

Director's Update to the Board of Health

June 2025

Protecting Health – Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease

The MPHD Mobile Services Team is offering school physical exams and vaccinations by appointment this summer to those 4-18 years old and who qualify for VFC vaccines. The Vaccines for Children Program offers free vaccines to those who are uninsured, under-insured, TennCare-eligible, Alaskan Native or American Indian. If an individual has private insurance, they are encouraged to make an appointment with their primary care physician.

Mobile Services will be offered at various MNPS Health Portables. The portables are located at Antioch High School, Glenciff High School, Hunters Lane High School, McGavock High School, McKissack Middle School, McMurray Middle School, John Overton High School, and the MNPS Support Hub. Appointment times are from 9:30am to 2:30pm. To schedule an appointment, families can book through [School Health Clinic Summer Schedule](#).

Starting in late July, all three preventive health locations (East, Lentz 120, and Woodbine) will offer extended hours to accommodate back to school vaccination clinics. See flyers attached for specific information for each clinic (flyers are available in Spanish and Arabic upon request).

East Public Health Center Back to School Immunization Clinics Phone: 615-862-7916



Dates:

- 7/29, 8/5, 8/12 & 8/19

Time:

- Tuesdays: 8 AM – 6 PM



What to Bring :

- BRING ID
- PREVIOUS SHOT RECORDS
- APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Please be aware: Parent or legal guardian needs to be present for all immunization visits

School Physicals:

Neighborhood Health
Phone: 615-227-3000 Website: neighborhoodhealthtn.org
(Locations all over Davidson County based on sliding fee scale)

Siloam Health
2717 MURFREESBORO PIKE
ANTIOCH, TN 37013
Phone: 615-747-6035
Please call for an appointment!

Metro Health Clinic Locations:

East Public Health
1015 East Trinity Lane
Nashville, TN 37216
615-862-7916

Woodbine Public Health
224 Oriel Ave
Nashville, TN 37210
615-862-7940

Lentz Public Health
2500 Charlotte Ave
Nashville, TN 37209
615-340-5607

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: HEALTH.NASHVILLE.GOV

Lentz Public Health Center Back to School Immunization Clinics Phone: 615-340-5607



Dates:

- July 28th- AUGUST 22nd, 2025

Time:

- 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM



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Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

With Mayor O’Connell’s decision to move the funding for school nursing from the school system budget into ours, we need to rewrite the Memorandum of Understanding between us and MNPS to outline the parameters for that program. We have drafted a version we think will work and forwarded it to MNPS. We’re awaiting their response. Whenever we get on the same page, hopefully soon, that document will need to be approved both by this board and by the Board of Education. We want to get that done by the start of the school year in August.

The Behavioral Health and Wellness team held their first Men’s Health Symposium on May 31st, with more than 150 people signing up to participate in the event largely about mental health. A presentation on the science behind men’s mental health was followed by an address from a local pastor. A panel discussion on vulnerability and connection was moderated by Newschannel5’s Levi Ismail, with those in the clinical, mental health and lived experience spaces all offering their perspectives to the audience. Awards for community contributions and mental health awareness were also presented, before lunch was provided to all attendees.

Promote and Support Healthier Living

The Sexual Health Center/PrEP and STD/HIV Prevention Grant are excited to partner up for Nashville PRIDE, held at the Bicentennial Capital Mall State Park on June 27-29, 2025. Representatives from MPHD will be present both days to provide education and testing on sexually transmitted infections as well as information on other health department services, including providing Narcan as requested.

Create Healthier Community Environments

MPHD’s Pest Management team has informed the community of two separate instances of West Nile Virus detected among mosquitos caught in traps in Madison and Goodlettsville. After the positive test result was confirmed, MPHD distributed information about reducing mosquito presence and protecting oneself against mosquito bites. In addition to providing information, the Pest Management team used larvicide in standing water to kill off present mosquitos. The community was instructed to drain any standing water, cut grass short, wear long sleeves at sunrise and sundown and wear insect repellent when possible. No human cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed this year.

Increase Access and Connection to Clinical Care

MPHD's Interpreter team conducted 2,427 in-house interpreting sessions in the month of May, continuing a record year for the Cultural and Linguistic Services team. Each month of 2025 surpassed recorded numbers for that same month in any of the past three years. Spanish and Arabic interpreting is offered in-house, with telephone-based interpreting services available for other languages. The MPHD Ambassador Program continued its strong assistance with persons coming into Lentz. Nearly 500 clients were assisted in the month of May, with nearly 3,000 clients helped since the beginning of the program.

Organizational Updates

MPHD's Continuing Learning Education Series Committee will present "Promoting Environmental Health, Sustainability and Adaptation within Public Health." The course will be held in person on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 in the Centennial Rooms at the Lentz Public Health Center. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or certificate of attendance will be available. The course is the second Continuing Learning class offered by MPHD. The first course, Foundations of Public Health: Empowering Public Health Champions, was offered in April and a recording is available to employees online through next May.

Woodbine Replacement

Several members of MPHD's leadership team took another tour of sites for a potential Woodbine replacement facility. The Public Property division in General Services has been active in finding and suggesting sites to us, and we appreciate that. Some of the sites we reviewed last week are promising. One, in fact, is large enough to put both a Woodbine and an animal control shelter on and still have room left over. We will keep you posted.

MACC Shelter Replacement

MACC was a beneficiary of the estate of Ms. Martha Jo Whitfield Spurgeon, receiving roughly \$114,000 to use as they see fit. Special thanks to Metro Legal for helping to secure the funds as directed in Ms. Spurgeon's will. These funds will likely be used by MACC to make improvements to the shelter that cannot wait until a new shelter is built, including updated outdoor dog areas and improvements to the cat adoption area.

EHR

Interface with lab AEL went live over the past week, while the interface with TennIIS has also gone live in our EHR system, although both remain in the testing phase. EHR implementation remains strong, with MPHD teams becoming more confident in the system each week.