



EHR

Electronic Health Records Bulletin

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MARCH 2023 REMINDERS

- ❖ **Reliability is hard to come by. Employees like you make the organization what it is today. Thank you for bringing your best to work every single day. Continue to keep up the good work! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!**
- ❖ ADPH is scheduled for a March 2023 CureMD Application Upgrade on the following dates:
 - **ADPH Staging: 03/20/2023**
 - **ADPH Live: 03/28/2023**
- ❖ The EHR Bulletin can be accessed at any time on the EHR website at: (<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ehr>) by clicking on “Bulletin”.
- ❖ EHR cannot unsign a note in CureMD without the approval from Kaye Melnick if the request is made by a nurse. If the request is made by a NP, the note must be approved by Krysta Hood.
- ❖ Acknowledge Labs per ADPH Policy and Procedure.
- ❖ Requests for Inventory Access must be provided by CureMD and will require 24 to 48 hours.
- ❖ When placing a request to add medications to CureMD, please send the following information.
 - Name of the medication
 - Dosage and Strength of medication
 - NDC #
 - The amount or number of vials, tablets, syringes, etc.
- ❖ When experiencing an issue with EHR, please send an email to EHR at EHR/DPH. This email is monitored throughout the day and the EHR staff will promptly assist you in the order requests are received. To prevent a delay in your request being handled in a timely manner, do not call, or email an individual staff member with your help request.
- ❖ Contact Cornelius Smith (IT Help Desk) at 334-206-5081 with CureMD computer issues.
- ❖ Patient Portal Brochures can be acquired by contacting Christine Long via email at Christine.long@adph.state.al.us or by phone at 334-206-9470.

Your major line of communication with EHR and CureMD

MARCH HOLIDAYS – MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

- ❖ National Nutrition Month
- ❖ National Peanut Month
- ❖ National Women’s History Month
- ❖ Red Cross Month
- ❖ Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Month
- ❖ Social Workers Month
- ❖ National Kidney Month
- ❖ Share a Smile Day, March 1
- ❖ National Dress in Blue Day, March 3
- ❖ National Employee Appreciation Day, March 3
- ❖ HPV Awareness Day, March 4
- ❖ World Obesity Day, March 4
- ❖ Dentist Day, March 5
- ❖ St. Patrick’s Day, March 17

ADPH NEWS...SPOTLIGHT

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During March, Colon Cancer Awareness Month, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) asks Alabamians ages 45 and older to speak with their healthcare provider about screening for colorectal cancer (CRC).

CRC is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. CRC affects men and women of all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people who are 50 years old or older. According to the American Cancer Society, about 1 in 23 women will develop this cancer at some point in their lives. Of cancers that affect both men and women, CRC is the second leading cancer killer in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), regular screening, beginning at age 45, is the key to preventing CRC. The recommended age to start screening was lowered to 45 from age 50 because studies show rates of CRC among younger people are increasing.

Screening can find precancerous polyps-abnormal growths in the colon or rectum-that can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening also helps find CRC at an early stage when treatment works best. About nine out of every 10 people whose colorectal cancers are found early and treated appropriately are still alive 5 years later.

For more information about CRC, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/>

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow”

EHR Training Dates

- ❖ March 17th
- ❖ May 19th
- ❖ June 16th
- ❖ September 15th
- ❖ October 20th
- ❖ November 17th

EHR Trainings are held in person at the ADPH Training Center (RM 132) in Prattville, AL. To schedule EHR training, contact: Christine Long at Christine.Long@adph.state.al.us

MARCH FUN FACTS

~March is the month where Spring begins~

March Color: Aquamarine

Aquamarine is a stone of calm. It is also held by people while meditating to help create a calm state of mind.

March Flower: Daffodil

Daffodils are considered the symbol of rebirth, faithfulness, and prosperity.

March Bird: Robin

The Robin is recognized as an angelic messenger of comfort and protection.

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