

HEART at Work

Delivering the pulse of workplace health to Wisconsin.

Good Afternoon! May is American Stroke Month and National High Blood Pressure (HBP) Education Month. In addition to being the No. 5 cause of death in America, stroke places a tremendous financial

burden on society. It costs all payers \$6,492 a person/yr and stroke patients miss an average of 20 workdays. HBP itself costs more than \$10 billion annually.

This year, we've put a particular emphasis on addressing the disparities faced by women - their additional risk factors for stroke as well as raising awareness of conditions like preeclampsia. More information to help women maintain health throughout their lifespan can be found at GoRedForWomen.org/risk.

Here are some additional resources: FAST Warning Signs of Stroke, Explaining Give yourse Stroke Booklet, Stroke & HBP Infographic (Eng / Spa), and our Heart & Stroke thing to worry about Support Network.



Thank you for all you do! Let me know how I can help!



Every employer has room to improve the health of their workplace as well as their workforce. The goal of Workplace Health Solutions is to help employers find opportunities for improvements while also celebrating existing success.

More than 40 Wisconsin employers were recognized for their success in 2020.

The deadline for application or renewal in 2021 is June 30th. New organizations can click through from the <u>home page</u> or go straight to the registration page. Those who are renewing can login to update their profile. A forgot password link is available.

Let me know if I can provide additional support during the process.

Food Insecurity: A Hidden Problem

According to Feeding America, in 2018, an estimated 1 in 9 Americans were food insecure, totaling to over 37 million Americans, including more than 11 million children. Those numbers rose dramatically in the wake of COVID-19.

The Health Forward Foundation in Kansas City identified food insecurity at work as a "hidden problem" and one that negatively impacts workplace productivity and the rate of chronic diseases such as diabetes and obesity.

Their Cost of Food Insecurity Calculator estimated that food insecurity costs the KC Metro area an extra \$1 billion in health care costs with employers losing \$730 million annually in worker productivity.

We are looking at tools and solutions to help employers understand and address this. Let me know if you'd like to talk more!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 11, 2:00 pm. ADA Ask the Expert Series: Diabetes & Stroke-Am I at risk? If you have diabetes, your chances of having a stroke are 1.5 times higher than in people who don't have diabetes. We will discuss lifestyle options and medication management to reduce your risk. Registration.

Tuesday, May 11. 6:00 pm. Milwaukee Go Red For Women Celebration. Join us (from anywhere) for a fun and inspiring hour focused on women's heart health. Registration. You can also participate in the auction.

Tuesday, May 25, 5:30 pm. Community Conversation, Seize Control: Reducing Your High Blood Pressure.

Employees can learn more about controlling their BP, hearing from a chef, a pharmacist, and more! Registration.

Thank you for being a part of our efforts to build a culture of health where Wisconsin works.











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