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Electronic Health Records Bulletin

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2023 Updates & Reminders

❖ **Fast Track**

The Fast Track program is currently being piloted at the Montgomery County Health Department. The Fast Track is a program that offers a quick, confidential and free same-day testing for patients showing no symptoms of sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV.

Kudos to Montgomery County for agreeing to pilot the program and for doing such an awesome job at seeing the patients in a timely manner.

❖ **Requests made by Clerical Staff**

Due to Paula Oliver retiring, send all requests to amend document(s) to Kaye Melnick via email.

❖ **Immunization Outbound Problem List**

Clerical Staff: Please remember to make sure all fields with an asterisk are filled out on the Demographics page for all Immunization visits. Also always use the generic vaccine with the (NOS) attached when adding historical vaccines to the Immunization chart, unless you have a written document with the correct vaccine noted.

Nursing Staff: Please remember to check the Demographics page for completion prior to submitting vaccine information to IMMPrint to avoid receiving error messages.

❖ **Inventory**

All requests for Inventory access in CureMD must have a supervisor's approval. When the request is received by EHR, we will submit a ticket to CureMD to grant the request. The requestor will be notified once the process is complete.

❖ **New Referral Workflow: Assigning Tasks**

The new Referral Workflow went live on July 25, 2023. As a quick tip, when creating a task with the new referral workflow, the user must first assign the task to self. To request the CureMD Referral Workflow instructions, please contact EHR.

❖ **Medications**

When a medication is removed from the inventory in error and the medication is associated with provider note; the note must be unsigned and disassociated from the note prior to being added back to inventory. Please notify your TB Director to submit a request to EHR to un-sign the note.

"Your major line of communication with EHR and CureMD"

HOLIDAYS & HEALTH OBSERVANCES

- ❖ World Lung Cancer Day, August 1
- ❖ Founder's Day, August 4
- ❖ Purple Heart Day, August 7
- ❖ National Senior Citizens Day, August 21
- ❖ National Immunization Awareness Month
- ❖ Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- ❖ National Breastfeeding Month
- ❖ National Wellness Month
- ❖ National Minority Donor Awareness Month
- ❖ World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7
- ❖ National Health Center Week, August 7-13

ANTICIPATION PUNCH RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

6 cups unsweetened white-grape juice
5 cups ginger ale
Halved strawberries
Lime slices
Orange slices

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix grape juice and ginger ale in a punch bowl.
2. Serve in cups over ice with added strawberries and/or citrus slices.
3. Enjoy!



"Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth."

HELPFUL LINKS YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

[ADPH Districts & Health Departments](#)
[ADPH Guide to Services](#)
[Central Office Telephone Listing](#)
[Map \(Public Health Districts\)](#)
[CDC Vaccines](#)
[VAERS](#)
[CDC Pink Book](#)

August Fun Facts

1. The month of August is named after the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar.
2. Symbols for August:
 - *Birthstone: Peridot, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power*
 - *Birth Flowers: Poppy & Gladiolus*
 - *Zodiac Signs: Leo & Virgo*

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“Stay Alert, Drive Safely as Children Return to School”

As Alabama families transition from the hot and sometimes lazy summer days back to the routine of school, there are some important safety rules for both students and adults to keep in mind.

Rural roadways and residential neighborhood streets will be more congested with school traffic, school buses may be stopping along your route, active children may be darting between cars into the road, pedestrians may be distracted by electronics, and more bicycles and scooters may be in traffic. Drivers need to watch their speed, obey all traffic laws, and be on the lookout for children.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued the following advice for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, or bus riders to stay safe, excerpted here.

School Bus Safety

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Did You Know: School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they're designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.

If you are driving, remember these simple rules:

Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.

Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.

Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone, or bus stop.

Parents - talk bus safety with your children:

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it SAFE:

- Stay five steps away from the curb.
- Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.
- Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.
- Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

Bicycle Safety

STAYING SAFE ON TWO WHEELS

Be sure to do these simple things to keep your bike ride safe:

- Always wear a correctly fitted helmet, and securely fasten the chin strap.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and follow traffic signs and signals.
- Stay in the bike lane whenever possible.
- Never use electronics while riding — they are distracting.

Pedestrian Safety

WATCH THE ROAD

- Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
- Whenever they are available, use marked crosswalks to cross the street, and look left-right-left for vehicles or bikes before crossing.
- Make sure you never play, push or shove others when you walk around traffic.
- Everyone should watch the road, not their phones.
- If you are driving, especially in a neighborhood, look out for pedestrians at all times, everywhere.

The [Injury Prevention Branch website](#) contains a wealth of helpful safety resources for people of all ages.

Please keep safety in mind to prevent needless injuries, be aware of distractions, and keep Alabama safe for everyone.

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