

COVID-19 + Diabetes



Program and Partner Updates

COVID-19 has brought many changes, to our homes, workplace, practices and those we serve in the community. DPAC has reached out to our programs and partner organizations to get an understanding of how the pandemic is affecting the diabetes community and those we serve. *See page 2 for complete updates.*

Sally Joy Leadership Award Nominations Open

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their leadership and passion for diabetes prevention or self-management? [DPAC is accepting nominations for the Sally Joy Leadership Award.](#)



The diabetes community was saddened by the loss of longtime colleague Sally Joy in March 2020. Sally

was a tireless diabetes advocate and her leadership will be missed. The 2020 Sally Joy Leadership Award will be presented at the DPAC Forum in December.

Feedback Requested Diabetes Improvement Plan

MDHHS Diabetes and Prevention and Control Program is developing a statewide plan to address diabetes prevention and management. We have completed key informant interviews to identify priority areas for the 2021-2025 plan. The interview feedback illustrated program strengths, gaps that need to be addressed and opportunities for new collaborations. We are inviting our DPAC partners to participate in a web-based forum on July 15 at 11am. This discussion will review the interview responses, available data and look at plan goals and objectives. If you are interested in participating, please [click here to register online](#)

Register Now New Date! 2020 DPAC Forum

The 2020 DPAC Forum has been rescheduled. Please join us on **Thursday, December 3 at the MTG Space in Lansing.** The conference provides a forum for networking, education and the release of the 2021-2025 Michigan Diabetes Improvement Plan. This will be the first chance to see the focus of MDHHS programs and partnership opportunities. This conference has been approved for Nursing and RD continuing education credit. [There is no fee to attend, but you must register to reserve your spot.](#)



Program Updates



Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPPs)

Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPPs) have been working diligently to make decisions about how to best meet the needs of their participants and their communities during COVID-19. During the public health emergency, CDC has been assisting delivery organizations by providing guidance on alternative delivery options and data submission to the CDC. DPP delivery organizations have two primary options which are allowable according to CDC's guidance: 1.) Organizations can utilize virtual (online, distance learning) make-up sessions as necessary regardless of their usual delivery mode. 2.) Organizations can pause offering classes and CDC will hold organizations harmless during any pauses, meaning that they are able to maintain their recognition status regardless of whether they are able to make full or partial data submissions. MDHHS is seeking ways to gather information and feedback from DPPs to determine current needs and opportunities to support. For more information contact Tamah Gustafson, Public Health Consultant, at gustafson2@michigan.gov.



COVID Impact on DSMES

During the pandemic health systems have stopped many elective services to slow the transmission of the coronavirus and save personal protective equipment for those directly caring for COVID positive patients. Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) programs have been impacted as a result. While some programs have been asked to temporarily shut down, some continue to see the high-risk patients such as those newly diagnosed with gestational diabetes but have put all other appointments on hold. Other programs are working through telehealth by providing education to a person with diabetes from a remote location through laptops, tablets or smartphones. Telehealth services are covered by both Medicare and Medicaid when certain criteria are met. To locate a program, go to:

MiHealthPrograms.org.

Partner Updates



ADA Imagine Camp

ADA Imagine Camp is a virtual, in-home camp experience for children ages 5-17 that are living with diabetes. The camp will have small group and all-camp activities, cool swag and age-appropriate diabetes education and games to enhance knowledge, confidence and have fun. ADA Imagine Camp is completely free for campers and their families, but please consider a donation to help sustain our programs, Register Today at: www.diabetes.org/imaginecamp.

JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

JDRF remains committed to our mission of finding cures for T1D. Our research continues with the focus of accelerating life changing medical and technical advancements. The restrictions on events and gatherings presents significant challenges for our organization. JDRF is not an endowed foundation. We deliberately and judiciously invest financial resources in our research mission almost immediately as we receive them. We depend on the annual generosity of our donors to continue our work. **With over 100 walks and galas affected this year, JDRF expects a serious impact on our year-end fundraising efforts—in the range of \$50M.** We can all still make a difference. On June 4th, please consider tuning into JDRF Live and Online, a cutting-edge program designed to raise funds and celebrate our JDRF MI and NW OH Chapter. You can register for free at, <http://www.jdrfmivirtualgala.org/>.