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# FRIDAY UPDATE

July 21, 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

### HPP-PHEP Recipient Meeting to Be Held July 26

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 include the meeting on their calendars. The final agenda will be sent to recipients via a separate email.

CDC and ASPR are planning to conduct a similar meeting with the PHEP and HPP recipients in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for **7:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, August 2**. More information will be provided once details are finalized.



## Emergency Response Activities

### CDC to Reopen Public Health Crisis Response NOFO

CDC plans to reopen the current Public Health Crisis Response notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), TP22-2201, in early August on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The NOFO will remain open for 60 days to allow for applications from local health departments or tribes that meet eligibility requirements due to population changes. The list of eligible jurisdictions will be listed in the NOFO. CDC will reopen the funding announcement 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.

The Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement approved but unfunded roster currently includes 97 jurisdictions. They include the 50 states, eight U.S. territories and freely associated states, 38 local jurisdictions, and one tribal government. The 2022 roster expires January 31, 2027.



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **New Toolkit Now Available for Monitoring and Surveillance of Behavioral Health After Disasters**

With the support of CDC's Office of Readiness and Response, RAND researchers have developed a practical online and interactive [toolkit](#) for state, territorial, local, and tribal public health departments. The toolkit can assist with conducting behavioral health surveillance following disasters and other public health emergencies. With improved monitoring and surveillance of behavioral health precursors and impacts, public health officials can

- follow long-term trends and better anticipate the potential impacts of emergencies;
- identify sudden increases in behavioral health needs;
- evaluate the equity and effectiveness of interventions for conditions such as depression, anxiety, and substance use; and
- position resources to prevent adverse behavioral health impacts from future emergencies.

This toolkit shows how existing data sources can be used for behavioral health surveillance in the context of a variety of public health emergencies. These sources include unemployment insurance claims, 2-1-1 hotline calls, calls to Poison Control Centers, prescription drug fills, sales of over-the-counter sleep aids, and use of emergency departments and emergency medical services. The toolkit is publicly available and free to access.

### **Model Aquatic Health Code Webinar Scheduled for July 26**

The [Pueblo Department of Public Health](#) will host a [webinar](#) on adopting and implementing the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) in Pueblo County, Colo., from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 26**. Presenters will discuss their experience with adopting the MAHC in 2022 as well as implementing and enforcing the new codes after adoption. They will also share best practices and lessons learned. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

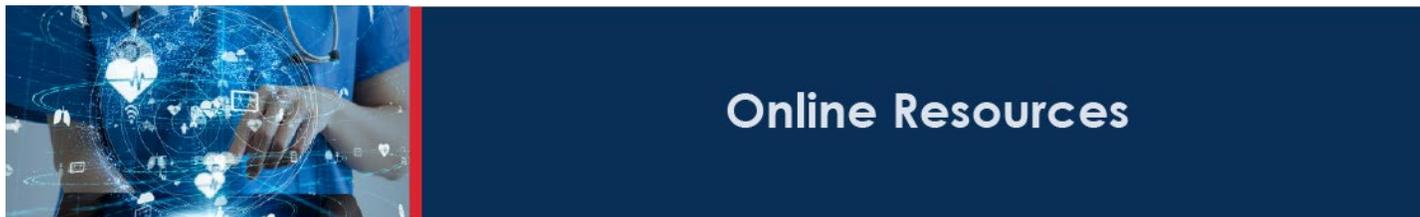


## News You Can Use

### **ASTHO Publishes Commentary on Preparing for Next Public Health Crisis**

Staff from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and Thomas Dobbs, former Mississippi state health officer, have co-authored a [commentary](#) in the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* on preparing for the next pandemic or public health crisis. The commentary describes how

COVID-19 and other recent crises have highlighted the importance of accurate communication, depoliticizing public health, securing funding, and implementing policy solutions to prepare for future outbreaks. Additionally, the piece addresses how health equity and community engagement will be crucial for effective pandemic responses.



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 20](#)
- [Soft Tick Relapsing Fever — United States, 2012–2021](#)
- [Progress Toward Hepatitis B Control and Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus — World Health Organization African Region, 2016–2021](#)
- [Arthritis Among Children and Adolescents Aged <18 Years — United States, 2017–2021](#)
- [Use of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines in Older Adults: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children with Laboratory Evidence of Prenatal Zika Virus Exposure — Puerto Rico, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: An Outbreak of Shiga Toxin–Producing \*Escherichia coli\* O157:H7 Associated with a Farming Camp — Tennessee, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged ≤17 Years Who Have Experienced a Specified Stressful Life Event, by Type of Event and Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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