Johnson & Johnson has yet to settle. If Ohio settles, it is going to either be the first or second to settle. Both the Ohio Attorney General and the Governor are recommending the settlement. Time is of the essence with an August 13 deadline for the Attorneys to receive consents from municipalities, townships and counties over 10,000 in population.

The proposed settlement amount is approximately \$804,000,000 divided among all municipalities, townships and counties including those under 10,000 in population, paid over 18 years according to a complicated formula. The guaranteed settlement amount is 55% of the gross settlement amount. If benchmarks are met, it can reach 100% of the settlement amount.

Municipalities, townships, and counties receive distribution in two ways—individually and on a regional basis. Counties may also distribute its moneys for the benefit of municipal programs.

DeWine Announces Launch of New Water and Wastewater

Infrastructure Grant Program

Grant applications are being accepted at InvestinginOhiosFuture.ohio.gov.

Governor Mike DeWine today announced the launch of a new grant program that will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the future of water infrastructure across the state.

The Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program, which is part of Governor DeWine's initiative to strategically invest in Ohio's future, is open to public and non-public entities that operate water systems across the state, with emphasis placed on addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged communities.

The Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program will award approximately \$250 million to provide safe, reliable drinking water in areas that lack infrastructure, bring sewage treatment capacity to unsewered areas, and develop regional infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

Water and wastewater construction projects are eligible for up to \$5 million in grant funding, and infrastructure engineering design projects are eligible for up to \$250,000. Examples of water infrastructure constructions projects include, but are not limited to:

- Sewer/wastewater treatment plant improvements/expansion
- New/replacement sanitary sewer lines
- Excess sanitary sewer infiltration/inflow correction
- Improvements to public drinking water treatment facilities
- Drinking water line improvements or extensions
- Repair, replacement, and construction of drinking water storage towers

The Ohio Department of Development, with support from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, is administering the Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program. The application, program guidelines, and a list of FAQ about the grant process are available at InvestinginOhiosFuture.ohio.gov. Applications will be accepted until all the funding is depleted.

Update on Public Health Law and COVID

Click here to view the slides from a presentation by Micah Berman, JD, OSU College of Public Health, to the AOHC Vaccination Workgroup earlier this week: [Berman Aohc 7 28 21 Ph Law Covid](#)

Additional COVID Testing Resources Available

The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Expanded COVID-19 Testing specifically targeting K-12 public and private schools, underserved populations, and non-healthcare congregate settings such as homeless shelters. This testing program will provide access to reliable and rapid testing at no cost to the city, state or schools and with no need for any long-term contracts with external providers. The Department of Defense (DoD) & HHS [announced](#) the program at the end of May and [Battelle](#) is managing the Midwest Expanded Testing Coordination Center, which includes Ohio.

Battelle has reached out to the state leadership, including the Governor's office, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, and Corrections Department, to introduce the program and how Ohio can participate. Testing commenced this month and will be well established for the start of the 2021-2022 school year and we're currently signing up schools to participate.

The program is designed to be flexible and work with cities and local stakeholders to tailor the program to meet the specific localized needs and be complementary to any ongoing testing efforts. Utilizing this federal testing program for K-12 and congregate centers allows other federal COVID-19 funds to be leveraged for other eligible priorities and can remove some of the testing burdens on schools. Additionally, the MCC had a conversation with Franklin County Public Health team last week and anticipate further discussion on how this program can be a helpful option for schools in Franklin County along with other health departments that we have reached out too over the last month.

For more information, visit the program's website at www.testedandprotected.org.

Awards, Code of Regulations Changes, and Resolutions

Please consider nominating someone for an **AOHC award** this year. Deadline is August 1. Click here for details: [Awards All](#)

Changes to **Code of Regulations**? Click here to review current version and submit any desired changes no later than August 12: [Aohc Code Of Regulations 2020](#).

Resolutions: Any suggested resolutions are also due to AOHC no later than **August 12:**

All PRIMARY members of the Association shall have the right to submit resolutions. Resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the staff of the Association not less than thirty days prior to the opening of any regular or special meeting. The staff shall mail OR EMAIL copies of all proposed resolutions to each member of the Association not less than twenty days prior to the opening of any regular or special meeting. All resolutions shall be referred to the resolutions committee. The report of the resolutions committee shall be considered and final action shall be taken on each resolution at the business session of any regular or special meeting of the Association.

National News

Link to CDC Data Tracker - County View:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

New Messaging on Schools, Masking and More - from the Public Health Communication Collaborative

In Tuesday's update on COVID-19 and the delta variant, the CDC recommended that in communities with high COVID-19 transmission rates, everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, wear a mask in public indoor settings to help prevent spread of Delta and protect others. [Read our updated Tough Q&A on the new guidance.](#)

Have a Student Project Opportunity? Hopkins PHASE Student Internship - Call for Projects

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is now recruiting for projects for the **2021-2022 PHASE Internship Program**. We are recruiting for remote internship options with public health agencies across the country and national public health associations. See [HERE](#) for details on the PHASE program and instructions for how to apply. ***Project submissions for a fall or winter start date are due by September 15th.***

Navigating Sharing Arrangements: Leveraging the Power of the Roadmap

At the Center for Sharing Public Health Services, we believe in the power of the journey to drive you toward your destination. This principle comes alive in one of our flagship tools — the [Roadmap](#) — which guides health departments through the process of developing sharing arrangements across boundaries.

