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# FRIDAY UPDATE

April 7, 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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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### CDC PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for April 12

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled from **1 p.m.**

**to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 12.** This webinar will

provide an overview of "Public Health Emergency Response and

Preparedness Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs)." Presenters from the U.S. General Services

Administration (GSA) will introduce the newly formed BOAs and share how these acquisition mechanisms

may be used to procure services and supplies for federal, state, and local communities in the preparedness,

response, and recovery phases of a public health emergency. Following is the participant information.



### Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>

### PERFORMS Help Desk Extends Hours for April 17-21

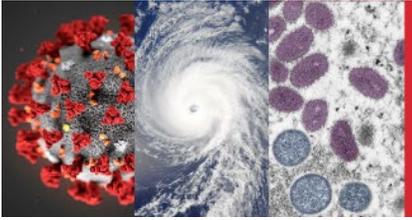
CDC will extend its PERFORMS help desk hours to support PHEP recipients as they finalize their PHEP

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](mailto:PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov)



## Emergency Response Activities

### CDC Issues HAN Health Advisory on Marburg Virus Disease Outbreaks

On April 6, CDC issued a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory](#) regarding two confirmed outbreaks of Marburg virus disease (MVD) - one in Equatorial Guinea and one in Tanzania. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that these two outbreaks are related; most experts agree that these represent two independent animal-to-human spillover events. To date, no confirmed cases of MVD related to these outbreaks have been reported in the United States or other countries outside Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania. The CDC health advisory provides information about these outbreaks to increase awareness of the risk of imported cases in the United States. It also summarizes CDC's recommendations for case identification, testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations in the United States.

### New Listserv Now Available for STLT Response Update Calls

CDC encourages state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health partners to subscribe to a new CDC listserv that will be used to send notifications regarding upcoming CDC response-related update calls. The 10,000 STLT partners who have participated in previous CDC response calls should have received an email on March 31 inviting them to subscribe to the CDC listserv. The email includes instructions on how to subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv.

The STLT update calls are intended for PHEP directors and all other STLT public health staff, as well as national and federal partners. To receive future notifications regarding CDC emergency response STLT update calls, STLT partners must subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv. For more information, contact [stltresponse@cdc.gov](mailto:stltresponse@cdc.gov).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### ASPR Releases PHEMCE Multiyear Budget Assessment

On March 28, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) released the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise (PHEMCE) multiyear budget (MYB) for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. The [PHEMCE MYB](#) assesses budget needs to support medical countermeasure priorities that would allow the U.S. government to prepare for the next public health threat. The multiyear budget projects an estimated overall funding need of \$64 billion over the five-year period. The PHEMCE is an interagency body that reviews the current threat landscape and makes recommendations to the Secretary of

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on available or future medical countermeasures. Read the [full statement](#) from ASPR online.



### **Navigating Infodemics and Building Trust during Public Health Emergencies**

Join CDC and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a virtual public workshop from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on April 10 and April 11** to examine the history of public health infodemics, which is the rapid spread of conflicting or inaccurate information that can impede the ability of individuals, communities, and authorities to protect health and effectively respond in a crisis. The workshop will also discuss the impact of infodemics on trust in the public health enterprise and provide tools and practices to address infodemics.

This workshop builds upon the previous [Building Trust in Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Science](#) workshop conducted by the National Academies. The April workshop will focus on generating actionable, targeted insights that federal state, tribal, local, and territorial agencies and officials can take to prevent and respond to infodemics. Registration is required using the link on NASEM's [event page](#).

### **CDC Celebrates National Public Health Week**

National Public Health Week, celebrated this year from April 3 through April 9, is an initiative of the American Public Health Association (APHA) that recognizes public health contributions and highlights issues that are key to improving the nation's health. This year's theme, "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health," is designed to reflect on the unique ways different cultures embody and understand health and foster cultural connections that promote overall health and quality of life.

CDC salutes public health preparedness and response professionals across the country and the countless contributions they make in protecting the health of their communities. CDC supports numerous tools that can help public health departments bridge cultural differences, advance health equity, and help eliminate disparities. Visit the [CDC website](#) to learn more about celebrating the power of community, sharing strategies for successful partnerships, and supporting the role of a strong public health system.

### **Application Period Now Open for CDC Public Health Law Fellowship**

CDC's Public Health Law Program is now accepting applications for its [Public Health Law Fellowship](#), which offers fellows on-the-job training to prepare them for careers in public health law or policy. The program aims to strengthen the public health law workforce by increasing diversity within the field and preparing the next generation of public health law professionals to respond to critical issues.

This paid fellowship is designed for current graduate or law students, as well as those who have graduated from these programs within the past four years, who are interested in careers in public health law or policy. Fellows will be matched with host sites at state, tribal, local, or territorial health departments, CDC, or other public health law organizations that support work in the public health law and policy fields.

The [application](#) deadline is **3 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 17**. Email [PHLFellowship@cdc.gov](mailto:PHLFellowship@cdc.gov) for more information.



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 7](#)
- [MMWR: JYNNEOS Vaccination Coverage Among Persons at Risk for Mpox — United States, May 22, 2022–January 31, 2023](#)
- [Risk of Mpox Resurgence and Continued Vaccination Efforts](#)
- [Get Healthy and Ready for Summer 2023](#)
- [2022 U.S. Mpox Outbreak](#) **UPDATED**
- [U.S. Map & Case Count](#) **UPDATED**

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