



# Community Update

from your friends at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

June 2022

## Community Calendar and Education Information

### COVID-19 Community Partners calls:

*Discussion from hospital staff on topics relevant to the hospital's preparation and readiness.*

Friday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11 a.m.

Dial in: (888) 651-5908 - Participant code: 3569812

For additional details, contact Kimberly at 410-550-1118.

### Fifteenth Annual Holistic Health Seminar on Memory Loss

Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.

*Discussions include nutrition and brain health, navigating loss and building resilience, spiritual care, interactive yoga and meditation demonstration*

To register, call 410-935-0821 or visit

<https://tinyurl.com/HHS-June4>

### American Red Cross Blood Drives in your community:

June 16 from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Dundalk American Legion, Post 38,  
3300 Dundalk Avenue

To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

June 22, 23 and 24

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center,  
4940 Eastern Avenue

To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Postpartum Support Group

Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon

*A free, virtual support group for moms with new babies.*

For more information, or to receive a Zoom link for the support group, email [sdaly9@jh.edu](mailto:sdaly9@jh.edu).

### Maryland Kids in Safety Seats

#### Video Car Seat Assistance Program

*This program offers video car seat assistance appointments for remote education and guidance on your car seat as well as installation assistance via Facetime, Duo, Google Handouts and Skype!*

Sign up for an appointment at [www.mdkiss.org](http://www.mdkiss.org).

## Gayle Adams Community Service Grant

### Now Accepting Applications

Community service grants will be awarded to organizations in southeast Baltimore whose projects focus on the improvement of the health and wellness of the surrounding community by utilizing innovative and creative responses to community health needs.

Applications will only be accepted from organizations located in the following zip codes: 21205, 21206, 21213, 21214, 21219, 21220, 21221, 21222, 21224, 21231, 21234, 21236, 21237, 21052, 21128, 21162.

Grants for individual projects can range from \$250 to \$1,500. All tax-exempt community organizations and local schools are eligible to apply.

The application includes:

- A description of the project and benefit to the community.
- A plan to evaluate success.
- A budget (up to \$1,500).

Applications are due **June 30, 2022**. For more information, or to complete an application, visit [hopkinsmedicine.org/jhbmcc/servicegrant](http://hopkinsmedicine.org/jhbmcc/servicegrant).

## Get FRESH!

Food Re-education for Elementary School Health (FRESH) teaches elementary school children heart healthy nutrition and exercise habits. This summer, staff are available to provide instruction at summer camps, day care centers, vacation bible schools and other summer programs. Topics include heart health, My Plate, healthy snacks and the importance of exercise.

For more information, or to schedule a FRESH instructor, call 410-550-6958 or email [ameise1@jhmi.edu](mailto:ameise1@jhmi.edu).

## COVID-19 Vaccine Not Linked With Fertility Issues

Vaccines are the best way to protect ourselves from COVID-19 – but some people have concerns about rumored side effects – including whether the vaccines affect fertility. Getting COVID-19 can temporarily affect fertility, but there is no evidence that vaccines against the disease do.

In a large study, researchers verified the links between COVID-19 vaccines, infection, and fertility, and followed more than 2,000 women. All were trying to conceive without fertility treatments. Researchers asked whether the women or their partners had gotten a COVID-19 vaccine. They also asked whether either partner had ever tested positive for COVID-19, and when. Follow up was conducted every eight weeks for a year or until the women became pregnant.

Getting vaccinated did not lower the odds of conceiving for either male or female partners. Past COVID-19 infection also did not affect the overall odds of conceiving during the study; however, the study did find that pregnancy was less likely if the male partner had tested positive for COVID-19 within 60 days.

The study conducted by the National Institutes of Health shows for the first time that COVID-19 vaccination in either partner is unrelated to fertility among couples trying to conceive through natural means.

Other studies have found that getting COVID-19 while pregnant can pose dangers to both mother and child. It is recommended that anyone who is pregnant, or trying to become pregnant, get a COVID-19 vaccine.

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## Honoring the Legacy of Mrs. Henrietta Lacks: 2022 Memorial Lecture

The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) invites you to a viewing of the 2022 Henrietta Lacks Virtual Memorial Lecture honoring the legacy of Mrs. Henrietta Lacks.

This lecture highlights the work of the Lacks family in continuing Mrs. Lacks’ legacy, as shared by Mr. David Lacks and Mrs. Jeri Lacks-Whye, her grandchildren, and celebrates the achievements of the Henrietta Lacks Dunbar High School scholarship winners, and the Urban Health Institute community partnership award winners.

This lecture also includes:

- Original compositions by performance artists Wendel Patrick and Olu Butterfly.
- Insights from physician-scientist Dr. Sherita Golden, vice president and chief diversity officer at Johns Hopkins Medicine, on the history of mistreatment of communities of color from medical and research institutions.
- Commentary from bioethicist professor Patricia King, professor emerita at the Georgetown University Law School, on the legacy of Mrs. Lacks in the development of protections of human subjects in research.

This lecture is dedicated to two members of the Lacks family who have recently passed: Mr. David “Sonny” Lacks, Jr., son of Mrs. Henrietta Lacks, and Mrs. Bobette Lacks, beloved wife of Mr. Lawrence Lacks (Henrietta’s oldest son). Both have been strong ambassadors of Mrs. Lacks’ legacy, educating Johns Hopkins and other research institutions on Mrs. Lacks’ life and the contributions that transformed modern medicine.

“We are honored by the Lacks family’s commitment to uphold the legacy of Mrs. Lacks and their dedication to educating future generations on the impact of her immortal HeLa cells. They remind us that Mrs. Lacks’ story resonates beyond biomedical fields, and promotes reflection in the fields of bioethics, arts, history, health equity and social justice,” says Dr. Cheryl Himmelfarb, Deputy Director, Community and Collaboration Core & Recruitment Innovation Unit, ICTR.

Visit <https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/community-engagement/programs/henrietta-lacks-memorial-lecture/>

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