

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Greetings from the New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center Team!

Summer is fast approaching, and we have an exciting lineup of trainings ahead. Take a look and save the dates on your calendar, and register now. We look forward to learning with you this summer!

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 12:00-1:30 PM

Understanding Gambling-Related Harms Among College Students: Trends, Risks, and Support Strategies

This 90-minute webinar goes beyond the basics to examine the unique vulnerabilities of college students and the evolving culture of gambling on campus. Participants will learn how to identify early warning signs, understand the broader impact on student well-being, and explore practical strategies for engaging students in conversations about gambling. The session will also highlight actionable approaches for strengthening campus response, including early intervention, referral pathways, and connections to care. The goal of this training is to increase understanding of gambling-related harms among college students and enhance the ability to identify, prevent, and respond within campus and student-facing settings.

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Tuesday, September 1, 12-1:30 PM (click to register)

Gambling & Youth: Understanding the Why, Spotting the Signs, and Having Better Conversations

Sports betting apps, instant deposits, and 24/7 access have changed the game for today's college students. What was once occasional or social is now fast, frequent, and often difficult to detect – leaving many students vulnerable to gambling-related harm before it's recognized. As access expands and normalization grows, the line between "just for fun" and real harm is becoming increasingly blurred. This 90-minute webinar goes beyond the basics to examine the unique vulnerabilities of college students and the evolving culture of gambling on campus.

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested. We hope to see you there!

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Tuesday, September 22, 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Health Education Academy for Leadership and Learning (HEALL) Education Day

Location: Paul J. DiMare Center, N1-1200 - N1-1500

Education Day offers an ongoing opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation, connect with like-minded colleagues, plan collaborations, and celebrate our educational activities and scholarship. This annual event serves to highlight the academic scholarly work that happens here, complementing your daily teaching, lab or clinical responsibilities, and curriculum development.

Education Day features plenary speakers who address topics such as the influence of Academies, conducting educational scholarly projects, and innovative trends in Health Sciences education. The event brings together key institutional leaders and educators who shape the future of Health Sciences education at UMass Chan and beyond. It also provides a forum for presenting and discussing novel educational initiatives underway at UMass Chan, enhancing our school's reputation and fostering collaboration within our educational community.

- 12:30-12:45 pm, Welcome Remarks
- 12:45-1:45 pm, Plenary (details coming soon)
- 1:55-4:00 pm Workshops
- 4:10-5:30 pm, Collaborative and Conversations (includes reception)

Click [here](#) to register.

Sunday, September 27, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2026 UMass Cancer Walk

Polar Park, 100 Madison Street, Worcester

Join Us for the Cancer Walk!

We're putting together a team for this year's cancer walk, and everyone is welcome to join! It's a great opportunity to support cancer research, honor those affected by cancer, and connect with colleagues outside of work. If you're interested in participating, please use the team invitation link below. We'd love to have you with us!

To register, click [here](#).



2024 PQHS Team

UMASS REMINDERS

UMass Chan Farmers' Market



Every Tuesday through October 27
(No market on Sept.15)
10 AM - 1 PM

Two Locations:

- Market Vendors will be set up in the Albert Sherman Center, MPR - East, First Floor.
- Food Trucks and Food Vendors will set up outside on the Medical School Building Terrace.

[Click here](#) for more details and to view the list of attending food trucks and vendors



🚩 Labor Day – Monday, September 7th

🚩 Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 12th

🚩 Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11th

🚩 Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26th

🚩 Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27th

🚩 Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

🚩 Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Judi (judi.saber@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.