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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 Releases New PHEP Supplemental Guidance

CDC has released two new PHEP supplemental guidance documents on the CDC website. The new documents focus on the Response Readiness Framework risk communication and recovery priorities. PHEP recipients and other state and local preparedness planners can access the guidance at:

- <u>2024-2028 PHEP NOFO Recovery Supplemental Guidance</u>
- 2024-2028 PHEP NOFO Risk Communication Supplemental Guidance

Other 2024-2028 PHEP Cooperative Agreement Budget Period 1 supporting documents can be found at <u>2024-2028 PHEP Cooperative Agreement Guidance/Budget Period 1</u>. These documents are also available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center.

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>

August 16 Last Day to Download PERFORMS Data

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 <u>performssupport@cdc.gov</u>.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Funding Supports Seasonal Flu Shots to Farmworkers

CDC recently announced a \$5 million initiative to vaccinate U.S. farmworkers against seasonal influenza. CDC will use \$2 million to purchase seasonal influenza vaccines and will award \$3 million to select states to support their planning and operations in administering these vaccines. Funding is available to 13 jurisdictions with confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in livestock. Recipients must facilitate seasonal Influenza and COVID-19 vaccination for farmworkers with increased risk of avian influenza. CDC encourages recipients to hold mobile vaccination clinics on farm sites or other sites specifically for farmworkers. Applications are due **Friday, August 16**.

CDC's National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will manage the vaccine campaign. For more information, jurisdictions should contact the NCIRD Immunization Services Division (ISD) at acstechassistance@cdc.qov or their ISD project officers.

Visit <u>H5 Bird Flu: Current Situation</u> to learn more about current outbreaks and for weekly updates on CDC response activities.



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New Chemical Preparedness Handbook Now Available

NACCHO, in partnership with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), recently released a new <u>chemical preparedness handbook for local health departments</u>. The handbook is designed to assist local health departments in developing effective public health preparedness and response plans for low-probability, high-risk chemical incidents. This new resource contains information on chemical incident planning and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. It also contains several planning checklists with recommended steps and actions local health departments should consider when developing preparedness plans tailored to their communities. Learn more at the <u>NACCHO website</u> and access the <u>Chemical Preparedness Resource Library/Toolkit</u>.



News You Can Use

NACCHO Announces New Climate and Health Guide

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) announced a new <u>Guide to Climate</u> and <u>Health Programs</u> created by NACCHO's <u>Global Climate Change workgroup</u>, comprised of local health officials across the United States.

NACCHO's Global Climate Change Workgroup spent the past year <u>documenting</u> how local health departments are building climate and health programs and bringing their expertise to local sustainability, adaptation, and resiliency projects. <u>A primer to the full guide</u> introduces four specific climate and health models, providing a framework for local health departments for establishing a climate and health program or building capacity for an existing one. A <u>customizable slide deck</u> is also available.

EPA Hosts Webinar on Health Impacts of Air Pollutants

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a webinar, "<u>Health Impacts of Air Pollutants Beyond</u> <u>Cardiovascular or Respiratory Effects</u>," from **3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20**. This presentation will highlight research from EPA scientists that examines associations between air pollution and health impacts other than cardiovascular and respiratory disease. Some of these health impacts include pregnancy and birth outcomes; child and developmental health; nervous system, cognitive, and mental health; metabolic, liver, and kidney diseases; and cancers.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 9
- U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use, 2024
- U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, 2024
- Mortality in the United States Provisional Data, 2023
- Health and Economic Benefits of Routine Childhood Immunizations in the Era of the Vaccines for Children Program — United States, 1994–2023
- <u>Notes from the Field</u>: Prevalence of Previous Dengue Virus Infection Among Children and Adolescents Aged 7–16 Years — American Samoa, September–October 2023
- Erratum: Vol. 72, No. RR-6

CDC Online Resources

- **NEW** <u>Health Alert Network (HAN) Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox</u> Virus with Geographic Spread in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- UPDATED Preventing Measles Before and After Travel Fact Sheet
- UPDATED Measles Cases and Outbreaks
- UPDATED COVID Data Tracker
- UPDATED CDC Respiratory Virus Updates
- UPDATED Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report
- UPDATED <u>RSV VaxView</u>

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