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# FRIDAY UPDATE

February 16, 2024

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

### PHEP NOFO Release Remains on Track

CDC remains on track to release the new PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) during the week of February 19. CDC will notify recipients via email when the NOFO has been released. As a reminder, CDC will conduct two information webinars to discuss the new PHEP NOFO. The PHEP NOFO informational webinars are tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, February 29**. Both webinars will provide the same information. Following are the tentative dates and times.

- **2 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 29**
- **8 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 29**

CDC will conduct respective replays of the PHEP NOFO informational webinars on **Thursday, March 7**. Following are the tentative dates and times of the replay.

- **2 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 7**
- **8 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 7**

These dates and times are subject to change. CDC will provide more details when the webinars are finalized.

### CDC Offers Virtual Ready CAMP Training Sessions for PHEP Recipients

CDC will offer a virtual, instructor-led training to provide an overview of Ready CAMP. Ready CAMP is the new DSLR-specific version of the Salesforce application known as Cooperative Agreement Management Platform (CAMP). Recipients will use the Ready CAMP application module to develop their fiscal year 2024 PHEP funding applications based on the new PHEP notice of funding opportunity. Upon completion of the training, participants should be able to create and submit their PHEP funding applications using the Ready CAMP system.

The three training sessions will cover the same information; recipients are welcome to participate in any of the sessions. A recording of the training will be available in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center once all training sessions have been conducted.

- **1 p.m. EST on Monday, March 4**
- **11 a.m. EST on Tuesday, March 5**
- **7 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 5**

#### Participant Information

Meeting ID: 161 319 6986

Passcode: 936887

Access Link: [Ready CAMP Training Session](#)

For additional information about this training, including the need for reasonable accommodations, contact [dslrtraining@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrtraining@cdc.gov).

#### **BP5 No-Cost Extension Requests Due March 1**

PHEP recipients have until **Friday, March 1**, to submit no-cost extension requests for Budget Period 5 (BP5) funds. Recipients must submit requests if they need additional time to complete approved activities in Budget Period 1 of the new PHEP period of performance.

During the course of a performance period, recipients have expanded authority to access unobligated funds in the following budget period without agency prior approval for any approved cost that falls within the scope and objectives of the project. However, when the following budget period falls within a new performance period, expanded authority does not apply and recipients must submit no-cost extension requests.

To submit no-cost extension requests, recipients must provide a cover letter signed by the authorized organization representative. The cover letter should include the additional time requested, not to exceed 12 months; a justification for completing the activities during the proposed time period; and a timeline for completion of the proposed activities. No new activities can be requested, and justifications must describe a bona fide need.

No-cost extension requests should be submitted as an amendment in GrantSolutions. For additional information, recipients can review the [CDC Prior Approvals for Non-research Awards](#) and contact their PHEP project officers.



#### **CDC Updates Respiratory Disease Season Outlook Webpage**

CDC recently updated the [Respiratory Disease Season Outlook](#) webpage. CDC anticipates that total hospitalizations for COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) will decline but remain elevated into February. No further updates are likely for the 2023-2024 season.



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### Sanofi Launches Reservation Program for Infant RSV Immunizations

[Sanofi](#) recently launched a reservation program for infant respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunizations in 2024-2025. Pediatricians will be able to reserve doses of RSV immunization nirsevimab (Beyfortus) for the 2024-2025 season. The program will apply to private purchases of the monoclonal antibody, which protects infants and high-risk toddlers from RSV. Read the full American Academy of Pediatrics release at [Sanofi launching reservation program for infant RSV immunizations in 2024-'25](#).

### PFA Host Site Applications Due February 23

CDC is continuing to expand the current Preparedness Field Assignee (PFA) program to meet the growing preparedness and response needs of PHEP jurisdictions. DSLR is implementing a phased approach to strategically grow its field-based footprint and is seeking PHEP jurisdictions to host DSLR preparedness field assignees (PFAs) to increase their public health emergency preparedness and response capacity. CDC will fund the salaries of PFAs to develop skills and field experience in state and local emergency preparedness and response.

The program provides PFAs with hands-on field training and experience, thus increasing the overall program competency of DSLR staff. This opportunity is open to all PHEP recipients who currently **do not** host a PFA.

