

**DSL**R

# FRIDAY UPDATE

**January 5, 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 (DSL)R Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](#) or contact us at [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

Subscribe here for the  
**DSL**R FRIDAY UPDATE



## In This Issue

### Upcoming Deadlines

- **January 16** – COVID-19 Quarterly Progress and Fiscal Reports (2020 Response Funding)
- **January 21** – COVID-19 Semiannual Progress and Fiscal Reports (2021 Response Funding)

### PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

- January 10 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Public Health Infrastructure and Cybersecurity
- CDC Reminds Recipients of PHEP TP19-1901 Final Performance Report Template

### Emergency Response Activities

- CDC Updates RSV Webpages
- CDC Provides Flu Antiviral Treatment Guide for the New Year

### What's on the Calendar

- **January 10** – [CDC PHEP Connects Webinar](#) (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST)
- **January 17** – [CDC PHEP Recipient Call](#) (2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST)

### Preparedness and Response Resources

- Consortium for Workforce Research in Public Health to Host Webinar on January 9

- New Multi-sector Community of Practice Aims to Address Social Conditions That Affect Health
- SNS to Host Monthly Informational Series on Preparedness Topics
- FEMA Offers Exercise Support Through the National Exercise Program

**News You Can Use**

- CDC Provides Updated 2022-2023 Estimates of Flu Burden Prevented by Vaccination
- NACCHO Releases Article on Hospital Data and Climate Health Surveillance

**Online Resources**

- CDC MMWR Reports
- CDC Online Resources



## Upcoming Deadlines

- **January 16** – COVID-19 Quarterly Progress and Fiscal Reports (2020 Response Funding)
- **January 21** – COVID-19 Semiannual Progress and Fiscal Reports (2021 Response Funding)



## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

**January 10 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Public Health Infrastructure and Cybersecurity**

CDC’s next PHEP Connects webinar, “The Critical Connection: Public Health Infrastructure and Cybersecurity,” is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 10**. Speakers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will discuss the critical convergence of two pivotal domains: public health infrastructure and cybersecurity. Speakers will highlight forward-thinking strategies designed to empower participants to prepare for and navigate future cybersecurity challenges. Following is the participant information.

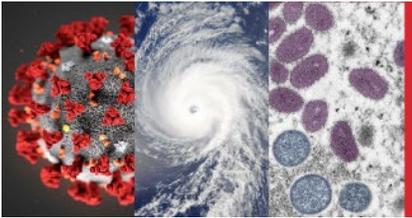


Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)  
 Meeting ID: 161 241 1865  
 Passcode: 569595  
 Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>

**CDC Reminds Recipients of PHEP TP19-1901 Final Performance Report Template**

CDC emailed the Final Performance and Evaluation Report template for the PHEP TP19-1901 period of performance to PHEP directors on December 22. Recipients can use this optional template to gather offline information summarizing program activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. This closeout report, required by the CDC Notice of Grant Award, will help identify public health preparedness gains directly attributable to state, local, and territorial PHEP investments. If recipients did not receive the report or if they have questions regarding the report, they should contact their project officers. Completed Final Performance and Evaluation Reports are due **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**. Final Federal Financial Reports or FFRs are also due **October 30, 2024**.



## Emergency Response Activities

### CDC Updates RSV Webpages

CDC continues to encourage healthcare providers to administer nirsevimab to protect infants against severe RSV and not save doses for later in the season as more nirsevimab is expected in early 2024. On January 3, the following CDC webpages were updated to emphasize immediate administration of nirsevimab to eligible infants:

- [For Healthcare Professionals: RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\)](#)
- [Healthcare Providers: RSV Immunization for Children 19 Months and Younger](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Vaccine for Children 19 Months and Younger](#)
- [Preventing RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\)](#)
- [RSV in Infants and Young Children](#)
- [Preparing Patients for 2023 Virus Season](#)

### CDC Provides Flu Antiviral Treatment Guide for the New Year

Be prepared to detect common [signs and symptoms](#) of flu. If sick with the flu, flu antiviral drugs are a treatment option. Antiviral drugs are recommended as soon as possible for people at higher risk of flu complications who have flu symptoms. CDC provides information on flu antiviral treatments and [what to do if you get sick](#).

Learn more at [What You Should Know About Flu Antiviral Drugs](#).



## What's on the Calendar

- **January 10** – [CDC PHEP Connects Webinar](#) (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST)
- **January 17** – [CDC PHEP Recipient Call](#) (2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST)



## Preparedness and Response Resources

### Consortium for Workforce Research in Public Health to Host Webinar on January 9

The [Consortium for Workforce Research in Public Health](#) (CWORPH) will host a [webinar](#) at **1 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 9**. This webinar will share the findings of two research studies from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and CDC funded Public Health Workforce Research Center, addressing national-level issues around public health workforce composition, roles, recruitment, retention, and implementation science. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

### New Multi-sector Community of Practice Aims to Address Social Conditions That Affect Health

The Social Determinants of Health-Getting Further Faster (SDOH-GFF) initiative recently launched a virtual community of practice (CoP) to support multisector community coalitions and partnerships that address social determinants of health (SDOH) to advance health equity and prevent chronic diseases. The GFF CoP will

offer various learning activities and resources to equip coalitions and partnerships with knowledge and effective strategies for building capacity and sustaining their efforts.