In our [May Director's Message](#), we shared recent changes we've made to our approach and strategies, including rethinking what it means to engage in cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS). As our definition of CJS has evolved, so have our tools. The *Roadmap* recently underwent updates to reflect our new definition. In addition, because of situations prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we developed an expedited version of the *Roadmap* to facilitate sharing arrangements in specific situations that do not allow for or necessitate the application of the full *Roadmap* model. This Director's Message breaks down the two versions of the *Roadmap*, as well as when to use each.

What is the *Roadmap*?

The *Roadmap to Develop Sharing Initiatives in Public Health* includes three distinct phases to guide health departments through the process of considering or establishing sharing arrangements. Phase One is focused on exploring, Phase Two on preparing and planning, and Phase Three on implementing, monitoring and improving.

Within each phase, the *Roadmap* addresses a broad range of topics and poses specific questions to discuss and answer. In the new version of the *Roadmap*, these questions have been updated to encompass considerations for arrangements with partners outside of governmental public health. Partners working through the *Roadmap* are encouraged to move through the phases chronologically, as each builds on the one before it.

What is the *Expedited Roadmap*?

The ***Expedited Roadmap*** is a pared down version of the full *Roadmap*. It includes the same three phases, but fewer questions. It was born out of a recognition that in emergency situations there may not be time to discuss and debate all of the steps included in the full *Roadmap*.

Which *Roadmap* Should I Use?

The full *Roadmap* remains the preferred tool when developing sharing arrangements and should be used in most scenarios. As we've learned over the years by supporting health departments as they develop sharing arrangements, there are many details to work through in order for these partnerships to be successful. However, we recognize that extenuating circumstances emerge that make using the full *Roadmap* difficult or impossible. Some scenarios that could necessitate using the *Expedited Roadmap* include:

- During an emergency (e.g., large outbreak or other immediate public health threat) when time does not allow all the steps of the full *Roadmap* to be completed.
- When the sharing arrangement in question is narrow in scope or brief in duration.
- When partners know that they need to work on a narrow aspect of a sharing arrangement and have no interest in covering other details in the full *Roadmap*.

Even when using the *Expedited Roadmap*, we encourage individuals to be familiar with the elements included in the full *Roadmap*. We know it can be tempting to select only the sections that feel most applicable to your scenario, but navigating through the full *Roadmap* — or at least understanding the landmarks — will better serve the long-term success of a sharing arrangement.

Final Stop

In addition to questions and actions to consider, both versions of the *Roadmap* include resources intended to support you in your journey to a successful sharing arrangement. For those who need it, we hope the *Expedited Roadmap* will serve you when unexpected situations arise.

At the Center, we will continue to update our resources to be responsive to the needs of the public health community. Feedback about your experience with the *Roadmap*, *Expedited Roadmap* or any of our ***other tools*** is always welcome — just email us at phsharing@khi.org.

Funding Opportunities

OCTF Child Abuse and Neglect Grant Opportunity

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), on behalf of the Eastern Ohio Regional Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council, is releasing the OCTF Eastern Ohio Regional Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services Request for Grant Applications (RFGA). Details regarding the RFGA can be found at this link: [Procurement Opportunity Search Details \(ohio.gov\)](#)

Alzheimer Disease Funding

Funding is available to build local health department and community partner capacity to address Alzheimer's disease. Under the new Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Strategists initiative, up to six (6) local health departments, or partnering nonprofit hospitals/health systems, will receive direct funding, training, and technical assistance to establish a part-time HBI Road Map Strategist. The Strategist will be based in the health department and will work in support of all partners, including hospitals/health systems. This public health professional will serve as a system change agent on cognitive health and dementia, and will translate guidance from the [State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia, The 2018-2023 Road Map](#) into local action. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), this 15-month initiative runs from September 2021 through November 2022. Applications are **due Monday, August 2, 2021**. Local health departments or partnering nonprofit hospitals/health systems are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) to learn more and submit an application.

Educational Opportunities

Link to the BOH CE series page: <https://www.kent.edu/publichealth/local-boards-health-continuing-education-lectures>.

Kent State University College of Public Health is offering a **leadership-focused MPH degree** in a hybrid program (in-person and online) this fall. Students enroll as a cohort and take classes once a week at the Twinsburg campus. Scholarships up to \$2,000 are available. More information can be found at <https://www.kent.edu/publichealth/twinsburg-mph-leadership-focused-hybrid-program>.

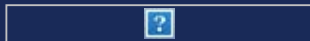
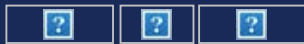
Exam Prep Course The Kent State College of Public Health is offering a new self-paced course for SITs preparing for the NEHA Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist Exam. The course is approved for 18 RS credit hours. Details can be found here: <https://www.kent.edu/cde/registered-sanitarianregistered-environmental-health-specialist-exam-preparation-course>.

Registration for the **2021 Summer Program in Population Health** is open! Registration will remain open through **August 31, 2021**. All courses are being delivered in a self-paced format and can be completed on your own time from work or home. Participants will have until **October 29, 2021** to complete the courses and request

continuing education (CE) credits. Please [click here](#) to learn more about each course offering and to register today!

Art & Science of Health Promotion Conference, September 27th - October 1st, Hilton Head, SC. [For more information](#).

SOPHE 23rd Annual Advocacy Summit, October 13th - 14th, [For more information](#)



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