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FRIDAY UPDATE

The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Wednesday, July 3, due to the Independence Day holiday.

June 28, 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 (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

New PHEP Performance Period Begins July 1

CDC's new 2024-2028 PHEP cooperative agreement, CDC-RFA-TU24-0137, begins Monday, July 1. Total fiscal year (FY) 2024 PHEP funding is \$653,738,609. CDC has worked throughout June to finalize and issue the FY 2024 PHEP Notices of Award (NoAs) for PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1). All 62 awards will be issued by July 1, and recipients will have access to their PHEP funding without disruption and can begin implementing their BP1 activities immediately. Those recipients who do not yet have their NoAs in GrantSolutions will receive their NoAs today, June 28, via email from CDC's Office of Grants Services.

In response to concerns raised by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Directors of Public Health Preparedness Executive Committee regarding contractual restrictions in the NoA terms and conditions for some recipients, CDC is providing a grant note in the GrantSolutions Grants Management Module for all 62 recipients granting approval of all contracts and subawards pending receipt of required information. The grant note is intended to ensure continuity of operations by letting recipients know that they can proceed with initiating or continuing agreements with their subrecipients and vendors.

Recipients should contact their CDC grants management specialist, and cc their PHEP project officer, if they have any questions about their NoAs, including what additional information regarding contracts or subawards is still needed, if applicable. All other NoA terms and conditions remain unchanged and are not affected by the grant note.

CDC has extended the deadline for recipients to respond to their conditions of award to **Tuesday, September 3**. CDC plans to conduct an office hours session for recipients in July to provide additional details and guidance on the process for submitting responses to conditions of award and CDC budget guidelines, including contractual requirements.

PHEP BP1 Supplemental Guidance Now Available Online

PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1) supplemental guidance documents are now available on the [2024-2028 PHEP Cooperative Agreement Guidance/Budget Period 1](#) webpage on the State and Local Readiness website. Recipients should direct any questions about these documents, which are also posted in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center, to their PHEP project officers or to preparedness@cdc.gov.

Documents posted include:

- [PHEP Budget Period 1 \(Fiscal Year 2024\) Funding Table](#)
- 2024-2028 PHEP NOFO
- 2024-2028 PHEP NOFO Fast Facts February 2024
- Exercise Framework Supplemental Guidance
- Funding Limitations Supplemental Guidance and Resources
- Modified Requirements for Territories and Freely Associated States
- Workforce Development Supplemental Guidance and Resources
- Administrative Budget Preparedness Supplemental Guidance
- LRN-B Supplemental Guidance
- LRN-C Supplemental Guidance
- CRI Supplemental Guidance

PHEP BP5 Program Data Deadline Extended to July 12

PHEP recipients have until **Friday, July 12**, the close of PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5), to submit required program data. BP5 reporting requirements are outlined in the [PHEP Budget Period 5 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview – June 2024](#). 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 July 12.

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

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

July 10 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Resources for Chemical Incidents and Natural Disasters

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Resources for Risk Assessments and Exercises: Chemical Incidents and Natural Disasters," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 10**. Presenters Kenna Lee and Svetlana Smorodinsky from the California Department of Public Health and Jason Wilken, CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO), will provide participants with information and tools to respond to chemical incidents and



climate-related natural disasters more effectively. This session will also cover risk assessment tools, exercise planning, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), community engagement strategies, and vulnerability assessments. 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>

Chris Kosmos Says Farewell to CDC

At the risk of turning this into “The Long Goodbye”, (you need to be of a certain age to understand that reference), today is my last official day at CDC. As I said Wednesday on our call, we’ve built a highly functional system over the past 20+ years and we have a lot to be proud of. But our work is too important to spend any time patting ourselves on the back. I would encourage all of us to continue to strive to be one step ahead so that we advance and improve our collective readiness and assure we have the skills and capabilities to keep all of our communities safe and protected from public health threats. They count on you and all you have built to help protect their families- even if they don’t necessarily see or appreciate your work.

We have been entrusted with a most important mission, the health and safety of our friends, families, colleagues, neighbors, and the nation - and that mission is totally worth fighting for. So, I ask that you continue the fight, continue to look for better ways to do things, continue to seek out the best available science and evidence, continue to be great and collaborative partners, and continue to move us forward.

