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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.

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CDC will conduct three training sessions the week of August 5 for PHEP recipients on how to submit their responses to their PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1) conditions of award (CoA). After the training sessions, CDC will provide jurisdiction-specific CoA response Excel workbooks that recipients will use to respond to their CoAs. Following are the training details.

- 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT, Wednesday, August 7
- 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, August 7
- 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT, Thursday, August 8

Participant Information

Meeting ID: 161 759 1934 Passcode: 160791 Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617591934?pwd=vhtguLWT13md7RyUbas1FJLZv51Cuq.1

August 14 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Disaster Behavioral Health

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Strengthening Community Resilience: Bridging Disaster Behavioral Health Across All



Phases of Disasters," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 14**. This webinar will describe the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) role in fostering and supporting disaster behavioral health in all phases of disasters, including emergency response. SAMHSA presenters will highlight resources tailored for public health communities to seamlessly integrate mental health and substance abuse tools and resources into the broader scope of public health and medical emergency management. The webinar will also cover SAMHSA's efforts prior to, during, and after disasters, as well as the guiding principles and available resources in disaster behavioral health, including workforce support. Presenters will also discuss the significance of disaster behavioral health in addressing emerging challenges such as extreme heat and climate change. Following is the participant information.

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



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Confirms Three Human Cases of H5 Bird Flu Among Colorado Poultry Workers

On July 25, CDC <u>reported</u> it has confirmed three additional human cases of <u>highly pathogenic avian influenza</u> A(H5) virus infection in association with a second poultry farm in northeast Colorado/Weld County. The three confirmed cases occurred in people who were working directly with infected poultry at a commercial egg layer operation that had reported an outbreak of H5 bird flu among poultry. This is a different farm in Colorado from the one where on Friday, July 19, CDC confirmed <u>two additional human cases of H5 bird flu</u>. With the addition of these three new confirmed human cases, the total number of human cases associated with the current poultry outbreaks in Colorado is nine. CDC has deployed a multidisciplinary, bilingual field team to support Colorado's response to ongoing poultry outbreaks of H5 bird flu in the state.

New Influenza A Virus Wastewater Data Now Available

CDC has updated its findings from the agency's most recent wastewater surveillance. From June 30 through July 13, a total of 301 of 743 sites reported data meeting criteria for analysis for influenza A virus for both weeks or for either week. Public health officials at CDC and state and local health departments are monitoring these data. For areas where influenza A virus levels in wastewater are high, CDC works with relevant partners to better understand the factors that could be contributing to these levels. Current wastewater monitoring methods detect influenza A viruses but do not determine the subtype. This means that avian influenza A(H5N1) viruses can be detected but would not be distinguished from other influenza A virus subtypes.

Additional information is available at Influenza A Virus Wastewater Data.



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NACCHO to Host Webinar on H5N1 and Dengue

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar on "H5N1 and Dengue Overview with CDC and Colorado," from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 29**. Speakers from CDC and Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment will provide overviews of the current H5N1 and dengue outbreaks. The webinar will include a question-and-answer session. Register in advance to attend learn more and attend the webinar.

CDC Webinar on Public Health Preparedness and Response Data Ecosystem Models to Be Held August 8

CDC, in partnership with academic regional contractors, University of Washington, University of Utah, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will host a webinar entitled "<u>Unlock the Power of Your Region:</u> <u>Data Ecosystem Models for Public Health Preparedness and Response</u>" from **1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 8**. The regional data ecosystem models are designed to coordinate and support public health emergency preparedness and response operational and research activities by:

- Establishing a network of partners to meet disaster-related data needs for population-specific communities.
- Streamlining a rapid process for data identification, collection, sharing, and use regionally.
- Identifying feasible solutions to commonly occurring challenges, including data sharing and interoperability.

Presenters will explore plans and processes supporting the development of regional data ecosystem models across U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions 4, 8, and 10. State, tribal, local, and territorial health department practitioners, data and informatics specialists, policymakers, academic and disaster researchers, non-profit organizations, and health care officials are encouraged to attend the webinar.

Register in advance to attend the webinar. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

NGA Releases Public Health Emergency Playbook

The <u>National Governors Association</u> (NGA) recently released its <u>Public Health Emergency Playbook</u>. Governors have unique and life-saving roles, responsibilities, and powers in public health emergencies. NGA's new playbook provides a comprehensive overview of steps governors can take to save lives before, during, and after public health emergencies.

CDC provided funding and technical expertise in developing this playbook, which was developed through significant research and extensive interviews with federal, state, and local entities to capture best practices. The playbook was also informed by insights from state and territorial leaders, including several PHEP directors, at a 2023 workshop that was jointly hosted by NGA and the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials. Collectively, the perspectives of more than 30 states and territories, as well as key federal agencies, contributed to the development of the playbook.



News You Can Use

NACCHO Now Accepting Abstract Submissions for 2025 Preparedness Summit

The <u>NACCHO 2025 Preparedness Summit</u> will be held from April 29 to May 2 in San Antonio, Texas, and the call for abstracts is officially open. This year's theme, "**Pathways to Recovery in the Aftermath of Disasters**," provides an opportunity to ask questions and develop answers as regarding roles, responsibilities, and resources needed to undertake the crucial step of recovery.

The summit planning committee invites public health, healthcare, disaster relief, emergency management, and other professionals nationwide to showcase and share their research findings, best practice training models, tools, or other resources that advance the field of public health and healthcare preparedness and response.

Abstract submissions must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PST on September 13**.

CDC Advises of Disruptions in Availability of Blood Culture Bottles

CDC issued a Health Alert Network health <u>advisory</u> on July 23 to inform health care providers, laboratory professionals, health care facility administrators, and state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments of a critical <u>shortage</u> of Becton Dickinson (BD) BACTEC[™] blood culture media bottles. This shortage has the potential to disrupt patient care by leading to delays in diagnosis, misdiagnosis, or other challenges in the clinical management of patients with certain infectious diseases. Those affected by this shortage should immediately begin to assess their situations and develop plans and options to mitigate the potential impact of the shortage on patient care.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 26
- Adult Smoking Cessation United States, 2022
- Suspected Counterfeit M-30 Oxycodone Pill Exposures and Acute Withdrawals Reported from a Single Hospital — Toxicology Investigators Consortium Core Registry, U.S. Census Bureau Western Region, 2017–2022
- <u>Progress Toward Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus Region of the</u> <u>Americas, 2012–2022</u>
- <u>Notes from the Field</u>: Health Monitoring, Testing, and Case Identification Among Persons Exposed to Influenza A(H5N1) — Michigan, 2024

CDC Online Resources

- NEW Dengue: Current Year Data (2024)
- UPDATED Measles Cases and Outbreaks
- UPDATED <u>COVID Data Tracker</u>
- UPDATED <u>CDC Respiratory Virus Updates</u>
- UPDATED Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report
- UPDATED <u>RSV VaxView</u>

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