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FRIDAY UPDATE

*** This week's DSLR Friday Update is being published early due to the Independence Day holiday. ***

July 3, 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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July 10 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Resources for Risk Assessments and Exercises

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 equip participants with the knowledge and tools to effectively respond to chemical incidents and climate-related natural disasters, with a focus on building resilience and ensuring health equity. 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>

CDC Reminds Recipients to Download Attachments in PERFORMS

As noted previously, CDC is sunsetting PERFORMS (Preparedness Emergency Response System for Oversight, Reporting, and Management Services) on August 31. Before the system closes, CDC encourages recipients to **download any attachments by Friday, August 16**, using the following instructions.

Instructions for downloading PERFORMS Attachments

Step 1: Log into PERFORMS.

Step 2: Select the module, such as Application, Annual Progress Report, or Ad Hoc Attachments.

Step 3: Scroll to the Attachments box on the module summary page (in Ad Hoc Attachments, this is the only box available).

Step 4: Click the hyperlinked name of the attachment to be downloaded; the attachment will download automatically. Repeat this step for each attachment to be downloaded in that module.

Step 5: Switch modules or budget period as needed and follow steps 3 and 4.

Note that the Ad Hoc Attachments module does not have a budget period and all attachments uploaded in Ad Hoc Attachments appear in the attachments box regardless of when they were uploaded.

Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for additional information or email questions to the PERFORMS Helpdesk at performssupport@cdc.gov.



CDC Updates COVID-19 Workforce Funding No-Cost Extension Information

CDC has approved no-cost extensions (NCE) for 57 recipients of the Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) COVID-19 funding awarded in 2021 for workforce development activities. Recipients who have approved NCEs can review their approved NCEs and new Notices of Award (NoA) in GrantSolutions. All recipients must submit semiannual progress and fiscal reports in REDCap until the end of their new periods of performance. The next reporting deadline is **Monday, July 22**. Final closeout documents for all recipients are due 120 days after the end of their approved periods of performance. For questions on closeout processes or other issues, recipients can contact CDC at DSLRCrisisCoag@cdc.gov.

CDC H5N1 Response Update Available Online

Weekly updates on A(H5N1) bird flu response activities led by CDC are posted online, with the latest update available at [CDC A\(H5N1\) Bird Flu Response Update June 28, 2024 | Bird Flu | CDC](#). Among the updates is information on Michigan's H5N1 bird flu seroprevalence study of individuals exposed to sick cows. CDC is providing technical assistance on the study, which aims to determine if there has been asymptomatic infection with H5N1 bird flu among people who have worked with sick cows, if certain jobs might increase risk of exposure, and how personal protective equipment (PPE) can protect against infection. A summary of all of CDC's H5N1 response activities can be found at [News & Spotlights | Bird Flu | CDC](#).

CDC Releases 2024-2025 COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Recommendations

CDC recently released the following updates on 2024-2025 COVID-19 and Influenza (flu) vaccine recommendations.

COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation

CDC recommends everyone ages six months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine when these vaccines are available later this year. The 2024-2025 vaccine is formulated to protect against currently circulating variants of COVID-19 and will protect people from the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 illness this fall and winter. Vaccination continues to remain the safest and most dependable strategy to build immunity and protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19. Learn more at [Vaccines for COVID-19](#).

Flu Vaccine Recommendation

CDC recommends everyone six months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive an updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza and its potentially serious complications this fall and winter. Most people need only one dose of the flu vaccine each season. While CDC recommends flu vaccination as long as influenza viruses are circulating, September and October remain the best times for most people to get vaccinated.

The updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine will be trivalent and will protect against an H1N1, H3N2, and a B/Victoria lineage virus. The composition of this season's vaccine compared with last season has been updated with a new [influenza A\(H3N2\) virus](#). Learn more at [Seasonal Flu Vaccines](#).



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- **July 17** – [CDC PHEP Monthly Conference Call](#) (2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT)



Preparedness and Response Resources

ASPR Releases Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Strategy

On June 25, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), through the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), announced the [Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Strategy](#). BARDA will leverage existing infrastructures and capabilities to respond to the current avian influenza A(H5N1) threat while continuing to establish new capabilities to improve rapid response to both the current H5N1 virus and other potential pandemic influenza viruses in the future. More details are available in the ASPR press release at [ASPR releases pandemic influenza preparedness and response strategy \(hhs.gov\)](#).

CDC Publishes Supplement on Practice-Based Health Equity Research

CDC and the Public Health Reports (PHR) recently published the [Practice-Based Health Equity Research from the Frontlines](#) online supplement. This supplement is designed to provide state, tribal, local, and territorial public health practitioners with opportunities to discuss health equity-related insights and to highlight their activities on behalf of the public to advance health equity.



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News You Can Use

ASTHO to Host Webinar on Innovating Public Health Systems

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) will host a webinar, [“INSPIRE: Readiness: Innovating in Public Health Systems”](#) from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on July 11**. The webinar will focus on new approaches to driving innovation in complex public health systems. Participants will learn more about emerging trends and how to foster environments that promote creativity and new ideas.

USDA Accepting Emergency Livestock Assistance Applications to Help Offset Losses Due to H5N1

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced that it is now accepting applications through its updated Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) to provide financial assistance to eligible dairy producers who incur milk losses due to the H5N1 infection in their dairy herds. Read more at [USDA to Begin Accepting Applications for Expanded Emergency Livestock Assistance Program to Help Dairy Producers Offset Milk Loss Due to H5N1](#).

FDA Provides H5N1 Updates

On June 25, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made available an [agenda](#) that outlines various research efforts the agency is undertaking to help ensure the safety of the U.S. commercial milk supply during the outbreak of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus in dairy cattle.

Learn more at [Updates on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\)](#).



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 3](#)
- [Reported Incidence of Infections Caused by Pathogens Transmitted Commonly Through Food: Impact of Increased Use of Culture-Independent Diagnostic Tests — Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network, 1996–2023](#)
- [Reported Xylazine Use Among Adults Aged ≥18 Years Evaluated for Substance Use Treatment — United States, July 2022–September 2023](#)

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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