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FRIDAY UPDATE

January 27, 2023

CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program is a critical source of funding, guidance, and technical assistance for state, local, and territorial public health departments to strengthen their public health preparedness capabilities and improve their response readiness. The Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

PHEP BP5 Continuation Guidance Now Available

On January 24, CDC released in GrantSolutions the continuation guidance for PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) and conducted informational webinars with recipients on January 26. Funding applications are due in GrantSolutions no later than **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 24**.

CDC will send the continuation guidance and webinar materials to PHEP recipients in a separate email. The documents will also be posted on the CDC website. Recipients should contact their project officers with any questions.

CDC to Conduct PERFORMS Training on PHEP BP5 Application Module

CDC will conduct three training sessions next week on the PHEP BP5 application module in PERFORMS. Both PERFORMS training sessions will cover the same information. Recipients are welcome to participate in one or all sessions.

- **1 p.m. EST on Monday, January 30**
- **7 p.m. EST on Monday, January 30**
- **4 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 31**

Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Webinar ID: 161 243 0078

Passcode: 356073

Webinar Access Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612430078?pwd=RzJZSnFXQmJYeHppVmxqN0tQWVI0dz09>

February 8 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Legal Preparedness

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "PHEP Connects Legal Preparedness Series, Part I: the Past, Present, and Future of Legal and Administrative Preparedness," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 8.**



Presenters will provide an overview of legal and administrative preparedness principles for public health emergencies and explore the tools and training resources currently available to health departments. Speakers will also discuss how recent emergencies and developments in the legal landscape may change how preparedness planners address these challenges in future responses. In preparation for an administrative preparedness town hall session at the 2023 NACCHO Preparedness Summit, the presenters will invite webinar participants to share innovative strategies they have deployed to overcome legal and administrative barriers to response over the past three years.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Web Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>

PFA Host Site Applications Coming Soon

CDC is seeking to expand the current Preparedness Field Assignee (PFA) program to meet the growing preparedness and response needs of PHEP jurisdictions. DSLR is continuing a phased approach to strategically grow its field-based footprint and is seeking PHEP jurisdictions to host DSLR preparedness field assignees (PFAs) to increase public health emergency preparedness and response capacity. CDC will fund the salaries of PFAs to develop skills and field experience in state and local emergency preparedness and response.

The program provides PFAs with hands-on field training and experience, thus increasing the overall program competency of DSLR staff. This opportunity is open to all PHEP recipients who currently **do not** host a PFA.

CDC will email application information to preparedness directors the week of January 30. Interested jurisdictions must submit PFA host site applications to dsllrpf@cdc.gov by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 24.** For questions regarding the application submission, contact Scott Tulloch at sdt2@cdc.gov.



CDC to Award Mpox Round 2 Funding

CDC is finalizing funding packages for jurisdictions that have submitted letters of intent to CDC indicating they plan to accept mpox Round 2 funding to be awarded through the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreement. CDC will award up to \$41 million in Round 2 funding to eligible jurisdictions with reported mpox cases to support public health mpox response efforts. CDC expects to award the funds and release the associated guidance by January 31.

In December, CDC awarded \$12.5 million in mpox response funding to 21 jurisdictions on the 2022 approved but unfunded (ABU) roster for CDC's Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreement. Based on feedback from jurisdictions regarding challenges with a one-year performance period, CDC has extended the performance period for both Round 1 and Round 2 funding from one year to two years, with a new end date of January 31, 2025. All mpox funding recipients must submit updated budget narratives and work plans by **Monday, March 6.** The first quarterly performance measure and progress reports are due **Monday, May 22.**

CDC Response Update Call for STLT Jurisdictions to Be Held February 6

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update Call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EST on Monday, February 6**. During the call, CDC response leadership will provide emergency response updates and respond to participant questions. The STLT Task Force will not be sending a calendar invitation for this call.

Participant Information

Dial- In: (646) 828-7666

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>

Webinar ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352



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Preparedness and Response Resources

NASEM Releases Report on Wastewater-Based Disease Surveillance

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) released a consensus study report, [Wastewater-based Disease Surveillance for Public Health Action](#), in January 2023. The report summarizes the findings from Phase 1 of the committee's review on how wastewater surveillance has been a helpful tool to understand COVID-19 in communities and to inform local public health decision-making.

At the request of CDC, a committee of experts was assembled by NASEM to review the current utility of community-level wastewater surveillance during the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential for the control and prevention of other infectious diseases. The study was [commissioned](#) by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The committee concluded that wastewater surveillance has been, and will continue to be, a valuable component of the U.S. response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



News You Can Use

CDC Announces New Office of Readiness and Response

CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky announced January 24 that as part of the CDC Moving Forward initiative CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) will be renamed the Office of Readiness

and Response. This will create a centralized office to promote accountability and excellence for all of the agency's readiness and response efforts. The Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics will report to the director of this new office.

FEMA Seeks Leaders for National Youth Preparedness Council

FEMA is accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council, a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply.

During this one-year term, council members will collaborate virtually with each other to develop projects that promote preparedness on a local and a national scale. Members will also attend the council summit in July and engage with top leaders within FEMA, the federal government, and national nonprofit organizations.

Youths interested in applying to the council must complete and submit application forms and provide two letters of recommendation. All [applications and supporting materials](#) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PST on March 6**. New council members will be announced in June.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 27](#)
- [Early Estimates of Bivalent mRNA Booster Dose Vaccine Effectiveness in Preventing Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection Attributable to Omicron BA.5– and XBB/XBB.1.5–Related Sublineages Among Immunocompetent Adults — Increasing Community Access to Testing Program, United States, December 2022–January 2023](#)
- [Spike Gene Target Amplification in a Diagnostic Assay as a Marker for Public Health Monitoring of Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants — United States, November 2021–January 2023](#)
- [Prevalence of Meeting Aerobic, Muscle-Strengthening, and Combined Physical Activity Guidelines During Leisure Time Among Adults, by Rural-Urban Classification and Region — United States, 2020](#)
- [Scale-Up of HIV Antiretroviral Therapy and Estimation of Averted Infections and HIV-Related Deaths — Uganda, 2004–2022](#)
- [Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Case Incidence Rates Among Residents in Nursing Homes by Up-to-Date Vaccination Status — United States, October 10, 2022–January 8, 2023](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Responses to the Ancestral SARS-CoV-2 Strain and Omicron BA.1 and BA.4/BA.5 Variants in Nursing Home Residents After Receipt of Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine — Ohio and Rhode Island, September–November 2022](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 70, No. RR-4](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years With Arthritis, by Sex and Race and Hispanic Origin — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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