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FRIDAY UPDATE

March 1, 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 (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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CDC Launches New Ready CAMP System

CDC is scheduled to release today, March 1, its new Ready CAMP (Cooperative Agreement Management Platform). Recipients will receive access to Ready CAMP the week of March 4. The first Ready CAMP release includes the application module that PHEP recipients will use to develop their 2024 PHEP funding applications for the new PHEP five-year period of performance. On February 23, CDC released the [FY2024-2028 PHEP notice of funding opportunity](#) (NOFO), CDC-RFA-TU24-0137, on Grants.gov. CDC encourages recipients to attend one of the three Ready CAMP training sessions scheduled for the following times.

- 1 p.m. EST on Monday, March 4
- 11 a.m. EST on Tuesday, March 5
- 7 p.m. EST on Tuesday March 5

Participant Information

Meeting ID: 161 319 6986

Passcode: 936887

Access Link: [Ready CAMP Training Sessions](#)

In addition to the application module, Ready CAMP includes a knowledge center that will house supplemental resources for recipients. These resources include Ready CAMP application instructions and application module templates that support offline collaboration to aid recipients in developing their PHEP applications. The five application templates correspond with the PHEP five-year work plan sections: 1) Strategies and Activities, 2) Administrative and Federal Requirements, 3) Public Health Capabilities, 4) Capacity Indicators, and 5) Planned Exercises. Recipients must upload all application work plan data into Ready CAMP and then submit their final applications to Grants.gov. **PHEP applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 24.**

Moving forward, CDC will use Ready CAMP to collect and analyze all PHEP program data. Future modules will provide similar functionality for CDC's Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) cooperative agreement. When fully implemented, Ready CAMP will consolidate the functions of several IT systems currently used by recipients:

- PERFORMS (Preparedness Emergency Response System for Oversight, Reporting and Management Services),
- PORTS (PHEP Operational Readiness Review Reporting and Tracking System),
- On-TRAC (Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center),
- REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture), and
- STLT Hub (State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support Task Force).

Full implementation of the IT system is scheduled to be completed in September 2024.

CDC to Host PHEP NOFO Informational Webinar Replays on March 7

On February 23, CDC released its FY2024-2028 PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), CDC-RFA-TU24-0137, on www.grants.gov. CDC conducted two informational webinars on February 29 for recipients to discuss the new PHEP NOFO. PHEP recipients will receive a copy of the webinar slides in a separate email.

Replays of the PHEP NOFO informational webinars are scheduled for **Thursday, March 7**. The replays 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

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

Meeting ID: 160 898 3560

Passcode: 26255195

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1608983560?pwd=U1hzeUFDQzVLSS9rSTYxVjcvK1hWdz09>

Recipients should direct NOFO questions to their project officers.



CDC Releases Interim Considerations for Advanced Readiness and Preparedness for MPXV

On February 29, CDC released interim considerations for advanced readiness and preparedness for Clade I Monkeypox Virus (MPXV). This document provides state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) health officials with suggestions for improving readiness for managing persons with and mitigating outbreaks of Clade I MPXV within their jurisdictions.

Currently, there is an outbreak of concern of Clade I MPXV in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Clade I MPXV is endemic to Central Africa and has previously been observed to be more transmissible and cause more severe infection than Clade II MPXV. At this time, the risk to the United States remains low, and there are no documented cases of Clade I MPXV within the United States.

Health officials should use these interim considerations to assess their jurisdiction's readiness for Clade I MPXV response, identify potential response gaps, coordinate with jurisdictional response partners, and develop strategies for improving readiness, including requesting technical assistance from CDC if needed.

For additional information, email eocevent375@cdc.gov.

CDC Updates TPOXX for Treatment of Mpox Webpage

CDC recently updated its [Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) for Treatment of Mpox](#) webpage to include information on accessing TPOXX for mpox treatment through the [Study of Tecovirimat for Human Mpox Virus \(STOMP\)](#).



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Preparedness and Response Resources

NACCHO to Host Webinar on Long COVID

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with CDC, will host a webinar on Long COVID at **2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 6**. Presenters will provide an overview of long COVID and explore existing research. This webinar will also include a question-and-answer session. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar and submit questions in advance.

FEMA Launches New Resilience Technical Assistance Initiative

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Direct Technical Assistance \(BRIC DTA\)](#) initiative. BRIC supports states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. This initiative provides free support to any local government entity or tribal nation and focuses on underserved communities that are often hit harder by natural disasters and the effects of climate change.

Learn more at [The BRIC DTA Initiative: Collaborating with Communities and Tribal Nations for More Resilient Rebuilding](#).



News You Can Use

Indian Health Service Shares Information on Syphilis Epidemic in Indian Country

The Indian Health Service (IHS) chief medical officer recently shared a [letter](#) with tribal leaders and Urban Indian Organization leaders on efforts to address the syphilis epidemic in Indian Country. Recent IHS data indicate syphilis screening in IHS facilities has increased by 98 percent from 2022 to 2023. The letter provides HIS recommendations for syphilis testing, treatment, and prevention, as well as several related resources.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 1](#)
- [Deaths from Excessive Alcohol Use — United States, 2016–2021](#)
- [Progress Toward Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Elimination — Worldwide, 2012–2022](#)
- [Interim Estimates of 2023–24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness — United States](#)
- [Interim Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness Against Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza — California, October 2023–January 2024](#)
- [Interim Effectiveness of Updated 2023–2024 \(Monovalent XBB.1.5\) COVID-19 Vaccines Against COVID-19–Associated Emergency Department and Urgent Care Encounters and Hospitalization Among Immunocompetent Adults Aged ≥18 Years — VISION and IVY Networks, September 2023–January 2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged 5–17 Years Who Had Chronic School Absenteeism Due to Illness, Injury, or Disability During the Past 12 Months, by Age Group and Year — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019 and 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

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

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