I want to thank you again all for all the support you have shown me, CDC and DSLR over the past 15 or so years and I leave this system in very good hands- your hands and DSLR’s hands! It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve with and alongside each and every one of you throughout the years. I wish you and your families good health and happiness and hope we meet again...but not at the DPHP meeting or the Summit or ASTHO, or NACCHO, or.....

Sincerely and for the last time!

Chris



CDC Provides Information on Increased Risk of Dengue Virus Infections in the United States

CDC issued a Health Alert Network health [advisory](#) on June 25 to notify clinicians, public health authorities and the public of an increased risk of dengue virus (DENV) infections in the United States. Dengue cases have risen at a record-breaking rate globally and in [countries in the Americas](#). With nearly 1,500 cases, Puerto Rico has declared a public health emergency. A higher-than-expected number of dengue cases have been identified among U.S. travelers (745 cases) from January 1 – June 24, 2024.

CDC is actively implementing several strategies to address the increase in cases of dengue in the United States. They include:

- Launching a program-led emergency response, which was activated on April 8.
- Providing regularly scheduled monthly situational updates on dengue to partners, stakeholders, and jurisdictions.
- Expanding laboratory capacity to improve laboratory testing approaches.
- Collaborating with state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) health departments to strengthen dengue surveillance and recommend prevention strategies.

- Educating the public on dengue prevention.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

New CDC Webpage Offers Information for Fair Organizers and Exhibitors to Help Prevent Influenza

On June 25, CDC released information and considerations for [agricultural fair organizers](#) and [exhibitors](#) to help prevent influenza. Influenza viruses are more likely to spread when people and animals from many places are in close contact, such as at fairs and shows. While rare, influenza A viruses can spread from people to animals and from animals to people. CDC recommends fair organizers and exhibitors take actions to help prevent the spread of influenza A viruses between animals at fairs and animals and people.

CDC continues to monitor and respond to the public health challenge posed by a multistate outbreak of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus, or “H5N1 bird flu,” in dairy cows and other animals in the U.S. As of June 26, there have been 129 dairy cattle herds with confirmed cases of A(H5N1) virus infections identified in 12 U.S. states. The three positive human cases this year have recovered. Based on the information available at this time, CDC believes that the overall risk to the general public posed by this virus remains low; however, people who have exposure to infected birds or animals are at greater risk and should take precautions.



News You Can Use

CDC Updates RSV Vaccination Recommendation for Adults

On June 26, CDC updated its recommendation for the use of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines in people ages 60 years and older. For this upcoming respiratory virus season, CDC recommends:

- Everyone ages 75 years and older receive the RSV vaccine.
- People ages 60 years to 74 years who are at increased risk of severe RSV, meaning they have certain chronic medical conditions such as lung or heart disease or they live in nursing homes, receive the RSV vaccine.

This recommendation is for adults who did not get an RSV vaccine last year. The RSV vaccine is not currently an annual vaccine, meaning people do not need to get a dose every RSV season. Eligible adults can get an RSV vaccine at any time, but the best time to get vaccinated is in late summer and early fall before RSV usually starts to spread in communities.

View the full media statement at [CDC Updates RSV Vaccination Recommendation for Adults](#).

Recipient Experience Survey Closes June 28

CDC's [Public Health Infrastructure Center](#) in collaboration with [CFI Group](#) implemented the [CDC Funded Recipient Experience Survey](#) in directly funded state, tribal, local, or territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. CFI sent the survey in May to principal investigators and project directors at STLT agencies receiving CDC funding. The survey was emailed from noreply@gemailserver.com.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and will remain open until June 28. CDC will use the collected information across the agency to reduce recipient burden and improve satisfaction with CDC services and support. Survey questions can be directed to Recipient-Survey@cdc.gov.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 28](#)
- [Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Population Estimates — United States, 2022](#)
- [Persistent Transmission of Circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus — Somalia, January 2017–March 2024](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Multidisciplinary Approach to Investigating Brucella canis Exposures — South Carolina, September 2023](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **NEW** [Considerations and Information for Fair Exhibitors to Help Prevent Influenza](#)
- **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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