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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**August 25, 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 to Release PORTS Action Plan Module in October

CDC will release the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) Action Plan Module (APM) the week of October 16. The APM enables PHEP recipients to identify areas for improvement in their public health preparedness and response programs, document activities, and request technical assistance, which addresses identified gaps, but may also improve upon existing successes. The PORTS APM will also serve as a tool to track and monitor progress of corrective actions.

CDC will conduct two APM training sessions for PHEP recipients the week of October 16. Specific training details will be provided in a future DSLR Friday Update.



## Emergency Response Activities

### CDC Clarifies Re-opening of Crisis Response NOFO

On July 27, CDC reopened the 2022 Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), [TP22-2201](#), on Grants.gov. The NOFO will remain open through **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 29**. The NOFO has been reopened to allow applications from local health departments and tribes that now meet eligibility requirements due to population changes, and other applications that meet the eligibility requirements that may have missed the deadline.

Jurisdictions on the 2022 ABU list that already received Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) funding for the PHCR NOFO **must** complete and submit an administrative update to the existing applications on file. Specifically, jurisdictions that received PHCR funding in December 2022 and/or January 2023 for mpox response activities **must** resubmit the most recent PHCR work plans, updated SF424, and updated SF424As.

Complying with these administrative actions will ensure that CDC has the necessary information required to issue federal funding during a future emergency.

CDC plans to reopen the funding announcement at least annually during the NOFO's five-year performance period to ensure CDC maintains a current roster of eligible jurisdictions for public health emergency response funding. CDC encourages all applicants that meet the NOFO requirements to apply.

For additional information, applicants and recipients should contact [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).

### **CDC Hosts August 30 Webinar Providing General Information and Clinical Guidance on New RSV Vaccines for Adults**

CDC will host a webinar entitled, "New RSV Vaccines for Adults: General Information and Clinical Guidance," from **noon to 1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 30**. CDC presenters will provide updates on the new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines for adults. Registration is not required to attend the webinar. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

Access Link: <https://cdcizlearn.adobeconnect.com/ciiw>

### **August 31 COCA Call Highlights 2023-2024 Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children**

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 31**. During this COCA call, presenters will provide an overview of influenza prevention and treatment recommendations for the 2023–2024 season from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and CDC.

Materials for the call will be available on the [COCA Call webpage](#) in the call materials section. The presentation slides will be available the day of the call, and the call recording will be posted a few hours after the live event ends. Continuing education (CE) credits will be offered for this COCA call.

#### Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 002 0619

Passcode: 752590

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1600020619>



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## **Preparedness and Response Resources**

### **NACCHO Hosts Disability and Access and Functional Needs Webinar Series in September**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with World Institute on

Disability, will host a two-part webinar series focused on supporting people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. This webinar series will provide tools, resources, and recommendations for local health departments to offer disability inclusive emergency and disaster preparedness and response. Learn more and register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

- 2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 7
- 2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 19



### **Project NextGen Awards Over \$1.4 Billion to Develop the Future of COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics**

On August 22, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), awarded more than \$1.4 billion for Project NextGen to support the development of a new generation of tools and technologies to protect against COVID-19 for years to come.

Project NextGen is a \$5 billion initiative led by ASPR's Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) in partnership with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), coordinates across the federal government and the private sector to advance innovative vaccines and therapeutics into clinical trials, regulatory review, and potential commercial availability for the American people. The project builds on a better understanding of COVID-19 – with HHS developing, using, and constantly re-evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of current vaccines and therapeutics for over three years. The awards follow extensive coordination with industry partners and include support for clinical trials that will enable the rapid development of even more effective and longer-lasting coronavirus vaccines, a new monoclonal antibody, and transformative technologies to streamline manufacturing processes.

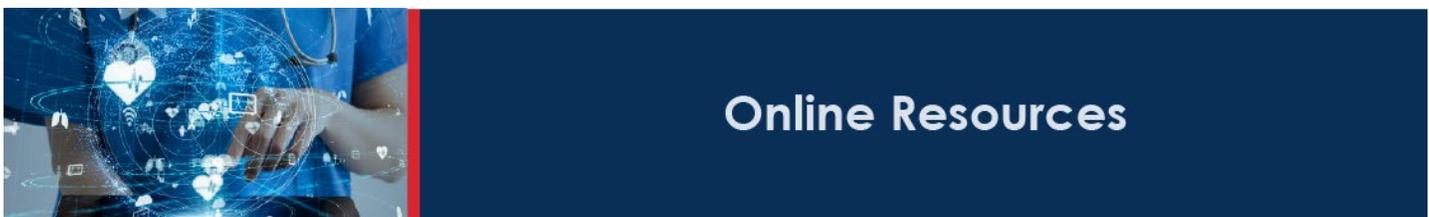
Read the full story at [Project NextGen Awards Over \\$1.4 Billion to Develop the Future of COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics](#).

### **Biden-Harris Administration Deploys Additional National Disaster Medical System Responders and Resources to Hawaii**

The Biden-Harris Administration, through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), deployed 25 additional experts from the [National Disaster Medical System's](#) (NDMS) [Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team](#) (DMORT) and a Victim Identification Center (VIC) team to Hawaii to augment state and local mortuary resources in the wildfire response.

Additionally, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra has declared a [Public Health Emergency](#) (PHE) for Hawaii to address the health impacts of the wildfires. The [declaration](#) gives the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' healthcare providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting the emergency health needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Read the full press release at [Biden-Harris Administration Deploys Additional National Disaster Medical System Responders and Resources to Hawaii](#).



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 18](#)
- [Vital Signs: Maternity Care Experiences — United States, April 2023](#)
- [West Nile Virus and Other Nationally Notifiable Arboviral Diseases — United States, 2021](#)
- [Sepsis Program Activities in Acute Care Hospitals — National Healthcare Safety Network, United States, 2022](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years — National Immunization Survey–Teen, United States, 2022](#)
- [Use of Nirsevimab for the Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Disease Among Infants and Young Children: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023](#)
- [Asthma-Associated Emergency Department Visits During the Canadian Wildfire Smoke Episodes — United States, April– August 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Asthma-Associated Emergency Department Visits During a Wildfire Smoke Event — New York, June 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Unintentional Drowning Death Rates of Children and Adolescents Aged 0–17 Years, by Sex and Age Group — United States, 2020–2021](#)

## Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Mpox Vaccination Basics](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox in Animals and Pets](#)

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