

The Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance Program (MDHHS) is pleased to announce the release of a new report: [Promoting Actions to Improve Maternal Systems of Care: Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance \(MMMS\) and Detroit Maternal Mortality and Vitality Review Team \(MMVRT\) Aligned Recommendations](#). This report was developed in collaboration with members of the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) and Detroit Health Department. To access this report, please visit: [www.Michigan.gov/MMMS](http://www.Michigan.gov/MMMS) – the report is located within the ‘recommendations’ tab. Please feel free to share the below with your networks.

Thank you,  
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**New Report: Promoting Actions to Improve Maternal Systems of Care: Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance (MMMS) and Detroit Maternal Mortality and Vitality Review Team (MMVRT) Aligned Recommendations**

Significant racial and ethnic disparities exist in maternal mortality whereby Black women are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women. Maternal mortality is just the tip of the iceberg. Under the iceberg, underlying determinants like racism, systemic barriers in the health systems, differences in economic stability and different environmental exposures contribute to disparities in health outcomes. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal Mortality Surveillance (MMMS) program is addressing disparities in Black maternal health outcomes by supporting the City of Detroit in convening a Maternal Mortality & Vitality Review Team (MMVRT). Made possible by funding from the MERCK for Mothers Safer Childbirth Cities grant, the Detroit Health Department and Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) created the MMVRT to establish policies, priorities, and practices to promote equity and maternal vitality in the City of Detroit. The MMVRT gathers multidisciplinary stakeholders from across the city to better understand the causes of Black maternal death. The MMMS and MMVRT report, [Promoting Actions to Improve Maternal Systems of Care](#), highlights recommendations aimed at improving Black maternal health outcomes. Together, we are working to align state and local-level recommendations for policy, system and programmatic change.

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