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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**January 10, 2025**

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

### Register Now for One PHEP Community of Practice Interest Meeting

As a reminder, CDC will host a One PHEP Community of Practice (CoP) interest meeting for PHEP recipients at **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 22**. Participants will hear an overview of the One PHEP CoP, discuss the structure of the risk communications and workforce capacity working groups, and help shape the problem areas or gaps on which the working groups will focus their efforts. Interested recipients can [register for this meeting here](#).

The One PHEP CoP currently is limited to staff from the 62 PHEP recipient jurisdictions. Participation in the initial working groups is voluntary but can enable recipients to meet [PHEP cooperative agreement](#) requirements to strengthen risk communications and to build workforce capacity. Recipients can direct questions to [dslrtraining@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrtraining@cdc.gov).

### CDC PHEP Recipient Call to Be Held January 15

The next monthly PHEP recipient call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 15**. Agenda topics include updates on CDC response activities, including supplemental funding for H5N1 response activities.

## Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 603 9680

Passcode: 46274190

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1616039680?pwd=L37xCosuil3OnvwLmcz8nTSMtRz7wK.1>



## Emergency Response Activities

### **CDC Activates PHCR Cooperative Agreement to Award H5N1 Response Funding**

CDC is activating the Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) Cooperative Agreement to award funding to support state, local, and territorial public health response to influenza A/H5N1, a novel influenza A virus with pandemic potential, and other potential respiratory disease outbreaks. CDC is awarding more than \$99 million to eligible jurisdictions on the PHCR cooperative agreement's approved but unfunded (ABU) list. Funding is intended to provide resources urgently needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the expanding multistate outbreak of novel influenza A/H5 virus and to also strengthen readiness for other potential respiratory disease threats.

In late December, CDC notified the 63 eligible jurisdictions, outlining the two tiers of funding available and general expectations. The two tiers include:

- **Tier 1: \$1.34 million for each of the 63 eligible recipients:** all 50 states, American Samoa, Chicago, Guam, Houston, Los Angeles County, Maricopa County, Marshall Islands, New York City, Palau, Philadelphia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington D.C.
- **Tier 2: \$1 million + Tier 1 funding for each of the 15 recipients that are current FluSurv-NET sites:** California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington.

Sixty-one recipients have accepted the funding opportunity. CDC expects to release the final guidance, reporting requirements, and funding table by Friday, January 17.

The CDC funding is part of the funding being awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). More information is available at [HHS awards \\$306 million in Avian Flu monitoring and preparedness funding | HHS.gov](#).

For more information on the CDC funding, contact [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).



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**SNS January Office Hours to Highlight Radiological and Nuclear MCM Planning Considerations**  
 The next Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) office hours will be held at **4 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 22**. This one-hour national call on radiological and nuclear medical countermeasure (MCM) planning considerations is for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. During this session, subject matter experts from SNS and CDC will:

- Introduce and describe community reception centers (CRCs),
- Describe the SNS formulary products available for the threat, and
- Describe the CDC radiation laboratory and dose assessment process as it relates to the SNS formulary.

SNS encourages participants to submit questions in advance by Wednesday, January 15, to [sns-slitt@hhs.gov](mailto:sns-slitt@hhs.gov), using the subject heading “SNS Office Hours – Radiological and Nuclear MCM Planning Considerations.”

Participants should [register here](#) for the January SNS Office Hours. Within 72 hours of registering, participants will receive a message from [no-reply@zoomgov.com](mailto:no-reply@zoomgov.com) containing a webinar calendar inviter. For questions, email [sns-slitt@hhs.gov](mailto:sns-slitt@hhs.gov).



**CDC Invites Organizations to Become Rural Host Sites for Public Health Associate Program**  
 CDC is offering an opportunity for public health organizations to address workforce gaps by becoming a 2025 host site for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). This program places motivated early-career public health professionals with organizations to enhance the delivery of public health services, particularly in rural communities.

PHAP provides recent college graduates with a two-year fellowship, funded by CDC, that includes hands-on experience in the daily operations of public health programs. The program aims to support the public health needs of rural areas by placing associates in organizations that serve these communities.

To assist organizations interested in hosting a CDC public health associate, CDC is hosting an informational webinar from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 23**. This session is a PHAP host site technical assistance call open to all organizations seeking guidance on the application process, featuring discussions on new resources and updates to the application system.

CDC encourages rural-serving organizations to participate in the session, where experienced supervisors

from previous host sites will share insights on the application process and the benefits of hosting a PHAP associate.

Interested organizations can [register for the webinar](#) to learn more about how to apply and contribute to enhancing public health initiatives in their communities. This initiative is a vital step toward building a robust public health workforce and addressing the unique challenges faced in rural settings.

For more information about CDC's PHAP, visit [PHAP Overview](#).



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 10](#)
- [Expanded Recommendations for Use of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines Among Adults Aged  \$\geq 50\$  Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2024](#)
- [Occupational Exposure to Mercury at an Electronics Waste and Lamp Recycling Facility — Ohio, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Severe Health Outcomes Linked to Consumption of Mushroom-Based Psychoactive Microdosing Products — Arizona, June–October 2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Health Center Visit Rates by Adults Aged  \$\geq 18\$  Years with Mental Health Disorder, Substance Use Disorder, or Both, by Sex — United States, 2023](#)

### CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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