DSLR FRIDAY UPDATE

May 24, 2024

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 (DSLR) Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

For more information, visit the CDC State and Local Readiness website or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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PHEP BP5 Program Data Due June 30
As a reminder, **Sunday, June 30**, is the deadline for recipients to submit PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) program data. BP5 reporting requirements are outlined in the PHEP Budget Period 5 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview - December 2023.

Required program data submission includes PHEP BP5 Operational Readiness Review (ORR) requirements. To meet ORR requirements, recipients must successfully complete and submit in PORTS the following PHEP ORR components by June 30.

- Annual PHEP exercise data
- Emergency operations center activation (EOC) data
- Critical Contact Sheet information

In addition to these ORR requirements, recipients must meet four PHEP BP5 benchmarks. Meeting these BP5 ORR requirements and successfully submitting BP5 ORR components by June 30 will also satisfy the PHEP Benchmark 1 requirement to demonstrate preparedness and response operational readiness. CDC will update the BP5 reporting requirements table to reflect this.

For more information, recipients should contact their PHEP project officers.

May 15 PHEP Recipient Call Materials Available in Ready CAMP Knowledge Center
The presentation slides, recording, and other information regarding the May 15 PHEP recipient call are now available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center. Recipients can access the materials using the following links. However, recipients must be logged into Ready CAMP for the links to work.

Additional Resources

June 12 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Strategies for Building a Strong Public Health Workforce

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 12,** will highlight public health workforce needs and recruitment and training initiatives. Presenter Maddie Kapur, program officer at the de Beaumont Foundation, will present data from the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS). The PHWINS survey is a crucial tool that evaluates public health workforce strengths and improvement areas. The presentation will cover the foundation's current workforce initiatives and explore opportunities to enhance funding, training, recruitment, and retention in state and local public health agencies.

In addition, presenters Cameron Goetluck and Isabella Martin from the Emory University Student Outbreak Response Team (SORT) will discuss how well-prepared and committed student volunteers can contribute to outbreak response activities. The presenters will cover the transition of SORT's engagement model from a traditional in-person setting to a hybrid environment to attract more student volunteers and enhance SORT's skills.

Lastly, CDC presenter Rebecca Parker will share effective and timely learning opportunities for nurturing the next generation of public health leaders. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information
Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)
Meeting ID: 161 241 1865
Passcode: 569595
Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865

Emergency Response Activities

CDC Reports Second Human Case of H5 Bird Flu Tied to Dairy Cow Outbreak

On May 22, CDC reported that a human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5) ("H5 bird flu") virus infection in the United States has been identified in Michigan. This is the second case associated with an ongoing multistate outbreak of A(H5N1) in dairy cows. CDC has been watching influenza surveillance systems closely, particularly in affected states, and there has been no sign of unusual influenza activity in people, including in syndromic surveillance.

Based on the information available, this infection does not change CDC's current H5N1 bird flu human health risk assessment for the U.S. general public, which the agency considers to be low. However, this development underscores the importance of recommended precautions in people with exposure to infected or potentially infected animals. People with close or prolonged, unprotected exposures to infected birds or other animals, including livestock, or to environments contaminated by infected birds or other animals, are at greater risk of infection.

In addition to enhanced and targeted surveillance, CDC has held numerous weekly engagements with state and local health departments on increasing their preparedness posture and with groups representing farmworkers. On May 22, CDC held an HPAI A(H5N1) response update call with public health partners to
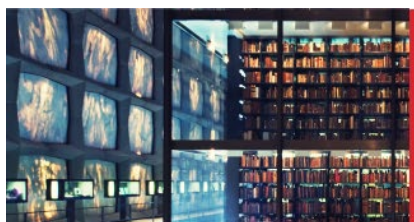
alert them to the new case and answer questions. CDC also has updated interim recommendations for worker protection to include those who work with dairy cows and in slaughterhouses.

Visit H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary for weekly updates from CDC.

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Preparedness and Response Resources

GSA to Host Public Health Emergencies Program Webinar on June 18
The U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) will host a webinar entitled "GSA Public Health Emergencies Program" from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday June 18**. This webinar will discuss the benefit of using GSA schedules for state, tribal, local land territorial governments.

Register here to attend the webinar.

News You Can Use

CDC Launches Funded Recipient Experience Survey
CDC will launch its first ever CDC Funded Recipient Experience Survey the last week of May to better understand how well CDC support and services meet funded recipients' needs during the grants management lifecycle. CDC plans to send the survey to about 2,000 principal investigators (PIs) and project directors (PDs) at state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) agencies. Results will help CDC make agency-wide enhancements to grants management services to reduce recipient burden and improve CDC funding services and support.

CFI Group, a CDC contractor, will email unique survey links to STLT PIs and PDs during the week of May 27. The survey email will come from noreply@qemailserver.com. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete and will be open through June 28. CDC plans to publicly share summary results by the end of the year.

For more information, visit the Funded Recipient Experience Survey web page or email recipient-survey@CDC.gov.

CDC Issues Health Alert on Meningococcal Disease Cases Linked to Travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
On May 20, CDC issued a health advisory to alert health care providers to cases of meningococcal disease linked to Umrah (an Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca) travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Umrah is an Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, KSA, for the Hajj, an annual Islamic pilgrimage scheduled for June 14-19. Since April 2024, 12 cases of meningococcal disease linked to KSA travel for Umrah have been reported to national

public health agencies in the United States (five cases), France (four cases), and the United Kingdom (three cases). Ten cases were in patients who traveled to KSA, and two were in patients who had close contact with travelers to KSA.

CDC MMWR Reports
- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 24](#)
- [Outbreak of Human Trichinellosis — Arizona, Minnesota, and South Dakota, 2022](#)
- [Monkeypox Virus Infections After 2 Preexposure Doses of JYNNEOS Vaccine — United States, May 2022–May 2024](#)
- [Vital Signs: Drowning Death Rates, Self-Reported Swimming Skill, Swimming Lesson Participation, and Recreational Water Exposure — United States, 2019–2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Clade II Mpox Surveillance Update — United States, October 2023–April 2024](#)
- [Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses in U.S. Dairy Cattle and Detection of Two Human Cases — United States, 2024](#)

CDC Online Resources
- **UPDATED** [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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