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FRIDAY UPDATE

February 23, 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 (DSL)R 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 released today, February 23, the 2024-2028 PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), CDC-RFA-TU24-0137, on www.grants.gov. PHEP recipients received a separate email from CDC earlier today notifying them of the NOFO release, including the link to the NOFO and related application package. Recipients have 60 days to submit their funding applications to Grants.gov. **Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 24.**

As a reminder, CDC will conduct two informational webinars for recipients to discuss the new PHEP NOFO. The PHEP NOFO informational webinars will be held **Thursday, February 29**, with replays scheduled for **Thursday, March 7**. The webinar sessions on both days will be held during the following times.

- 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST
- 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST

Participant Information

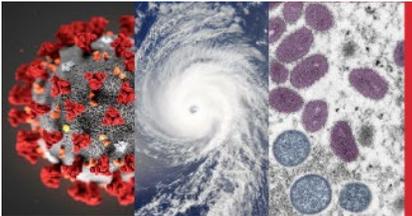
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CDC encourages recipients to review the PHEP NOFO before the informational webinars. Prior to the webinars, recipients should direct NOFO questions to their project officers.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held February 26

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EST on Monday, February 26**. CDC presenters will provide updates on CDC's emergency response-related activities. The webinar will include a question-and-answer session. A replay of the webinar will be offered at **3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 27**. The connection details for this call and the replay are the same. Following is the participant information.

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ASTHO Releases Strategies to Enhance Preparedness and Response

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has released a [technical package](#) of evidence-based strategies designed to enhance public health emergency preparedness and response. The strategies were published in the March/April issue of the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. The national response to COVID-19 highlighted several areas that are crucial to achieving all-hazards readiness, including the importance of specific administrative and operational readiness activities that are vital to community, jurisdictional, and national resilience.

ASTHO has bundled these activities into a “technical package,” a prioritized group of related interventions that, together, allows ASTHO to contribute to substantial improvements in a specific subject matter. ASTHO

technical packages are not intended to be comprehensive, rather prioritize what works to address a particular problem and match the scale of team efforts with ASTHO's organizational capacity.

NEMA to Host Webinar on Integrating Asylum Seekers into Sustainable Community Solutions

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) will host a webinar from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 6**, on “Integrating Asylum Seeker Support into Sustainable Community Solutions.” Presenters will outline the strategies employed to unite their communities in response to the influx of asylum seekers alongside growing demands for social services. This session offers a unique opportunity to learn from real-world experiences, equipping representatives with the tools and insights necessary to navigate the complexities of simultaneous challenges, foster community resilience, and implement effective, sustainable solutions in the face of crises. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.



CDC Releases ORR FY2024 Strategic Plan

CDC's Office of Readiness and Response (ORR) has released its [fiscal year 2024 strategic plan](#), which reflects ORR's role in helping the nation prepare for and respond to urgent threats to the public's health. The plan includes updated strategies and key annual focus areas that address health equity, community mitigation, and evaluation, as well as ongoing programmatic and response priorities for the year.

CDC Director Mandy Cohen has identified readiness and response to health threats as one of CDC's four priorities for 2024. The other CDC priorities for 2024 include improving mental health, supporting young families, and moving forward – one CDC. ORR's strategic plan aligns with and supports the agency's readiness and response initiative. ORR will lead CDC's strategic readiness and response activities across the agency and with external partners.

CDC Warns of E. Coli Outbreak Linked to Raw Milk Cheese

CDC released a food safety [alert](#) regarding a multistate outbreak of *E. coli* infections. Ten people infected with the outbreak strain of *E. coli* have been reported from [four states](#). Four people have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. Of the six people who remembered the details of the raw milk cheese they ate, all reported eating RAW FARM brand raw cheddar cheese. CDC advises people not to eat, sell, or serve RAW FARM brand raw cheddar cheese while the investigation is ongoing. Read the full media alert at <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/s0220-ecoli-outbreak.html>.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 23](#)
- [Progress Toward Measles Elimination — World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2019–2022](#)
- [Outbreak of *Mycobacterium orygis* in a Shipment of *Cynomolgus* Macaques Imported from Southeast Asia — United States, February–May 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Reemergence of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* Infections in Children and Adolescents After the COVID-19 Pandemic, United States, 2018–2024](#)

- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Lacked Reliable Transportation for Daily Living in the Past 12 Months, by Disability Status and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [Flu Vaccination Coverage Update](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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