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FRIDAY UPDATE

March 22, 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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Ready CAMP to Launch New Features in April In April 4, CDC's Ready CAMP is scheduled to launch a new feature that will enable PHEP recipients to copy their Budget Period 1 (BP1) work plan and budget workbook information to future budget periods. After they copy their BP1 information into Budget Periods 2-5 workbooks, recipients can edit and update information as needed. The April 4 update will also include a report generation feature. With this new feature, recipients will be able to generate work plan and budget workbook reports that they can download and print.

CDC plans to conduct a series of Ready CAMP office hours soon and will notify recipients once details are finalized.

April 10 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Targeted Violence Prevention for Health Care and Public Health Communities

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Targeted Violence Prevention for Health Care and Public Health Communities," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 10.**

Security experts from the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) will share their insights on conflict prevention

strategies and considerations to enhance safety and security and increase personal resilience in health care and public health communities. Speakers will also introduce tangible ways to identify and mitigate incidents of targeted violence. Participants will learn to recognize the warning signs of someone on a path to violence and the actions that security and other staff can take to prevent a potential incident of violence before it materializes. Following is the participant information.



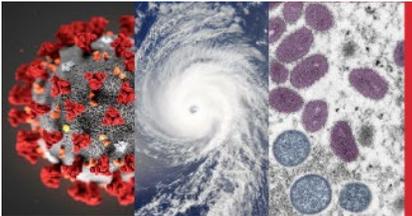
Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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



Emergency Response Activities

CDC All-STLT Call Rescheduled for April 1

CDC has rescheduled the March 25 All-STLT Update Call to **2 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 1**, due to the 2024 Preparedness Summit, which will take place the week of March 25. CDC subject matter experts (SMEs) will provide updates on CDC's emergency response-related activities. SMEs will also answer participants' questions regarding the presented topics. A replay of the call will be held at 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 2. The connection details for both calls are the same. Following is the participant information.

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

Meeting ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>

CDC Issues Health Advisory on Increase in Global and Domestic Measles Cases and Outbreaks

On March 18, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) [health advisory](#) to inform clinicians and public health officials of an increase in global and U.S. measles cases. This HAN also provides guidance on measles prevention for all international travelers ages six months and older and all children ages 12 months and older who do not plan to travel internationally.



From January 1 to March 14, CDC has been notified of 58 confirmed U.S. [cases of measles](#) across 17 jurisdictions, including seven outbreaks in seven jurisdictions compared with 58 total cases and four outbreaks reported the entire year in 2023. Among the 58 cases reported in 2024, 54 (93%) were linked to international travel. Most cases reported in 2024 have been among children ages 12 months and older who had not received measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Many countries, including travel destinations such as Austria, the Philippines, Romania, and the United Kingdom, are experiencing measles outbreaks.

To prevent measles infection and reduce the risk of community transmission from importation, all U.S. residents traveling internationally, regardless of destination, should be current on their MMR vaccinations. Health care providers should ensure children are current on routine immunizations, including MMR. Given currently high population immunity against measles in most U.S. communities, the risk of widescale spread is low. However, pockets of low coverage leave some communities at higher risk for outbreaks.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

2024 Preparedness Summit Features Town Hall Session on New Response Readiness Framework

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2024 [Preparedness Summit](#) will be held **March 25 to March 28** in Cleveland, OH. The summit will provide an opportunity to revisit pressing public health issues, share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats.

The upcoming summit will feature several sessions with DSLR presenters who will provide the latest updates on important PHEP-related topics, including the new Public Health Response Readiness Framework and related PHEP exercise framework.

