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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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

CDC Hosts Four Additional Office Hour Sessions for BP1 Work Plan Reporting Tool

CDC will host the last four office hours for the Budget Period 1 (BP1) Work Plan Reporting Tool on January 22 and January 29. Recipients must complete their reporting tools to CDC by close of business on **Friday, January 31**. As a reminder, recipients must also upload their risk assessments in their PHEP Recipient Response Workspace. If recipients encounter any technical difficulties, they can contact DSLRRReports@cdc.gov for assistance.

Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool Office Hours

- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 22
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 22
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 29
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 29

CDC has published responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) to aid in completion of the reporting tool. [The FAQs are available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center](#). Other resources available include a [comprehensive user guide](#), a [recording of the November 19 training session](#), and a [copy of the training slides](#). These materials are also available in the PHEP Recipient Response Workspace (under RWPRT Resources).

January PHEP Recipient Call Materials Available in Ready CAMP

CDC held its monthly PHEP recipient call on January 15 and provided updates on CDC response activities, H5N1 funding to be awarded via the Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) Cooperative Agreement, and recipient work plan reporting tool key date reminders. CDC also shared information on a current evaluation of the impact of CDC's May 2024 request to jurisdictions regarding a one-time distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to dairy, poultry, and slaughterhouse workers. The [presentation slides](#) as well as [the recording](#) are available in [Ready CAMP](#).



CDC Awards H5N1 Response Funding

CDC has activated the Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) Cooperative Agreement to award more than \$99 million in funding to support state, local, and territorial public health response to influenza A/H5N1 and other potential respiratory disease outbreaks. 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.

A total of \$99,392,000, is available to 63 eligible jurisdictions in two tiers:

- **Tier 1: \$1.33 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.

Recipients should receive their funding awards and final supplemental guidance beginning today, January 17, via a grant note in GrantSolutions. The performance period is 12 months from the award date. The supplemental guidance outlines allowable activities, application instructions for revised work plans and budgets, and reporting requirements. Funds can be used for personnel, supplies, shipping, contracts to support allowable activities, or any costs associated with a jurisdiction's highest priority novel influenza A response or other respiratory threat needs. Supported activities will vary based on jurisdictional resources, capacity, number and severity of cases, and response phase.

In addition, CDC will approve pre-award costs that are consistent with allowable activities incurred up to 90 days prior to the start date of the award. Recipients must include their pre-award costs in their proposed budgets.

Recipients will have 60 days to submit their revised work plans and budgets in REDCap. Additional information and timelines are provided in the supplemental guidance.

For more information, contact DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov.

New CDC Health Advisory Recommends Accelerated Subtyping of Influenza A in Hospitalized Patients

On January 16, CDC issued a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) health advisory](#) to clinicians and laboratories due to sporadic human infections with avian influenza A(H5N1) viruses amid high levels of seasonal influenza activity. CDC is recommending a shortened timeline for subtyping all influenza A specimens among hospitalized patients and increasing efforts at clinical laboratories to identify nonseasonal influenza. CDC reminds clinicians and laboratorians to test for influenza in patients with suspected influenza and, going

forward, to now expedite the subtyping of influenza A-positive specimens from hospitalized patients, particularly those in intensive care units. This approach can help prevent delays in identifying human infections with avian influenza A(H5N1) viruses, supporting optimal patient care and timely infection control and case investigation.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

New National One Health Framework Now Available

CDC, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) have unveiled the first-ever [National One Health Framework](#) aimed at addressing zoonotic diseases and enhancing public health preparedness across the United States. This innovative framework emphasizes a collaborative, multisectoral approach that acknowledges the interconnected health of humans, animals, and the environment.

Directed by Congress in the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the framework responds to the urgent need for coordinated efforts to tackle health threats shared between people and animals, including COVID-19, mpox, avian influenza, and Ebola. CDC focuses on public health, USDA on domestic animal health, and DOI on wildlife and environmental health, making them key representatives of the One Health sectors within the U.S. government.

Over the next five years, the framework aims to foster One Health collaboration among federal partners by outlining a shared vision, mission, and goals to effectively manage zoonotic diseases. This initiative is vital for establishing a solid foundation for future disease response and ensuring preparedness against emerging health threats.

Preparedness and response directors at the national, state, regional, and local levels are encouraged to engage with this framework, as it provides important guidelines for interagency collaboration and public health strategies. For additional information on One Health and federal coordination efforts, visit CDC's dedicated webpage [CDC One Health Coordination](#).



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WHO Releases 2024 United States JEE Mission Report

The World Health Organization (WHO) has released its [Joint External Evaluation \(JEE\) of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) core capacities of the United States](#) report on the WHO [JEE webpage](#). The JEE mission, which took place in September 2024 in Washington, D.C., and in Atlanta, evaluated the United States' capacities in 19 technical areas through a peer-to-peer, consultative process. This process brought together a multisectoral group of national subject matter experts and the multinational, multidisciplinary expert JEE team for a week of discussion, interaction, and selected site visits.

After a week of collaborative talks this process led to consensus on scores, as well as JEE recommendations for priority actions across the 19 technical areas. The evaluation also generated eight wider, overarching recommendations that address cross-cutting challenges affecting the capacities of the United States across many of the different technical areas that were explored in greater depth in the JEE process.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 17](#)
- [Gaps in Mental Health Care—Seeking Among Health Care Providers During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, September 2022–May 2023](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger — United States, 2025](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — United States, 2025](#)

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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