Interested jurisdictions must submit the [PFA Host Site Applications](#) to [dslrpfa@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrpfa@cdc.gov) by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 23**. For questions regarding the application submission, contact Scott Tulloch at [sdt2@cdc.gov](mailto:sdt2@cdc.gov).

Learn more about [Becoming a PFA Host Site](#).

### ASTHO Releases Public Health Authority Toolkit

ASTHO recently developed the [Public Health Authority Toolkit](#) to support governmental public health officials and to provide an understanding of state and territorial public health's legal responsibility and authority in an acute or declared public health emergency. This toolkit includes evidence-based resources, examples of legislative testimony, and other resources to assist state and territorial health officials and educate the public and policymakers. State and territorial health officials are granted legal authorities to prevent and mitigate the spread of infectious disease and other health threats. These mechanisms are available in day-to-day

operations to prevent, detect, and contain health threats in the community, and in the event of a declared disaster or public health emergency.



### **CDC Opens New East Asia and Pacific Regional Office in Japan**

On February 5, CDC Director Mandy Cohen celebrated the opening of the new CDC East Asia and Pacific (EAP) regional office in Tokyo, Japan. The ceremony included U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel; Japan Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Keizo Takemi; diplomatic and health leaders from countries in the region; international organizations; and academic institutions. CDC's EAP regional office will work with Japan, partner countries, and regional organizations to prevent, detect and respond to health threats.

Read the full press release at [CDC Opens New East Asia and Pacific Regional Office in Japan](#).

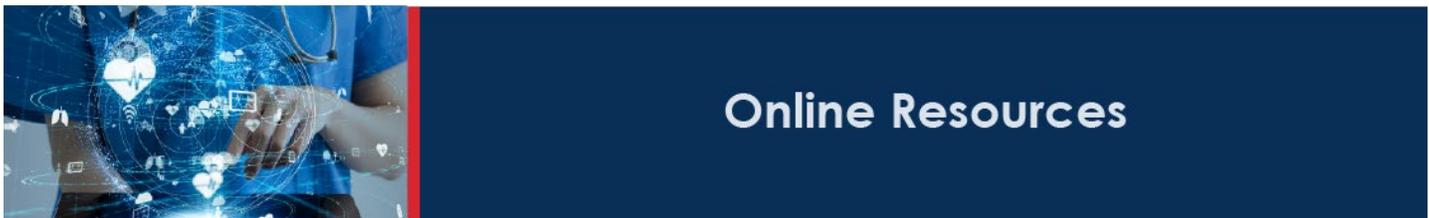
### **CDC Launches New Ads to Encourage People to Quit Smoking**

CDC's [Tips From Former Smokers® \(Tips®\)](#) campaign returns with new ads and resources to encourage people to [quit smoking](#). This year, seven new people are featured in the ads sharing their stories about how cigarette smoking and smoking-related diseases have negatively impacted their lives. Many of this year's new ads include messaging about the harms of [menthol cigarettes](#), which can contribute to tobacco-related health disparities. Menthol in cigarettes can make it easier to start smoking and harder to quit. Read the full press release at [CDC's Tips From Former Smokers® Launches New Ads to Encourage People to Quit Smoking](#).

### **NACCHO Awards Overdose Response Strategy Pilot Projects**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has awarded nearly \$350,000 in funding to seven [Overdose Response Strategy \(ORS\)](#) pilot projects to help address the overdose crisis in their communities. With support from CDC, these funds will support seven ORS teams crossing the public health and public safety sectors to explore collaborative approaches for responding to the overdose crisis.

Read the full press release at [NACCHO Awards \\$350,000 in New Overdose Response Project Funding: Awardees in California, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Vermont to Receive up to \\$50,000](#).



### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 16](#)
- [Surveillance for Lyme Disease After Implementation of a Revised Case Definition — United States, 2022](#)
- [Routes of Drug Use Among Drug Overdose Deaths — United States, 2020–2022](#)
- [Hepatitis A Exposure Response and Outbreak Prevention in a Large Urban Jail — Los Angeles County, California, May–July 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Long COVID Prevalence Among Adults — United States, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Were Advised During the Past 12 Months by a Doctor or Other Health Professional to Increase Their Amount of Physical Activity or Exercise, by Age Group and Sex — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2022](#)

## CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [What are Flu Antiviral Drugs](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [Flu Vaccination Coverage Update](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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