

#### August 30, 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 (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**

#### September 11 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Response and Recovery Coordination in Rural, Frontier, and Tribal Communities



CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Enhancing Response and

Recovery Coordination in Rural, Frontier, and Tribal Communities," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday**, **September 11**. This webinar will discuss challenges and solutions in coordinating response and recovery efforts in rural and frontier communities. Presenters will also share strategies to enhance coordination with tribal communities. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

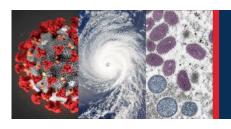
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Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865

#### **August PHEP Recipient Webinar Materials Now Available**

The slides and recording from CDC's August PHEP recipient webinar are now available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center. Recipients can access the materials at

https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/August-21st-PHEP-Recipient-Call.



# **Emergency Response Activities**

#### CDC Releases Closeout Requirements for COVID-19 Workforce Development Funding

In 2021, CDC awarded \$2 billion in COVID-19 supplemental funding to the 65 eligible jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded list for CDC-RFA-TP18-1802 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce. Of the 65 recipients who received the COVID-19 supplemental funding, 57 have received no-cost extensions, allowing them until June 30, 2025, to complete their workforce development activities.

Upon completion of their activities, recipients must finalize their closeout reports within 120 days of the end of their performance period. For those recipients who do not have no-cost extensions, they must submit their closeout reports to CDC by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 29. CDC's Office of Grants Services will initiate the closeout process for the remaining recipients based on their no-cost extension end dates. Recipients can also contact their assigned grants management specialists and DSLR project officers to request initiation of the closeout process.

As part of the closeout process, recipients must prepare and submit a final performance and evaluation report summarizing program activities from July 1, 2021, through the end of their performance period. CDC has developed an optional template to aid recipients in completing the final performance report, which is required by the CDC Notice of Award. This report will help CDC respond to congressional and other inquiries regarding this funding.

Recipients can request the final performance and evaluation report template by emailing CDC at <a href="mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov">DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov</a>. Recipients should upload completed reports as a grant note in GrantSolutions.



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**Preparedness and Response Resources** 

#### **CDC Observes National Preparedness Month**

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. CDC helps communities prepare for, withstand, and recover from public health emergencies, including infectious, natural, chemical, and nuclear/radiological incidents.

In observance of National Preparedness month, CDC will host a National Preparedness month seminar at 12:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 3. Presenters include CDC Director Mandy K. Cohen; L. Vance Taylor, chief of the Office of Access and Functional Needs at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services;



CDC Office of Readiness and Response Director Henry Walke; and CDC Division of Readiness and Response Science Director Lisa Barrios. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 130 3022 Passcode: 75540454

Access Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611303022?pwd=Qhd68zAs30ZpwoF2MS9VbD3145kTR0.1

#### **CDC Helps Families Prepare for Upcoming School Season**

As children return to school this fall, CDC is providing resources to protect children and their families from respiratory viruses. CDC's <u>Respiratory Virus Guidance</u> provides practical recommendations and information to help lower the risk of common respiratory viral illnesses, including COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). In addition, CDC will host a webinar at **3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 4**, focused on mitigating the spread of infectious diseases in K-12 schools.

This webinar will present CDC's forecast for the upcoming fall and winter respiratory season; highlight CDC's recently released <u>Preventing the Spread of Infections in K-12 Schools</u> guidance; and provide strategies for partnering with health departments to prepare for the respiratory virus season. Preparedness starts with schools taking everyday preventive measures, or daily actions, to help reduce the spread of infections, as well as establishing an infectious disease annex as part of the emergency operations plan. This webinar will help schools understand the daily actions that support infection prevention and highlight considerations for infectious disease outbreaks and pandemic planning. Participants must <u>register</u> in advance to attend the webinar. After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

#### SNS September 18 Office Hours to Highlight NACCHO MCM Start-Up Guide

The next Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Office Hours will be held at 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 18. This one-hour national call is for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. It will begin with a 15-minute update on current guidance for protecting farmworkers and others in contact with cattle or infected animals from H5N1 bird flu. SNS will also provide an update on available personal protective equipment to support jurisdictional needs. The rest of the session will focus on the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Countermeasure (MCM) Start-Up Guide.

To ensure maximum benefit from this session, SNS strongly encourages participants to submit questions by **Friday, September 6**, to <a href="mailto:sns-sltt@hhs.gov">sns-sltt@hhs.gov</a> with the subject line SNS Office Hours - NACCHO MCM Start-Up Guide.



## **News You Can Use**

#### ACIP Flu Vaccination Recommendations for 2024-2025 Season Now Available

CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have released <u>guidance</u> for the use of flu vaccines for the upcoming influenza (flu) season. All U.S. flu vaccines this season will be trivalent (three virus) vaccines and were updated from last season's vaccines to provide optimal protection. ACIP recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone six months and older. Adults 65 years and older should receive an adjuvanted or higher dose flu vaccine, if available.

#### HHS Launches National Public Education Campaign Ahead of Respiratory Virus Season

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched a new national campaign to inform the public about common respiratory viruses and available vaccines. The <u>Risk Less. Do More.</u> campaign aims to increase awareness of vaccines that reduce serious illness from influenza (flu), COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in high-risk populations and to limit the spread of these viruses among all Americans.



### **Online Resources**

#### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 30
- Oropouche Virus Disease Among U.S. Travelers United States, 2024
- Cluster of Influenza A(H5) Cases Associated with Poultry Exposure at Two Facilities Colorado, July 2024
- Changes in Health Indicators Among Caregivers United States, 2015–2016 to 2021–2022.
- Reported Non–Substance-Related Mental Health Disorders Among Persons Who Died of Drug Overdose — United States, 2022
- Notes from the Field: Intimate Partner Homicide Among Women United States, 2018–2021

#### **CDC Online Resources**

- UPDATED Bird Flu News and Spotlights
- 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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