

NBDPN NEWSLETTER



SHINE BRIGHT WITH NBDPN!

As a past president of NBDPN, I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the impact that strong birth defects surveillance programs have on public health. At the heart of that work are the NBDPN Guidelines for Conducting Birth Defects Surveillance, which provide a foundation for producing high-quality, reliable data that can be used to inform research, guide prevention efforts, and support services for affected children and families.

Since their development, the guidelines have helped programs across the country establish consistent practices while recognizing that each surveillance system operates within its own unique context. Their enduring value lies in promoting the principles that unite all of our work - accuracy, completeness, timeliness, and a commitment to continuous improvement. This month, we are highlighting these guidelines and the many contributions of the surveillance professionals who have helped advance and refine them over the years. I encourage you to revisit this important resource and reflect on how its recommendations continue to strengthen our collective efforts to improve the health and well-being of children and families nationwide.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to birth defects surveillance and prevention.

Nina Forestieri

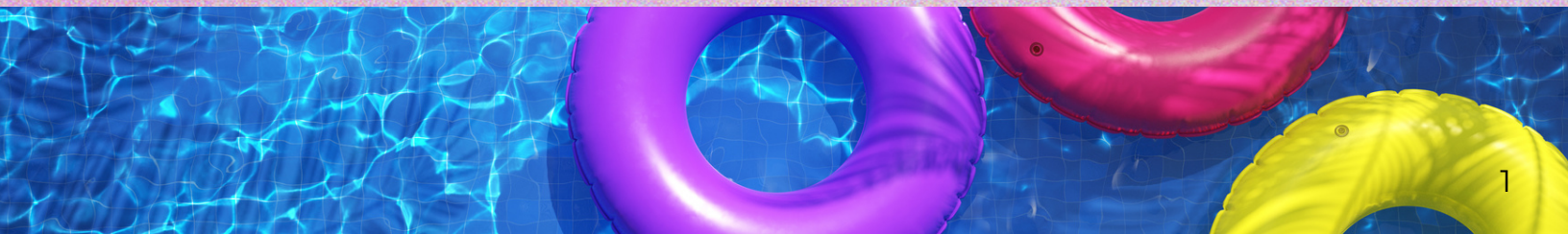
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MEET OUR NEW HEALTH SCIENTIST!



Hey! I am Ty Borro and I live in Butler, Pennsylvania with my family. I received my BS in Public Health from Slippery Rock University and my MPH with a concentration in epidemiology from the University at Buffalo. I am joining the team as the Health Scientist and previously worked at the Pennsylvania Department of Health as an Associate Epidemiologist where I worked on COVID-19 and other infectious disease outbreak response.

TY BORRO, MPH

NBDPN Birth Defects Surveillance Guidelines Overview

Join us on July 15th at 12pm EST, for a webinar will provide a high-level overview of the updated NBDPN Birth Defects Surveillance Guidelines. The webinar will discuss the revision process, the structure of the updated chapters, and all notable changes. The presentation and the Q&A following the presentation will not be recorded. Registration is required.



Registration Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Slw6OnUiQDiUy1oBh3pQAw

CMV Webinars

Join us for “CMV 101” with Dr. Sonja Rasmussen!



This session will cover the basics of Cytomegalovirus, including how it spreads, potential impacts, and why awareness matters.

**Date: Tuesday, June 16th Time: 12pm CST
Virtual**

[Click to register here.](#)

Join us for a virtual parent panel featuring families affected by Cytomegalovirus (CMV).

Hear directly from four parents as they share their experiences, challenges, and insights.

**Date: June 23rd Time: 12pm CST
Virtual**

[Click to register here.](#)



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MONTHLY RECOGNITIONS

June

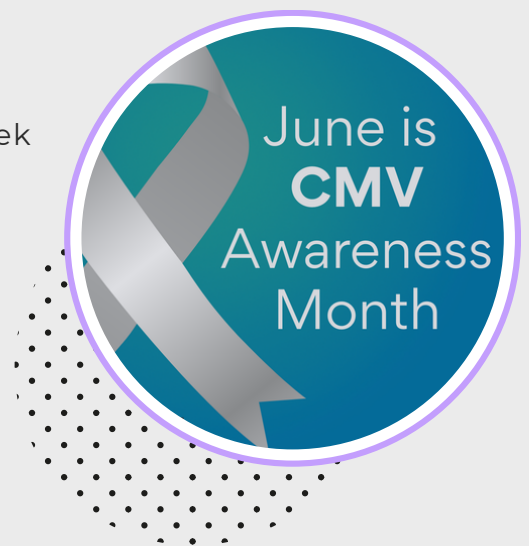
- World Sickle Cell Day (June 19th)
- National Congenital CMV Month
- Men's Health Month
- World Clubfoot Day
- 6th Global Rare Chromosome Disorder Awareness Week
- Scoliosis Awareness Month
- CMV Awareness

July

- Group B Strep Awareness Month
- Gastroschisis Awareness Day
- National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month
- Fragile X Awareness Month
- World Hepatitis Day

August

- National Breastfeeding Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Children's Eye and Health Safety Month



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