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FRIDAY UPDATE

April 5, 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 Moves Launch of New Ready CAMP Features to April 11

CDC's launch of new Ready CAMP copy and report generation features initially scheduled for April 4 has been delayed until **Thursday, April 11**. When available, the new copy feature will enable PHEP recipients to copy their Budget Period 1 (BP1) work plan and budget information into Budget Periods 2-5 workbooks. Recipients can then edit and update the Budget Period 2-5 information as needed. Also scheduled to be available on April 11 is a new report generation feature that will allow recipients to generate work plan and budget reports that they can download, print, and upload into Grants.gov.

CDC has tentatively scheduled a Ready CAMP office hour session for **2 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 12**, to demonstrate these new features and will provide recipients with more details next week.

Meanwhile, to provide additional Ready CAMP support for application development, CDC has extended its DSLR IT support help desk hours. Recipients can contact the help desk via the DSLRLITSupport@cdc.gov mailbox during the following hours for assistance.

- April 15-April 19: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT
- April 22-April 24: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT

As a reminder, several supplemental application resources are available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center. Recently posted are the following webinar and training recordings.

- [February 29 CDC PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity NOFO Webinar](#)
- [March 13 CDC PHEP Recipient Call](#)

- [Ready Camp Application Training](#)

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>



CDC Activates Response for H5N1 Virus Infection

On April 4, CDC activated a center-led response to address public health concerns associated with a confirmed, human case of [highly pathogenic avian influenza](#) (HPAI) A (H5N1) virus ("H5N1 bird flu") in Texas. This person had exposure to dairy cattle in Texas presumed to be infected with H5N1 bird flu. The patient reported eye redness consistent with conjunctivitis as the only symptom and is recovering. The patient was told to isolate and is being treated with an antiviral drug for influenza. This infection does not change the H5N1 bird flu human health risk assessment for the U.S. public, which CDC considers to be low. However, people with close or prolonged, unprotected exposures to infected birds or other animals including livestock, or to environments contaminated by infected birds or other animals, are at greater risk of infection. CDC has [interim recommendations](#) for prevention, monitoring, and public health investigations of H5N1 bird flu viruses.

CDC is working with state health departments to continue to monitor workers who may have been in contact with infected or potentially infected birds or other animals and test those people who develop symptoms. CDC also has [recommendations for clinicians](#) on monitoring, testing, and antiviral treatment for patients with suspected or confirmed avian influenza A virus infections.

CDC is also working closely with state and federal agencies, including U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and local health authorities, to investigate and closely monitor this situation. On March 29, CDC updated and expanded recommendations to prevent and control the spread of H5N1 bird flu in humans to include other animals, in addition to birds.

Additional information is available at the following webpages.

- CDC press release [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A \(H5N1\) Virus Infection Reported in a Person in the U.S.](#)
- CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Virus: Identification of Human Infection and Recommendations for Investigations and Response.](#)
- FDA press release [USDA, FDA and CDC Share Update on HPAI Detections in Dairy Cattle | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.](#)

CDC Provides Updates on Accessing Mpox Vaccine

Bavarian Nordic, the maker of the [JYNNEOS](#) mpox vaccine, has [opened ordering of the vaccine through commercial wholesalers](#). To ensure equitable access to JYNNEOS, health departments can continue to use the supply previously ordered from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and continue to order the vaccine from the HHS supply to support access where commercial product is not yet available or accessible. Please note any requests or orders to HHS should only be made in circumstances where commercial product is not available or accessible.

HHS will close the current mechanism of ordering against thresholds by setting all thresholds to zero at **9 a.m. EDT on April 30**. If a provider requires additional supply after that date in circumstances where commercial supply is not available or accessible, JYNNEOS will be available by request using the established out-of-cycle request process. Ordering of the HHS-procured JYNNEOS is anticipated to fully close in early-to-mid-August 2024. HHS and CDC will continue to update state, tribal, local, and territorial partners on readiness of additional immunization program support, such as through [Vaccines for Children](#) or 317 programs.

