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FRIDAY UPDATE

April 14, 2023

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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PERFORMS Help Desk Extends Hours for April 17-21

CDC will extend its PERFORMS help desk hours to support PHEP recipients as they finalize their PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) funding applications that are due Friday, April 21. The PERFORMS help desk will be available from **9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT from Monday, April 17, through Friday, April 21**. Following is the help desk contact information.

- Phone: 404-498-0864 or toll free at 1-866-612-3615
- Email: PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov

HPP-PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for April 19

CDC and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a joint call with PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 19**. In addition to ASPR and CDC updates, the agenda will include information on joint domestic preparedness activities regarding the Marburg virus disease outbreak in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania. Following is the participant information.

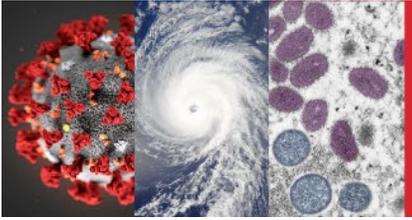
Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

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



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Continues Planning for End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration

The federal government continues to work together to prepare for the [end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#) declaration on May 11 and to reduce the negative impact of COVID-19. CDC continues regular engagement and communication with jurisdictions and public health organizations about known impacts related to the end of the COVID-19 PHE declaration. As part of a comprehensive partner engagement strategy, CDC is having technical surveillance discussions with key public health organizations. The agency also is conducting informational and listening sessions across all HHS regions and with partner organizations representing diverse population who may be at higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes.

COVID-19 remains a public health priority, and CDC has established a [new program](#) to tackle this serious health threat. The Coronavirus and other Respiratory Viruses Division (CRVD) within the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) became effective on February 8. CDC also is reviewing COVID-19 guidance and updating information as needed. The agency also has modernized its approach to tracking coronaviruses and other respiratory threats and revamped its immunization programs.

Every Friday, CDC disseminates updated talking points on activities related to the end of the PHE declaration. CDC's health department liaisons send the weekly talking points to their COVID-19 points of contact, including preparedness directors. The following CDC resources provide more information on CDC's COVID-19 response.

- [Evolution of Pandemic Efforts](#)
- [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review](#)

The end of the PHE declaration will be the subject of a special session during the 2023 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta. "The End of the Public Health Emergency Declaration" session will be held from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 24**. Among the presenters are two state and local public health officials who will share how they are planning this change within their own agencies. They include Andrew Pickett, PHEP director for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Meenakshi G. Brewster, health officer for St. Mary's County in Maryland.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

2023 Preparedness Summit Features Town Hall Session on New Response Readiness Framework

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2023 [Preparedness Summit](#) will be held **April 24 to April 27** in Atlanta. The summit will provide an opportunity to revisit pressing public health issues, share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats.

The upcoming summit will feature several sessions with DSLR presenters who will provide the latest updates on important PHEP-related topics ranging from administrative preparedness to recovery issues. Daily session highlights include the following presentations.

Monday, April 24

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – The Next Generation of Federal Assets: Field Assignee Contributions to Building Jurisdictional Preparedness Capabilities
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Capabilities Catch-up: A Primer on CDC's Preparedness and Response Capabilities for Newer Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Practitioners

Wednesday, April 26

- 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Town Hall: Sneak Peek: Next Generation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) – Key Strategies for the Next Five Years
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Tell Us About It: A listening session on PHEP's Operational Readiness Review (ORR)

Thursday, April 27

- 10 a.m. to noon – Closing Plenary: "Reprioritizing Climate Change in an All-Hazards World" will include CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer Jason Wilken who is assigned to the California Department of Public Health

CDC Releases New NOFO on Strengthening Public Health Systems in Indian Country

A new CDC notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) on strengthening tribal public health systems is now available on Grants.gov. [CDC-RFA-TO-23-0001: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country](#) is a five-year cooperative agreement that will fund up to 25 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and regional AI/AN tribally designated organizations. The funding is intended to strengthen the quality, performance, and infrastructure of tribal public health systems, including workforce, data and information systems, and programs and services. Funding applications are due by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 6**. For additional information, visit the [CDC Tribal Health](#) webpage or contact Teresa Daub at TDaub@cdc.gov.

NACCHO Seeks Input on Library Access Pilot Project

The CDC Foundation, the Stephen B. Thacker CDC Library, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) are collaborating to pilot a new project, Delivering Access to Resources Today (DART).

DART offers local and state health departments the opportunity to request peer-reviewed publications at no cost if they are having difficulty obtaining necessary scientific information resources for public health prevention activities. The participants will use a simple request form to obtain copies of articles. All requests will be fulfilled by the CDC Library and emailed to the participants, usually within 48 hours.

Health departments interested in participating in the DART pilot project must use the [sign-up link](#). Pilot organizers request that health departments designate a single point of contact for participation in the pilot. Only one response per health department will be accepted. If multiple individuals in the same health department express interest in the pilot project, designation of a single point of contact will be required. Sign-up will be available until the participant limit for the pilot project has been reached.

The CDC Library also has developed a [webpage](#) summarizing current options for health departments to access library resources.



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News You Can Use

Sharing Session on Workforce Development Scheduled for May 23

NACCHO, with the support of CDC, will host an online sharing session on workforce development from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 23**. A panel of health directors will discuss some of the challenges that local health departments have been experiencing in employee retention and workforce burnout, and how the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated these issues. This sharing session will provide both speakers and participants with an opportunity to share experiences and discuss ways to re-engage staff in their work, especially at the local level. [Learn more and register for the session](#).

Registration Now Open for ASTHO 2023 Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum

The [2023 Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum](#), presented by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), is scheduled for May 23 to May 25 in Chicago. The Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum is an annual convening of public health leaders and experts across the technology, professional services, financial, workforce, and related sectors. Learn more about the event and [register](#) to attend.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 14](#)
- [Chronic Pain Among Adults — United States, 2019–2021](#)
- [Secondary Cases of Invasive Disease Caused by Encapsulated and Nontypeable *Haemophilus influenzae* — 10 U.S. Jurisdictions, 2011–2018](#)
- [Update on Wild Poliovirus Type 1 Outbreak — Southeastern Africa, 2021–2022](#)
- [Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mpox Cases and Vaccination Among Adult Males — United States, May–December 2022](#)
- [Epidemiologic and Clinical Features of Mpox-Associated Deaths — United States, May 10, 2022–March 7, 2023](#)
- [Notes From the Field: Campylobacteriosis Outbreak Associated with Consumption of Raw Water — Montana, 2022](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 72, No. 11](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Who Were in Families Having Problems Paying Medical Bills During the Previous 12 Months, by Race and Selected Hispanic Origin Subgroups — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020–2021](#)

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