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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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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Registration Now Available for July 26 HPP-PHEP Recipient Meeting

CDC and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a virtual joint HPP-PHEP recipient business meeting **from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 26**. [Registration](#) is required to attend this event. Registered recipients will receive an email with the Zoom event link and can use the “add to calendar” feature to save the information as an Outlook meeting.

CDC PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for August 9

CDC’s next PHEP Connects webinar, “The Impact on Public Health Due to Power Outages - Part II,” is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 9**.

Presenters will discuss how power outages related to emergencies such as wildfires, hurricanes, and winter storms, whether planned or unplanned, create significant challenges for federal, state, and local communities. In addition, participants will learn how PHEP jurisdictions can leverage best practices, identify planning actions, and mitigation measures. Speakers will demonstrate how the use of preparedness strategies, new data and health information technology capabilities, tools, and resources help prevent adverse health impacts from power outages. Following is the participant information.



Participant Log-in Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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



Emergency Response Activities

HHS Releases COVID-19 Vaccine Commercialization Transition Guide

Recent guidance developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the [Sunsetting of the US Government COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program](#) provides direction to those participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. This document provides updated information as the U.S. government stops distributing COVID-19 vaccines through its current ordering system and the vaccines transition to traditional pathways for procurement, distribution, and payment. The document also includes information on:

- Exceptional orders after full-scale ordering closes
- Guidance on inventory and disposal management of vaccine and ancillary supplies
- Data reporting requirements
- CDC programs for uninsured individuals
- Anticipated vaccine schedule for fall
- Planning considerations

For additional information visit CDC's webpage on the [HHS Commercialization Transition Guide](#).

CDC Updates Mpox Web Pages

CDC recently updated its [Patient's Guide to Mpox Treatment with Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\)](#) with information regarding the antiviral drug [tecovirimat \(TPOXX\)](#). This treatment has been used to treat mpox through an expanded access (sometimes called compassionate use) program during the outbreak that began in 2022. The compassionate use of tecovirimat is for people with severe mpox disease or who are likely to get severely ill (those with weakened immune systems, such as people with HIV that is not controlled, or who have skin conditions like eczema).

For additional information visit CDC's [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use](#).

NARMS Data Now Available on Sanford Guide

A new partnership between CDC and Antimicrobial Therapy, Inc., publisher of the "[Sanford Guide](#)," aims to strengthen antimicrobial stewardship by ensuring that healthcare professionals across the country have access to the information they need at the point of care. Through this collaboration with CDC, Sanford Guide is incorporating data from the [National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System for Enteric Bacteria](#) (NARMS), which tracks changes in the antimicrobial resistance of foodborne pathogens.

Through [Sanford Guide's mobile app and website](#), healthcare professionals can view antibiograms using NARMS data for three enteric bacteria — *Salmonella* (including *Salmonella Typhi*), *Shigella*, and *Campylobacter*. Sanford Guide now also includes links to CDC websites, publications, and resources. With greater access to CDC resources and NARMS data, healthcare professionals can integrate this information into clinical practice, leading to improved antibiotic prescribing decisions.



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RHI to Host Webinar on Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources for Rural Communities

The [Rural Health Information \(RHI\) Hub](#) will host a webinar on “Accessing Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources for Rural Communities” at **1 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 18**. This webinar will share local, state, and federal perspectives on how rural communities can access needed resources when responding to and recovering from a disaster or emergency.

Jeff Hoogheem, PHEP director for the Texas health department, will share experiences working with and forming partnerships with rural communities and federal partners to access resources for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resilience analyst working with state, local, and tribal emergency preparedness professionals in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming will discuss how to better prepare, respond, and recover from disasters. Additionally, participants will learn how Gulf Shores, Alabama, used lessons learned from previous disasters to plan for and fund their response and recovery efforts after a hurricane, including how they budgeted for recovery efforts and worked to navigate and obtain FEMA reimbursement. This webinar and the related [Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit](#), were supported with CDC funding.

[Register](#) to attend the webinar and view the case study featured in this webinar at [COVID-19 and Hurricane Sally Present Dual Threat in Gulf Shores, Alabama](#).

NEHA Wildfire Response Guide Now Available

The new [Wildfire Response Guide for Environmental Public Health Professionals](#) provides potential considerations and roles for environmental public health professionals when responding to a wildfire. The guide from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) includes:

- Response and recovery objectives for each environmental health area
- Template messages
- Sample forms that can be used to meet objectives
- Recommended guidance documents
- Suggestions for cross-sector partnerships and policies

NACCHO Releases RFP for Health Equity and Social Justice Instructional Designer

NACCHO is seeking a consultant to develop educational strategies for local health department grantees of CDC's [National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities Department of Health and Human Services](#). The consultant will work with NACCHO and subject matter experts to develop unique training strategies for six areas of focus.

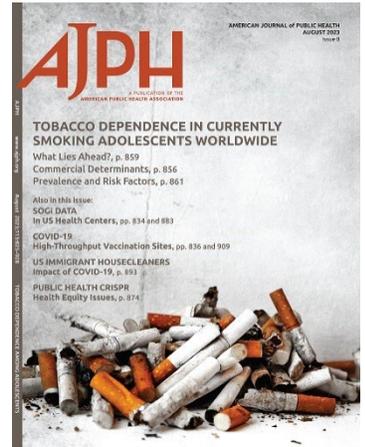
Application requirements and full details of the project can be found in the [Request for Proposal](#). Proposals must be submitted electronically, in PDF format, via e-mail to Bianca Lawrence at blawrence@naccho.org. Applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 26**.



AJPH Article Highlights Promising Practices in High-Throughput Vaccination Sites

CDC authors recently published "[Promising Practices Observed in High-Throughput COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in the United States, February–May 2021](#)" in the American Journal of Public Health. Six of the following themes are addressed in this article.

- Theme 1: Addressing Health Equity
- Theme 2: Leveraging Partnerships
- Theme 3: Optimizing Space and Flow
- Theme 4: Communicating Through Visual Cues
- Theme 5: Using Quick Response (QR) Codes
- Theme 6: Prioritizing Risk Management and Quality Control



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 14](#)
- [Cannabis-Involved Emergency Department Visits Among Persons Aged <25 Years Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2019–2022](#)
- [Updated Operational Guidance for Implementing CDC’s Recommendations on Testing for Hepatitis C Virus Infection](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Emergency Department Visits for Nonfatal Pedal Cyclist Injuries Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic, United States, 2019–2020](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Multipathogen Respiratory Virus Testing Among Primary and Secondary School Students and Staff Members in a Large Metropolitan School District — Missouri, November 2, 2022–April 19, 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Life Expectancy at Birth, by Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2019–2021](#)

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