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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 Cooperative Agreement Updates**

### CDC Extends Submission Deadline for Responses to BP1 Conditions of Award

During the July 17 PHEP recipient call, CDC provided an update on the submission of recipient responses to their Budget Period 1 (BP1) conditions of award (CoA). CDC has extended the deadline to **Monday**, **September 30**. CDC is conducting a secondary review of recipient applications to determine what additional information recipients need to submit and to ensure that information is accurately reflected in the Excel workbooks recipients will use to submit their responses. This review is expected to be completed by July 31. CDC will provide more specific details on the workbook submission process during training and office hours sessions tentatively planned for the last week of July.

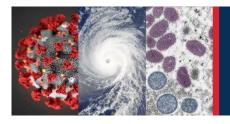
Other CDC updates included a reminder that CDC is sunsetting PERFORMS on August 31. Before the system closes, CDC encourages recipients to download any attachments by **Friday, August 16**. Recipients can find download Instructions in the <u>July 3 DSLR Friday Update</u>. Recipients can contact their PHEP project officers for additional information or email questions to the PERFORMS Helpdesk at <u>performssupport@cdc.gov</u>.

In response to questions regarding the submission of risk assessment data elements, CDC summarized the information provided in the <u>June 7 DSLR Friday Update</u>. The required elements that recipients must submit by January 31, 2025, include:

- Participants involved in the assessment,
- Identified risks,

- A ranking of the top five risks,
- Public health consequences of the risks describing the vulnerabilities associated with prioritized risks.
- Resources used to conduct the risk assessments, such as CDC's <u>Social Vulnerability Index</u>, CDC <u>PLACES</u>, or HHS <u>emPOWER</u> data, and
- Identified expertise to provide consultation during a public health emergency associated with prioritized risks.

CDC also announced during the call that it would no longer be offering replays of the recipient calls. Instead, CDC will post the recordings of the calls and other materials in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center.



## **Emergency Response Activities**

### CDC Response All-STLT Call to Be Held July 22

CDC's next Response All-STLT Update Call will be held at **2 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 22**. CDC subject matter experts will provide updates on CDC's emergency response-related activities. A portion of the time will also be allotted to answer participants' questions regarding the presented topics. A replay of the call will be held at 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 23, using the same connection details. Following is the participant information.

### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 016 7208 Passcode: 46217352

Access Link; https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09

To subscribe to this listserv to receive updated invitations to the monthly CDC All-STLT Update Call and the replay, please email <a href="mailto:eocevent375@cdc.gov">eocevent375@cdc.gov</a>.

## **Emergency Use Instructions for Oseltamivir Now Available**

On July 19, CDC issued <u>emergency use instructions (EUI)</u> for the antiviral drug oseltamivir, the generic drug for Tamiflu. The EUI focuses on treatment or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) of pandemic influenza A viruses and novel influenza A viruses with pandemic potential.

#### CDC Working to Develop A(H5) Laboratory Tests

CDC continues to respond to the outbreak of H5N1 bird flu in dairy cows that has so far affected 163 herds in 13 states, with eight human cases confirmed by CDC as of July 18. Recent CDC activities include finalizing agreements with eight commercial laboratories to develop tests to identify A(H5) infections in people; posting information that describes and illustrates the procedure for collecting, storing, and shipping conjunctival specimens for testing using the A(H5) assay; and reporting that extensive efforts to sequence or isolate virus from a human case in Colorado were unsuccessful.

Learn more at CDC A(H5N1) Bird Flu Response Update, July 12, 2024.



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## **Preparedness and Response Resources**

## **ASTHO Hosts Webinar on Disability Equity in Emergency Preparedness**

The Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) will host a webinar on "<u>Disability Equity in Emergency Preparedness: Lessons from COVID-19 Vaccination in Massachusetts</u>," from **3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 24**. This virtual discussion will highlight how tailored emergency response strategies can enhance accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. Register in advance to attend the webinar.

## NACCHO Releases New Guide to Building a Climate-Ready Rural Workforce

The National Association of County Health Officials (NACCHO) released a practical guide to support rural local health departments (LHDs) in their efforts to build a climate-ready workforce. Rural LHDs can refer to this guide when building a climate and health program for the first time, or when scaling up their programs to increase their climate response and adaptation capacity. Although this guide is tailored to assist rural LHDs, the activities may be adaptable to LHDs of varying capacities. Click here to learn more and download the guide.



## **News You Can Use**

#### **CDC Posts Job Announcement for DSLR Division Director**

CDC is currently seeking applicants for the position of director of the <u>Division of State and Local Readiness</u> in the <u>Office of Readiness and Response</u>.

The division director position is an excepted service position under Title 42. No previous federal work experience is required. Applicants for the Health Scientist 601 position must possess a degree with a major study in an academic field related to the medical field, health sciences, or allied sciences appropriate to the work of the position. In addition to the basic qualification requirement, a Ph.D. in an academic field related to the medical field, health sciences, or allied sciences appropriate to the work of the position is required. Applicants for the Medical Officer 602 position must have an M.D., D.V.M, D.O, or equivalent degree. This position is open only to citizens of the United States. The person selected must undergo a background check and qualify for top secret security clearance.

Completed applications must be submitted by **Monday**, **August 5**. The announcement and instructions for applying can be found using the following links.

- RF-0601-00 Health Scientist Vacancy Announcement Number: HHS-CDC-RF-24-12460971
- RF-0602-00 Medical Officer Vacancy Announcement Number: HHS-CDC-RF-24-12460973

Please direct questions regarding this position to Acting DSLR Director Kate Noelte at XJR8@cdc.gov.

## CDC Data Shows More Than 70 Million U.S. Adults Report Having a Disability

CDC recently released the annual update to the Disability and Health Data System (DHDS), providing quick and easy online access to state-level health data on adults with disabilities. The latest data, from the 2022 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), reveal that more than one in four – more than 70 million – adults in the United States reported having a disability in 2022.

Read the full media statement at CDC Data Shows Over 70 Million U.S. Adults Reported Having a Disability.

### U.S. Declares Public Health Emergency in Texas in Response to Hurricane Beryl

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra recently declared a <u>public health emergency</u> (PHE) for Texas to address the health impacts of recent severe weather. The declaration follows President Biden's <u>emergency declaration</u> and gives the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), health care providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting emergency health needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry have shared vital health and safety messaging and communication materials with public health officials in Texas and will continue to provide additional environmental public health resources and support as needed.



## **Online Resources**

## **CDC MMWR Reports**

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 19
- Progress Toward Achieving and Sustaining Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination Worldwide,
  2000–2022
- <u>Childhood Lead Exposure Linked to Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches North Carolina, June</u> 2023–January 2024
- Notes from the Field: Schedule I Substances Identified in Nootropic Gummies Containing Amanita muscaria or Other Mushrooms Charlottesville, Virginia, 2023–2024
- QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Walked for Transportation and Walked for Leisure in the Past 7 Days, by Urban-Rural Status United States, 2022

#### **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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