



P.O. Box 4834
Jackson MS 39296
www.mspha.org

January 5, 2026

The JPHDS Releases Issue Volume 5, Number 3

The Mississippi Public Health Association (MPHA) is pleased to announce the publication of Volume 5, Number 3 of the Journal of Public Health in the Deep South (JPHDS).

This issue contains commentaries, research articles, and case studies related to various aspects of public health, including:

- Trends in Drug Overdose Deaths
- Risk for Infant Mortality Among Childbearing Women
- Addressing the RSV Burden Through Clinical Treatment, Community Prevention, and Surveillance Approaches
- Assessing Education and Training of Developmental Screening Tools
- Using Electronic Medical Records to Estimate the Prevalence of Pediatric Obesity
- Personal Health Advice in the World of Artificial Intelligence

We encourage public health professionals and others to read this issue. You can access this free, online issue of the JPHDS at this link: <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/jphds/>

MPHA, in partnership with Mississippi State University (MSU), initiated the JPHDS in 2018. The JPHDS is a peer-reviewed, open-access, online journal focused on disseminating high-quality research and/or effective applied techniques to academicians, educators, and practitioners. The JPHDS is the first publication to specifically focus on public health issues in this geographical space and with an appeal to both research and applied public health professionals and educators with emphases on research, practice, and teaching.

The JPHDS is the official journal of MPHA and is hosted by MSU. The Editorial Board of the JPHDS is co-chaired by David Buys, PhD, MSPH, CPH, FGSA, Associate Vice Provost, Health Sciences and Professor of Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Health Promotion, Mississippi State University, and Lei Zhang, PhD, MBA, Billy S. Guyton Distinguished Professor; Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship; School of Nursing, Harriet G. Williamson Endowed Chair of Population Health Nursing; and Director, Mississippi Center for Violence Research at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The journal's editorial consultant is Aisha Jamil, MSW. The journal's senior advisor is Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN.

MPHA thanks MSU for its ongoing partnership to make this journal possible and all the authors and reviewers for this issue.