The GFF CoP will host its first peer learning event entitled, “Social Impact Storytelling: Crafting Impact Stories That Inspire and Transform Communities,” from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 11**. Speakers will discuss how coalitions, organizations, and partnerships can create stories of impact. Speakers will also discuss the effects of collaborative storytelling. Register [here](#) to attend the virtual event.

The [Getting Further Faster](#) initiative is a partnership between CDC, National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and community-led partnerships across the country to build the knowledge base around collaborative efforts that impact SDOH by learning from actual work in communities. Interested participants can complete the optional five-minute [questionnaire](#) to indicate interests and challenges. For additional information, email [SDOH-GFFCoP@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:SDOH-GFFCoP@mathematica-mpr.com).

### **SNS to Host Monthly Informational Series on Preparedness Topics**

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) will host a series of monthly SNS Office Hours starting in January 2024. These one-hour national calls for state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) partners will focus on topic areas to assist SNS MCM planners and their partners with enhancing their SNS preparedness programs. The first SNS Office Hours, scheduled for **4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 17**, will focus on the SNS CHEMPACK program. During this session, CHEMPACK subject matter experts will provide the most recent program updates and answer participant questions. To ensure maximum benefit from this session, participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions to [sns-slitt@hhs.gov](mailto:sns-slitt@hhs.gov) (subject: SNS Office Hours: CHEMPACK) by Wednesday, January 10. Register [here](#) for the January SNS Office Hours.

### **FEMA Offers Exercise Support Through the National Exercise Program**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Exercise Program (NEP) is now accepting requests for exercise support. The NEP offers no-cost assistance to state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) jurisdictions for exercise design, development, execution and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas. To be considered for the 2024 round of the NEP, applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 1**. Applications are open to all state, local, tribal and territorial governments. Instructions on how to submit a request for support are provided on FEMA’s [National Exercise Program website](#).

Throughout the month of January, FEMA will host webinars to discuss the exercise support process. All webinars will offer the same content. To view webinar dates and to register, visit FEMA’s [webinar registration page](#).



### **CDC Provides Updated 2022-2023 Estimates of Flu Burden Prevented by Vaccination**

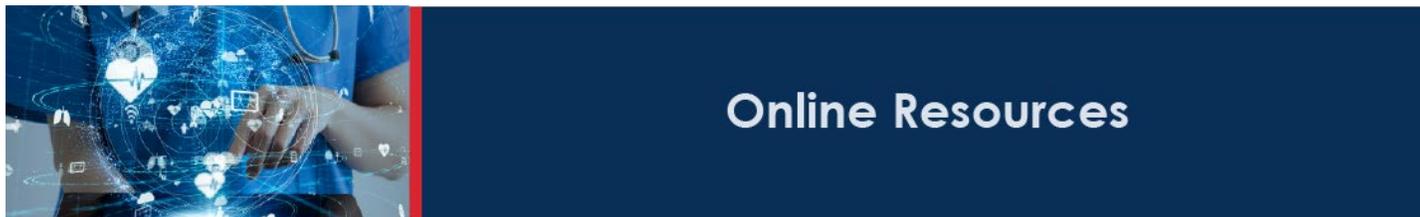
CDC updated its estimates of the numbers of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths prevented as a result of vaccination during the 2022-2023 flu season. Flu vaccination prevented 6 million flu-related illnesses, 2.9 million medical visits, 65,000 hospitalizations, and 3,700 deaths, according to recently updated estimates. Estimates for the [2019-2020](#) and [2021-2022](#) flu seasons were also updated.

Learn more at [Estimated Influenza Illnesses, Medical Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Prevented by Vaccination in the United States – 2022-2023 Influenza Season](#).

### **NACCHO Releases Article on Hospital Data and Climate Health Surveillance**

NACCHO released an [article](#) about hospital data and climate health surveillance. Health care data is increasingly generated by electronic health records (EHRs) (also known as electronic medical records (EMRs)). An estimated 88% of American physicians use EHRs in their offices. Emergency department chief

complaints serve as the primary data source for local health departments (LHDs) that employ syndromic surveillance, providing a snapshot of acute health problems within a community. Because EHRs allow for more complete and real-time surveillance than non-electronic systems, they can be extremely useful in tracking the impacts of extreme health or weather events. Because of these benefits, data retrieval is a growing part of surveillance in many LHDs.



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 5](#)
- [Second Nationwide Tuberculosis Outbreak Caused by Bone Allografts Containing Live Cells — United States, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Supply Interruptions of First- and Second-Line Oral Drugs to Treat Tuberculosis During the Previous 12 Months — California, January–March, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Seizures, Hyperthermia, and Myocardial Injury in Three Young Adults Who Consumed Bromazolam Disguised as Alprazolam — Chicago, Illinois, February 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Rate of Triplet and Higher-Order Multiple Births, by Age of Mother — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 1998 and 2022](#)

### CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)

---

### Christine Kosmos, RN, BSN, MS

Director, Division of State and Local Readiness  
Office of Readiness and Response (ORR)  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

