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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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 (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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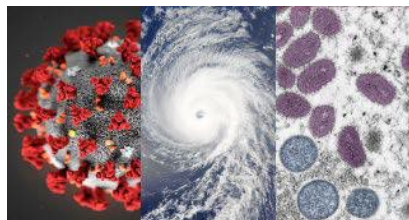
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2025 SAS License Requests Due October 18

Starting Monday, October 7, PHEP project officers will email Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) license renewal instructions and request forms to PHEP recipients. Recipients must sign and return completed forms to their PHEP project officers by **Friday, October 18**. The current SAS licenses will expire December 31. CDC's SAS license manager will distribute fiscal year 2025 licenses from January 2025 through March 31, 2025. Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for additional information.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Issues Guidance to Redirect Funding for Marburg Virus Disease and Hurricane Response Activities

On September 27, 2024, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Rwanda reported cases of Marburg Virus Disease (Marburg), a rare, severe viral hemorrhagic fever, in health facilities in the country. In response to this outbreak and out of an abundance of caution, starting in mid-October, CDC and the Department of

Homeland Security (DHS) plan to begin implementing public health entry screening at certain U.S. airports for people coming from the Republic of Rwanda.

In addition to Marburg activities, some jurisdictions are responding to the impact of recent hurricanes. In some jurisdictions, infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, and businesses and homes have been lost. A federal, multi-agency response is being taken to address the impact of these recent storms.

State, tribal, local, and territorial public health departments may potentially use existing CDC funding mechanisms to support Marburg activities as well as to support short-term response needs for current hurricane response activities. Recipients may not request a redirection of programmatic funds to support the response, if the response activities are already covered or paid for by other federal funds, including activities funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Stafford Act, as well as any matching requirements or cost sharing.

This guidance will be available in the Knowledge Center on Ready CAMP.

SNS October 16 Office Hours Highlight NACCHO MCM Start-Up Guide

The next Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Office Hours will be held at **4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 16**. This one-hour national call is for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. During this session, National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) subject matter experts will:

- Explain the purpose of the Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Start-Up Guide.
- Outline the goals of the MCM Workgroup, ongoing projects, and opportunities for collaboration.
- Identify audience priorities for the MCM workgroup's focus.

This session is ideal for new MCM staff, those overseeing staff and stakeholder orientation, and preparedness and response planning staff. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions to shape the MCM Workgroup's activities.

To ensure maximum benefit from this session, participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions in advance to sns-slitt@hhs.gov (please use the following subject heading: "SNS Office Hours – NACCHO MCM Start-Up Guide") by **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**.

Participants should [register here for the October SNS Office Hours](#). Within 72 hours of registering, please look for a message from no-reply@zoomgov.com. This message will contain an invite that you can easily add to your calendar. For questions, email sns-slitt@hhs.gov.

CDC Oropouche Response: The Threat of Biting Midges

Biting midges, tiny flies less than 1/8th of an inch long, pose a significant threat as carriers of the Oropouche virus in South America and the Caribbean. Found throughout the Western Hemisphere, including the southeastern and midwestern United States, these pests thrive in woodlands and wet environments.

Travelers returning from affected areas may inadvertently spread the virus if bitten by an infected midge. Currently, there is no vaccine or treatment for Oropouche. Use EPA-registered insect repellent during travel and continue precautions for three weeks after returning to prevent any local outbreaks.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

Navigate the 2025 Hurricane Season Safely

Hurricanes can bring heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding, posing significant threats to public health and safety. Take proactive steps to enhance resilience and minimize the impact of hurricanes. Stay informed, stay prepared, and prioritize health and safety this hurricane season. Proactive measures can make all the difference in ensuring a safe response to any storm.

- [Preparing for Hurricanes or Other Tropical Storms | Hurricanes | CDC](#)
- [Safety Guidelines: After a Hurricane or Other Tropical Storm | Hurricanes | CDC](#)
- [Hurricanes | Ready.gov](#)
 - Available in multiple languages
- [Hurricane Preparedness Graphics | Ready.gov](#)
- [Hurricane Season Preparedness Digital Toolkit | Ready.gov](#)



News You Can Use

CDC Hosts October 23 Webinar on Health Equity in Emergency Preparedness and Response

CDC's Office of Health Equity (OHE) and Office of Readiness and Response (ORR) will host a webinar **from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 23**, to share the importance of health equity in emergency and preparedness. OHE and ORR will present on its emergency response work, including the establishment of the Chief Health Equity Officer (CHEO) unit in CDC emergency responses. Additional presenters include subject matter experts from Choose Healthy Life, the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, and the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). [Register here](#).



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 11](#)
- [Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Diagnosis, Treatment, and Telehealth Use in Adults — National Center for Health Statistics Rapid Surveys System, United States, October–November 2023](#)
- [Risk of Mpox Disease Associated with Intimate and Nonintimate Close Contact Among Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Adults — United States, August 2022–July 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Mpox Cluster Caused by Tecovirimat-Resistant Monkeypox Virus — Five States, October 2023–February 2024](#)

- [Notes from the Field: Suspected Outbreak of Trichinellosis Associated with Undercooked Bear Meat — North Carolina, November 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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