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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**April 12, 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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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### New Ready CAMP Features Now Available

New report generation features are now available for recipients to use in generating their 2024 PHEP funding applications.

The Ready CAMP team is working to address issues with the “Submit” button; however, a manual workaround option is available to address the issue until it is resolved. More information is available in a slide presentation that recipients can access on the Ready CAMP home page.

When the manual submit request is submitted, the DSLR IT Support team will begin the Five-year Copy process. This process will copy Budget Period 1 (BP1) work plan and budget information into Budget Periods 2-5 workbooks. Recipients can edit and update Budget Periods 2-5 work plans as needed, but budget workbooks cannot be edited for those budget periods. Recipients can then use the new report generation feature to generate work plan and budget reports that they can download, print, and upload into Grants.gov.

To provide additional Ready CAMP IT support for application development, CDC has extended its DSLR IT support help desk hours. Recipients can contact the help desk via the [DSLIRITSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLIRITSupport@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

Only IT-related issues should be sent to the IT support mailbox with "Ready CAMP" included in the subject line. Please send program-related issues to your designated project officer. Examples of potential IT issues include:

- Users registered via SAMS but cannot access Ready CAMP,
- Users encountering a system error or other error message during data entry,
- Users encountering unknown calculation errors, or
- Users unable to access work plan or budget forms.

Initial request for Ready CAMP access should go to your project officer via the application request form.

### **Additional Supplemental Application Resources Available in Ready CAMP Knowledge Center**

Several new supplemental application resources are now available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center. Recently posted are the following supplemental guidance documents.

- PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (FAQs)  
<https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/PHEP-Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity-Frequently-Asked-Questions-and-Answers-FAQs>
- PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Exercise Framework Supplemental Guidance  
<https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/PHEP-Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity-Exercise-Framework-Supplemental-Guidance>
- PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Cities Readiness Initiative Supplemental Guidance  
<https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/PHEP-Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity-Cities-Readiness-Initiative-Supplemental-Guidance>
- 2024-2028 PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Administrative and Budget Preparedness Supplemental Guidance  
<https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/2024-2028-PHEP-Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity-Administrative-and-Budget-Preparedness-Supplemental-Guidance>
- PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity: Submitting Your Application to Grants.gov  
<https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/PHEP-Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity-Submitting-Your-Application-to-Grants-gov>

### **CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for April 17**

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 17**. During the call, DSLR will provide updates related to the 2024 PHEP applications due April 24 and current CDC emergency response activities. The call will also include time for recipients to ask Ready CAMP and other application submission questions. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>



## CDC All-STLT Call to Be Held April 22

CDC's next All-STLT Update Call will be held **2 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 22**. CDC subject matter experts will provide updates on CDC's emergency response activities. Following is the participant information.

### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

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



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### SNS to Host April Office Hours on Inventory Management and Tracking System

The next monthly Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Office Hours will be held from **4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 17**. The one-hour national call for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners will focus on the Inventory Management and Tracking System (IMATS), a secure Web-based software application developed to help SLTT public health agencies manage information regarding their medical countermeasure inventory. SNS technical experts will provide an overview of the free IMATS tool, recent and pending updates, and how the tool can be used to meet both every day and emergency inventory management needs.

Register [here](#) for the April SNS Office Hours. Within 72 hours of registering, registrants will receive an email from [no-reply@zoomgov.com](mailto:no-reply@zoomgov.com) with a calendar invite and information to join the call. For related questions, contact [sns-slitt@hhs.gov](mailto:sns-slitt@hhs.gov).

### Findings Available on Local Health Department Data Use for Outbreak Responses in Healthcare Settings

Findings are now available from a recent [Population Health Innovation Lab](#) evaluation of local health departments' awareness, access, and use of data during outbreak responses. The evaluation findings also include recommendations for how the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) can better support local health departments with healthcare-associated infection outbreaks. View the findings at [Assessment of Local Health Department Data Use for Outbreak Response in Healthcare Settings](#).

### EPA Releases Federal Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Form

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a [Water Technical Assistance Request Form](#) to help local programs, states, tribes, and territories apply for federal wastewater infrastructure funding. This new opportunity expands on the [Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program](#) and will serve an additional 150 underserved communities.



## News You Can Use

### **New CDC Vital Signs Report Highlights Challenges Women Face Getting Lifesaving Mammograms**

Approximately 40,000 U.S. women die from breast cancer each year. Mammography is recommended to screen for breast cancer and reduce breast cancer mortality. Adverse social determinants of health (SDOH) and health-related social needs (HRSNs) can be barriers to receiving mammograms.

According to the latest CDC *Vital Signs* [report](#), the more health-related social needs a woman has in her life, the less likely she is to be up to date with mammograms that screen for [breast cancer](#). Examples include feeling isolated, losing a job, lacking reliable transportation, and having insecurity around food or housing.



View the full media statement at [Cost and Access Are Not the Only Barriers Women Face in Getting Lifesaving Mammograms](#).

### **CDC Releases Updated Public Health Data Strategy**

CDC released its updated [Public Health Data Strategy for 2024-25](#). The updated strategy outlines priority work for the next two years to continue to improve CDC's capabilities for early threat detection and real-time monitoring across all levels of public health. It places a strong emphasis on connecting public health data systems to healthcare data systems, and ensuring a health equity lens is used in prioritizing investments aiming to bridge gaps in access to advanced tools. The updated strategy and a companion 2023 Lookback Report to highlight the achievements of the first year of the strategy are now available at [Public Health Data Strategy](#).

### **CMS Proposes New Hospital Reporting Requirements**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently [proposed a new standard](#) requiring hospitals, including critical access hospitals, to electronically report information about COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and hospital bed capacity in a standardized format and frequency specified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This proposed requirement aims to strike a balance between the need for critical data to inform decision-making while not making these data overly burdensome to report.

This proposed requirement is currently open for public comment: [Federal Register :: Public Inspection: Medicare and Medicaid Programs and the Children's Health Insurance Program: Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System, etc.](#)

### **ASTHO Announces Alliance Designed to Weave Health Equity into Emergency Response**

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and CDC recently announced the Power of Partnerships Health Equity Alliance. This alliance aims to prioritize health equity in emergency responses by facilitating strategic discussions between government and community leaders.

Learn more at [ASTHO Announces Alliance Designed to Weave Health Equity into Emergency Response](#).



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 12](#)
- [Mammography Use and Association with Social Determinants of Health and Health-Related Social Needs Among Women](#)
- [Measles — United States, January 1, 2020–March 28, 2024](#)
- [State Medicaid Coverage for Tobacco Cessation Treatments and Barriers to Accessing Treatments — United States, 2018–2022](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage — World Health Organization African Region, 2021–2023](#)
- [Infections Associated with Medtronic Duet External Ventricular Drains — Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, January 2023–January 2024](#)
- [Assessment of Risk for Sudden Cardiac Death Among Adolescents and Young Adults After Receipt of COVID-19 Vaccine — Oregon, June 2021–December 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Neonatal Salmonellosis Associated with Backyard Poultry — Oregon, November 2023](#)

### CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary](#)
- **UPDATED** [Human Infection with Avian Influenza A Virus: Information for Health Professionals and Laboratorians](#)
- **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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