



# CMDHD Today


Central Michigan District Health Department Newsletter

## What's Happening


- CMDHD closed for Presidents Day on Monday, February 20, reopening Tuesday, February 21 at 8:30am.
- [Arenac County selected as one of five U.S. communities to lead new business-public health partnerships](#)
- [Michigan WIC transitions back to Similac brand formulas March 1](#)
- [Extra COVID-19 emergency food assistance payments ending after February due to recent federal legislation](#)
- [Whooping cough vaccination during pregnancy benefits US infants](#)
- [February Designated as National Children's Dental Health Month](#)

## COVID and Emerging Diseases

- [CDC Expands Updated COVID-19 Vaccines to Include Children Ages 6 Months through 5 Years](#)
- [CDC launches website to help consumers find free COVID-19 testing sites](#)
- [CMDHD walk-in clinics for COVID, flu, and routine vaccines](#)
- [CMDHD COVID testing sites](#)
- [MDHHS COVID dashboard](#)
- [CMDHD COVID data & statistics](#)



**DON'T LET THE FLU INTERRUPT YOUR KOALA-TY TIME THIS VALENTINE'S DAY**



**The flu vaccine is safe for everyone 6 months old and up.**

Visit [www.cmdhd.org/seasonal-flu](http://www.cmdhd.org/seasonal-flu) to find out more and locate a clinic near you.

Central Michigan District Health Department  
Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

## CHANGES COMING TO FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP) BENEFITS

### What is the change?

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government authorized extra food assistance dollars to be distributed to help address food insecurity. These extra benefits are ending in February due to recent federal legislation.

### What does this mean?

Your total food assistance benefits will be less than you have been receiving. The extra federally approved dollars will no longer be included in your benefits.

### When will the change take place?

February is the last month you will receive the extra COVID-19 benefits. Beginning in March, you will receive your regular benefit amount.

### Where can I find my regular benefit amount?

You can find your regular benefit amount by logging into your MI Bridges account or the eBEDGE portal. The grantee on a FAP case can also call 1-844-464-3447 and follow the prompts to obtain the current month's benefit information.

### What can I do to prepare for this change?

1. Make sure to check your regular benefit amount so you can plan for this change.
2. If you need additional resources, we urge you to seek out:
  - Call 2-1-1 to learn about community resources.
  - » Community partners.
  - » Double Up Food Bucks.
  - » Food banks.
  - » WIC (Women, Infants & Children Program).
  - » Free and reduced-price school meals.