CDC Updates COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance

CDC has updated its guidance for COVID-19 vaccination. The summary of recent changes includes new guidance on COVID-19 vaccination and pemivibart (Pemgarda™), a monoclonal antibody authorized for COVID-19 pre-exposure prophylaxis in people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and meet the [FDA-authorized conditions for use](#).

To view all updates, visit [CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#).

CDC Updates Measles Outbreak Risk Webpage

CDC has updated its [Assessing Measles Outbreak Risk in the United States](#) webpage to include the following updates.

- [Global measles activity](#) is increasing.
- U.S. measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) coverage among kindergarteners is below the 95 percent coverage target—much lower in some communities—and is decreasing.
- CDC is creating models to show how measles outbreaks could occur and spread in the U.S.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Releases Regional Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response NOFO

CDC's Office of Readiness and Response (ORR) recently released a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the [Regional Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response](#). The funding is intended to establish and maintain a network of public health preparedness and response regional centers to increase implementation of evidence-based strategies and interventions and to improve public health preparedness and response.

Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, including accredited schools of public health, or other nonprofit private entities that have 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service, other than institutions of higher education. There will be an open competition among the eligible entities within each of the 10 HHS regions. Applicant institutions or entities must be based in the region they are applying to represent. The application deadline is **11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 21**. View the full NOFO at grants.gov/search-results-detail/352181.

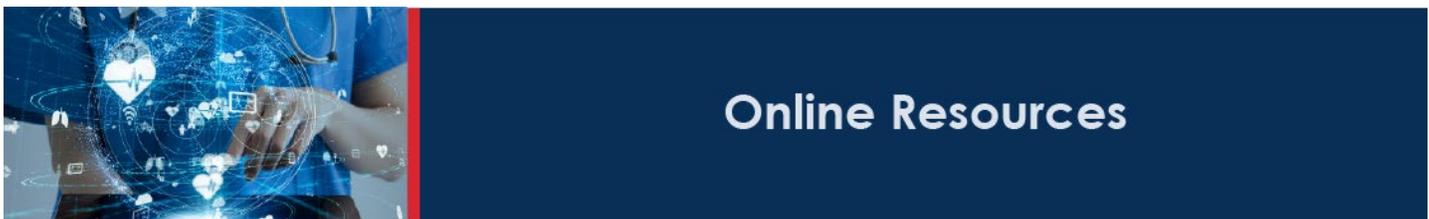
CDC Releases Health Advisory on Increase in Invasive Meningococcal Disease in the United States

On March 28, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) health [advisory](#) to alert health care providers to an increase in invasive meningococcal disease, mainly attributable to *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup Y. Healthcare providers should 1) have a heightened suspicion for meningococcal disease, particularly among populations disproportionately affected by the current increase, 2) be aware that patients may present without symptoms typical of meningitis, and 3) ensure that all people recommended for meningococcal vaccination, including people with HIV, are up to date for meningococcal vaccines.



ASPR to Host Industry Summit 2024

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host the [2024 Industry Summit](#) on Monday, April 22. Industry and government partners will explore federal opportunities for industry engagement aligned with ASPR's strategic vision and organizational priorities for industrial base management and the public health and health care supply chain.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 5](#)
- [Surveillance To Track Progress Toward Polio Eradication — Worldwide, 2022–2023](#)
- [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Contributions to Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 Vaccinations Across Sociodemographic Characteristics — United States, September 1, 2022–September 30, 2023](#)
- [Notice to Readers: Change in Publication Date of QuickStats](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 19](#)
- [QuickStats: Life Expectancy at Birth, by Sex — United States, 2019–2022](#)
- [Implications of Measles Inclusion by Commercial Syndromic Polymerase Chain Reaction Panels — United States, May 2022–April 2023](#)
- [Interim Effectiveness of Updated 2023–2024 \(Monovalent XBB.1.5\) COVID-19 Vaccines Against COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Among Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Immunocompromising Conditions — VISION Network, September 2023–February 2024](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **NEW** [Current H5N1 Bird Flu Situation in Mammals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Assessing Measles Outbreak Risk in the United States](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)

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