



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
**10TH EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES
FOR A HEALTHY MISSISSIPPI**

Conference

EQUITY AND INNOVATION: "PAVING THE PATH TO A HEALTHIER MISSISSIPPI"

Press Release

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Mississippi State Department of Health Announces 10th Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference (ECHMC)

3 April 2023 – Flowood, MS – The Mississippi State Department of Health, the leading governmental agency committed to protecting and advancing health throughout Mississippi, has announced that it will host the 10th Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference (ECHMC) next month. The exciting bi-annual public health event will focus on the theme of *Equity and Innovation: Paving the Path to a Healthier Mississippi* and cover some of the latest changes and best practices in Mississippi healthcare. This year's ECHMC will be held from May 23 to May 26, 2023, in Flowood, Mississippi at the Sheraton Refuge Conference Center.

The four-day conference will feature a mix of keynote speakers, presentations, and sessions on pressing public health topics for industry professionals. In total, attendees will be offered six tracks with seven breakout sessions that promise to highlight best practices in the public health space and showcase updates on important issues for public health initiatives and community health topics. This year's conference will include an exciting slate of attendees, including over 35 exhibitors and vendors, and 50+ speakers. In addition, continuing education credits have been applied for CHES, Nursing, and Social Work.

“We are excited about the 10th ECHMC conference coming up in May,” remarked Dr. Kaye Bender, 2023 ECHMC Conference Chair. “While this conference has been growing in its impact through the years, the COVID-19 pandemic brought a renewed interest in public health. As a result, the topics of equity and innovation that we aim to cover this year are timelier than ever. I look forward to welcoming over 250 attendees next month in Flowood,” she added.

Registration is now open for the 2023 ECHMC. Registration opportunities are available for the general public, MSDH employees, and students looking to refresh their toolkits, reconnect with colleagues, or expand their professional network. Scholarships are available so please register today! To learn more about the conference, register to attend, or to become a sponsor or exhibitor, please visit HealthyMSConference.com. A full-length conference agenda is forthcoming. Block rates available at the hotel, use EMP when booking rooms.

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