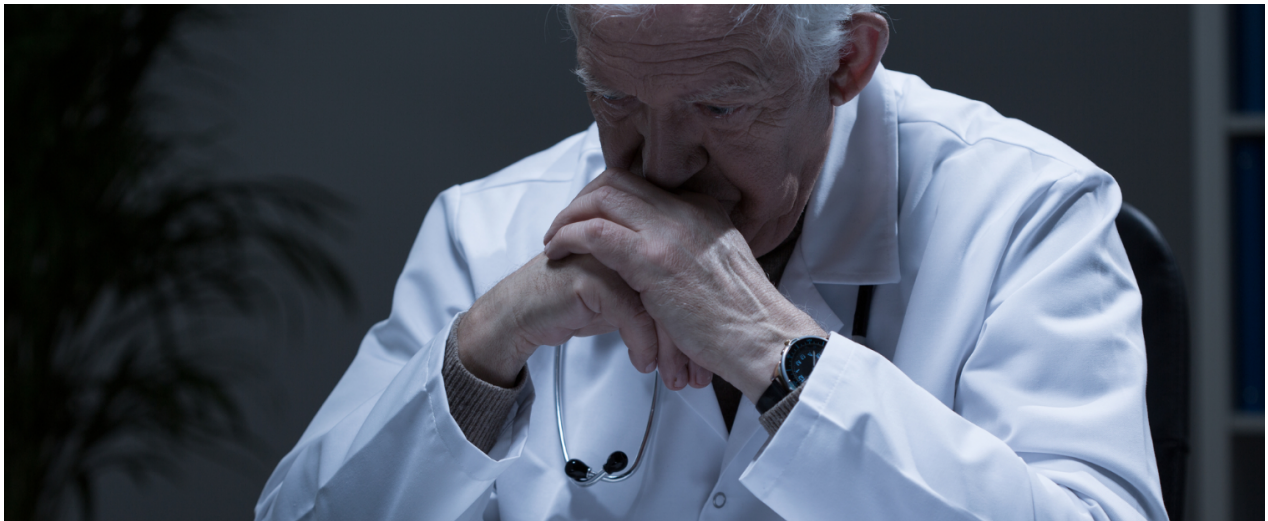




## September 17 is Physician Suicide Awareness Day



### **Physicians have the highest suicide rate of any profession.**

We know firsthand how difficult—and in some cases traumatic—this year has been for physicians in Alabama.

In recognition of National Physician Suicide Awareness Day on September 17th, we're joining the Alabama Professionals Health Program in encouraging physicians, along with their colleagues and loved ones, to check in on one another's well-being.

Alabama Professionals Health Program (APHP) is a confidential resource for physicians (MD/DO), PA's and medical students who need support dealing with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs. APHP is focused on making sure our lines of communication are always open to you should any issue arise.

"Here at APHP, we take your mental health and well-being very seriously. We provide a safe environment where professionals can talk to other professionals about the stress and demands of modern medical practice," says [\*\*Director Rob Hunt\*\*](#). "Due to the increased stress physicians have been under this year, the APHP can now be reached 24/7 at 334-954-2596 for confidential and/or anonymous assistance."

[Click here for more information on APHP](#)

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## Alabama Ranked Sixth in the Number of Patients that are Delaying Care



This pandemic has made telehealth more important than ever, enabling access to care to patients whose needs can be met remotely. Telemedicine has saved lives, helped reduce the spread of the virus, and enabled physicians to care for patients in a time when they might have otherwise been unable to. However, it is not a "silver bullet" and should not be viewed as a total replacement for in-person care.

[\*\*A recent study\*\*](#) found that Alabama is ranked sixth in the country in the number of patients that are delaying care. While COVID-19 may change how you receive care, it's still important to look after yourself by getting the time-sensitive medical care you need to stay healthy.

[Read the story from Yellowhammer News](#)

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## State will publish K-12 school COVID-19 cases soon



Alabama will soon start publishing data on new cases of COVID-19 in K-12 public schools, State Superintendent Eric Mackey said Thursday.

Mackey did not say exactly when that data will be published, but said once it's available it would be updated weekly.

"Even though we've had very few students who have had serious complications or even symptoms, we feel like we need to let parents know when and if a certain part of the state or a certain school system (has) positive cases," Mackey said.

The Alabama Department of Public Health will be creating the website where case numbers will be published, Mackey said. The information won't specify if the cases are in teachers or students.

[Read the story from Alabama Daily News here](#)

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## **AstraZeneca still aiming to complete vaccine by year-end, despite trial pause**



AstraZeneca CEO Pascal Soriot says the company is still aiming to complete development of its vaccine with the University of Oxford by the end of this year, despite pausing phase 3 trials due to a participant falling ill, Bloomberg reports.

The state of play: The person is suspected to be suffering from "neurological symptoms consistent with a rare but serious spinal inflammatory disorder called transverse myelitis," according to STAT News. It's not clear if the condition is related to the vaccine.

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**People who rely on USPS for  
prescription drugs may have experienced  
“significant” delivery delays**





A [report](#) released Wednesday by two senators found "significant and increasing delays" in the mail delivery of prescription drugs under the tenure of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.

The lawmakers in charge of the investigation said some of the nation's largest pharmacies told them they were experiencing, on average, delivery delays of 18-32%, meaning deliveries that would normally take 1-2 days would instead take 3-4 days, the report concluded.

[Read more from USA Today](#)

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## Alabama Medicaid Agency Searching for a Medical Director

The Alabama Medicaid Agency, Montgomery Central Office, is seeking to fill a position of a Medicaid Medical Services Physician (40405). This is a Medical Director position and is responsible for providing clinical leadership and guidance to the Alabama Medicaid Agency in coordination with the Commissioner's Office. This highly advanced professional, administrative, and medical position involves providing guidance in medical related services within the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Work involves providing assistance to agency officials in making determinations of level and quality of medical care provided to recipients by health care providers. Duties also include serving as medical consultant in the development and modification of health care policies and procedures, and the implementation of health care delivery systems statewide. Work is performed with a high degree of independent and professional judgment. This is a great opportunity for a Physician that wants to provide clinical guidance in an office setting.

### Competitive Benefits and Salary:

- Desirable work schedule
- 40 hour work week (typically Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm)
- Health Insurance Coverage (Medical, Dental and Vision)
- Paid time off (including state holidays, annual and sick time)

**If you are interested in this position, please call the Alabama Medicaid Agency at 334.242.5600 for more information by September 15, 2020.**

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