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FRIDAY UPDATE

May 3, 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's next PHEP Connects is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 8**. CDC presenters Lauren Finklea and Keira Wickliffe Berger will introduce a new edition of the cooperative board game "This is a TEST POD Edition." Developed in partnership with Peoria City/County Public Health Department, the game uses narrative-based problems to facilitate collaboration, resource management, and problem-solving surrounding point-of-dispensing (POD) and vaccination sites. During the webinar, CDC presenters will share the feedback received from pilot implementation of the game.



Presenters from the Wright County Public Health Department will discuss the train-the-facilitator program and how they modified the game to meet jurisdictional requirements. They will also share how they leveraged this innovative tool to enhance their preparedness, coordination, and decision-making skills in a simulated setting. This presentation will also provide information on how jurisdictions can access "This is a TEST POD Edition" and implement it in their communities. Following is the participant information.

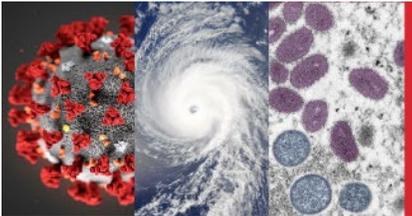
Participant Information

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

PHCR COVID-19 Workforce Funding Updates Now Available

On April 30, CDC conducted a webinar to provide updates to recipients of Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) COVID-19 workforce development funding. During the webinar, DSLR and Office of Grants Services representatives discussed how recipients can use their COVID-19 funds to also support activities that involve other infectious diseases. The technical assistance addressed recently issued CDC guidance on how to leverage existing COVID-19 funding to address other infectious diseases. Recipients can request a copy of the guidance by emailing DSLRCisisCoAg@cdc.gov.

Recipients have until **May 31, 2024**, to request no-cost extensions by submitting an amendment in GrantSolutions. They can request up to 12 months of additional time to spend their funds, through June 30, 2025. Recipients who already have an approved no-cost extension can submit budget redirections. Redirection and no-cost extension requests must meet the intent of the funding, be within scope of the original award, and must demonstrate a nexus between authorized COVID-19 activities in the current work plan and the proposed activities. Funding should be used to establish, train, and sustain the STLT public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives, including school-based health programs. If recipients are not able to meet the expectation that 25% of the funding should support school-based health programs, they may request to use the balance for other allowable activities.

CDC will review each request individually to ensure that the activities presented meet the intent and purpose of the funding. Recipients should send questions regarding redirection or no-cost extension requests to DSLRCisisCoAg@cdc.gov.

CDC Provides Updates on Avian Influenza A(H5N1) U.S Situation

CDC's response to the outbreak of avian influenza A(H5N1) bird flu in dairy cattle most recently includes an [updated Technical Report](#), [updated interim guidance for worker protection and use of personal protective equipment](#), and an overview of findings from ongoing CDC lab studies. Learn more at [Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) U.S. Situation Update and CDC Activities](#).



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CDC Foundation Accepting Applications for Workforce Initiative

In February 2024, the CDC Foundation was awarded federal funds from CDC, through the Association of Public Health Laboratories, to launch the Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI). The WAI intends to strengthen public health agencies and authorities' (PHA) capacity to deliver information system improvements that are of top priority to each PHA by adding technology and data experts to their teams. The WAI's support of diverse PHAs in improving their information systems is anticipated to also accelerate progress toward the goals of CDC's [Public Health Data Strategy](#). This initiative aims to increase the ability of PHAs serving state, tribal, local, or territorial jurisdictions to leverage modern technology and interoperable data for public health action.

Through this initiative, the CDC Foundation plans to focus its efforts on a select number of PHAs that exhibit a strong willingness to both participate in the work and maximize the impact of receiving additional staff. WAI will place these technology and data staff members in approximately 40 PHAs. Their first cohort will include fewer than 10 PHAs as they establish project processes.

The full request for applications can be found on the [CDC Foundation Requests for Proposals](#) webpage. [Applications](#) are due by **11:59 p.m. PDT on Wednesday, May 8**. For additional information, email WAI@cdcfoundation.org.

NIST Seeks Feedback on Incident Response Recommendations for Cybersecurity Risk Management

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has released the initial public draft of [Incident Response Recommendations and Considerations for Cybersecurity Risk Management: A CSF 2.0 Community Profile](#), for public comment. This publication seeks to assist organizations with incorporating cybersecurity incident response recommendations and considerations throughout their cybersecurity risk management activities, as described by CSF 2.0. This can help organizations prepare for incident responses, reduce the number and impact of incidents that occur, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their incident detection, response, and recovery activities. The public comment period closes May 20.

See the [publication details](#) for a copy of the draft and instructions for submitting comments.



CDC Launches Recipient Experience Survey

CDC's [Public Health Infrastructure Center](#) in collaboration with [CFI Group](#) will implement the [CDC Funded Recipient Experience Survey](#) in directly funded state, tribal, local, or territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. CFI will send the survey in May to principal investigators and project directors at STLT agencies receiving CDC funding. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and will remain open through June. CDC will use the collected information across the agency to reduce recipient burden and improve satisfaction with CDC services and support.

The survey is part of the CDC [Moving Forward](#) initiative and will help CDC understand how well the agency's support and services meet STLT-funded recipients' needs within the grants management lifecycle.

Survey questions can be directed to Recipient-Survey@cdc.gov.

CDC Article Wins NIOSH Honor Award

A recent CDC article, [Workplace Violence and the Mental Health of Public Health Workers During COVID-19](#), published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine won the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 2024 Alice Hamilton award in the behavioral and social science category. These are the premier NIOSH annual honor awards for research, service, and communication products.

This study is the first known project to document the prevalence and impact of violence directed toward the public health workforce during an ongoing public health emergency. Findings are based on the results of an April 2021 self-administered online survey of state, local, and tribal public health workers.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 3](#)
- [Preventable Premature Deaths from the Five Leading Causes of Death in Nonmetropolitan and Metropolitan Counties, United States, 2010–2022](#)
- [Emergency Department Visits for Pedestrians Injured in Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes — United States, January 2021–December 2023](#)
- [Cigarette Smoking Among Pregnant Women During the Perinatal Period: Prevalence and Health Care Provider Inquiries — Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, United States, 2021](#)
- [Prevalence of Positive Childhood Experiences Among Adults — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Four States, 2015–2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Increase in Nontoxigenic *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* — Washington, 2018–2023](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 72, No. 29](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Residential Care Communities That Use Electronic Health Records, by Community Bed Size — United States, 2018, 2020, and 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **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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