Monday, March 25

- 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. EDT
Closing the Gaps: An Interdisciplinary Approach to COVID-19 Improvement Planning Across Multiple State Agencies in Utah
DSLR Presenter: Andrea Skewes, CDC Senior Preparedness Field Assignee in Utah

Tuesday, March 26

- Noon to 1:30 p.m. EDT
Poster Session: A Labor of Logistics: Conducting the First Hospital Supply Chain Assessment in West Virginia
DSLR Presenter: Lisa Goldsworthy, CDC Preparedness Field Assignee in West Virginia
- 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT
Town Hall: The Next Generation of CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program
DSLR Presenters: Chris Kosmos, Kate Noelte, Todd Talbert
- 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT
Responsive and Reactive: Designing and Implementing a Data Management Platform to Meet the Evolving Needs of Georgia's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program
DSLR Presenter: Gwen Ruppert, CDC Preparedness Field Assignee in Georgia

Wednesday, March 27

- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EDT
Exercise, Exercise, Exercise! Understanding the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement Exercise Framework
Presenters: Todd Talbert, David Dickerson/DSLR; Nathan Weed, Washington State Public Health Department
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT
A Tiered Approach to Responder Readiness at the Utah Department of Health and Human Services
CDC Presenter: Andrea Skewes, CDC Senior Preparedness Field Assignee in Utah
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. EDT
Getting on the Same Page: Plan Standardization for Seamless Public Health Response in Tennessee
DSLR Presenter: Jennifer Johnson, CDC Senior Preparedness Field Assignee in Tennessee

Thursday, March 28

- 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. EDT
Regional Public Health Preparedness and Response Planning: Opportunities for Cross-Sector Partner Alignment

Office of Readiness and Response Presenters: Mary Leinhos, Robin Soler, Mimi Kothari

- 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. EDT
Rural Public Health and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities: Recommendations for Addressing Rural Preparedness and Response Challenges by Building on Rural Strengths
NACCHO and other presenters
- On Demand Session: Employing the Cloud-based Tool Salesforce to Allow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Responders to Manage Technical Assistance with State Health Departments during Emergencies
DSLIR Presenters: Jennifer Renjel, Laird Ruth

NACCHO Releases New Resource on Strategies to Strengthen Local Recruiting Efforts

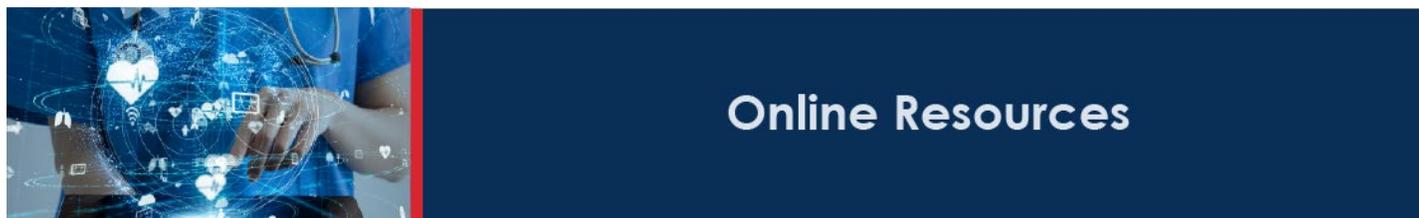
NACCHO, with support from CDC, released a new resource to help facilitate efforts to expand and improve the public health workforce and attract the next generation of public health professionals. The [5 Strategies to Strengthen Marketing of Local Health Department Recruiting Efforts](#) provides tangible ideas for promoting local health departments as a great place to work and getting job openings in front of viable candidates. This document also includes actionable information, helpful links, and real-world examples from local health departments and private sector recruitment efforts.



ACIP Recommends That Older Adults Receive Additional Dose of Updated COVID-19 Vaccine

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommends adults ages 65 years and older receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose. The recommendation acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 in older adults, along with the currently available data on vaccine effectiveness. Data continues to show the importance of vaccination to protect those most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19.

Read the full media statement at [Older Adults Now Able to Receive Additional Dose of Updated COVID-19 Vaccine](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 22](#)
- [Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment Update — U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, 36 Countries, 2016–2023](#)
- [Surveillance for Coccidioidomycosis, Histoplasmosis, and Blastomycosis During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2019–2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Expanded Laboratory Testing for Varicella — Minnesota, 2016–2023](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)

- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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