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# FRIDAY UPDATE

July 28, 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 with Pacific Island Recipients to Be Held August 2

CDC and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) plan to host a virtual meeting with HPP and PHEP 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 to those recipients once details are finalized.

### CDC Conducts PERFORMS Training on PHEP BP4 APR Module

CDC will conduct three training sessions on the PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) annual progress report (APR) module in PERFORMS. Recipients will use this module to submit BP4 programmatic updates. Recipients must submit APR data by **Tuesday, October 31**.

All three PERFORMS training sessions will cover the same information, with recipients welcome to participate in one or all sessions.

- **11 a.m. EDT on Monday, August 7**
- **7 p.m. EDT on Monday, August 7**
- **1 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, August 8**

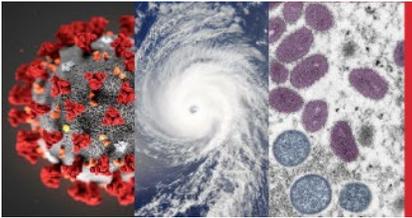
### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 964 4297

Passcode: 000723

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609644297?pwd=L3dRYVp5d0t5VEFLRjFHhTRBV05oZz09>



## Emergency Response Activities

### **CDC to Launch Bridge Access Program to Provide Free COVID-19 Vaccines to Uninsured and Underinsured Adults**

This fall, CDC will launch the [Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines](#) program to help ensure that millions of uninsured and underinsured American adults continue to have access to no-cost COVID-19 vaccinations. There are an estimated 30 million adults without insurance in the United States. Others have insurance that will not provide free coverage for COVID-19 vaccines after these products transition to the commercial market. Under the management and oversight of CDC, the Bridge Access Program will temporarily allow adults who are uninsured or underinsured to receive free COVID-19 vaccinations.

CDC has [published](#) its intent to modify existing [Increasing Community Access to Testing \(ICATT\)](#) program contracts with select pharmacy partners with proven capacity to reach and vaccinate millions of adults. It is expected that through such agreements with participating pharmacy chains that the Bridge Access Program will reimburse pharmacies for the administration fees, enabling pharmacies to administer vaccine doses for the program. CDC has also been working closely with manufacturers, as their voluntary collaboration is critical to ensure that there is an adequate supply of vaccines for this program.

The Bridge Access Program will serve as a “temporary bridge” and is scheduled to end in December 2024. More information is available at [CDC to Launch “Bridge Access Program” in Fall 2023 to Provide Free COVID-19 Vaccines to Uninsured and Underinsured Adults](#).

### **CDC Investigates U.S. Malaria Cases**

CDC is collaborating with state and local health departments to investigate locally acquired [malaria](#) cases (*Plasmodium vivax* or *P. vivax*). To date, Florida has identified seven cases, and Texas has detected one, with illnesses identified between May and July. There is no evidence to suggest the cases in the two states are related. The risk to the public for locally acquired mosquito-transmitted malaria remains very low. However, the *Anopheles* species of mosquito that transmits malaria is present across the United States, and areas with this type of mosquito coupled with higher numbers of imported malaria cases are at higher risk for local malaria transmission.

While severe complications and death can occur with *P. vivax* infections, the frequency of these outcomes is low. However, without proper treatment, relapses can occur months or years later. The most effective way to prevent malaria is to [prevent mosquito bites](#) and ensure early diagnosis and treatment of imported cases.

CDC continues to [educate clinicians](#) on the [diagnosis](#) and [treatment](#) of malaria. CDC’s July 20 Clinician Outreach and Community Activity (COCA) call, [Review of Malaria Diagnosis and Treatment in the United States](#), provided pertinent clinical information.

Public health officials who are concerned about potential cases of locally acquired malaria should contact CDC’s [Malaria Branch](#) or call 770-488-7788 during regular business hours. Contact CDC’s [Emergency Operations Center](#) or call 770-488-7100 outside of regular business hours for assistance with recommendations and testing.

For more information on malaria, visit CDC’s [Malaria Is a Serious Disease](#) webpage.



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **CDC Workforce Development Fellowship Opportunities and Resources Now Available**

CDC's Division of Workforce Development (DWD) in the National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce provides the latest workforce development resources and upcoming opportunities to host or become a CDC fellow. Applications for the [Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program \(PHIFP\)](#) will open on August 15 and will close on December 1. For additional information, email [phifp@cdc.gov](mailto:phifp@cdc.gov).

### **NACCHO Releases RFA for COVID-19 Mitigation Technical Assistance to Support Child Care Programs**

With support from CDC, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has announced a request for application (RFA) for [Technical Assistance to Support Child Care Programs with COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies](#). This funding opportunity will award up to eight awards to local health departments with established partnerships with early childhood and education settings in their communities. Applications are due **Thursday, August 3**.



## News You Can Use

### **White House Launches Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response**

As part of the president's commitment to ensure that the country is more prepared for a pandemic, the White House has established a new Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response (OPPR). This will be a permanent office in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) charged with leading, coordinating, and implementing actions related to preparedness for, and response to, known and unknown biological threats or pathogens that could lead to a pandemic or to significant public health-related disruptions in the United States. OPPR will take over the duties of the current COVID-19 Response Team and Mpox Team at the White House and will continue to coordinate and develop policies and priorities related to pandemic preparedness and response. Major General (ret) Paul Friedrichs will serve as the inaugural director of the new office and principal advisor on pandemic preparedness and response as of August 7.

Read the [full statement](#) from the White House to learn more.

### **CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings**

Register for the featured summer trainings on [CDC Learning Connection](#).

- People with long COVID may experience symptoms that affect returning to work. Learn how to provide care with [Evaluating and Supporting Patients with Long COVID in Returning to Work](#).
- Review guidance on updated infection control recommendations for healthcare facilities and hear insights from healthcare professionals in [Infection Prevention and Control Post-COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#).
- A strong safety culture in healthcare settings can help reduce staff burnout and improve patient outcomes. Organizations can learn how to promote a safe workplace with [Safety Culture in Healthcare Settings](#).
- Learn about aquatic facilities and the inspection process with the [Pool Inspection Training for Environmental Health Professionals](#).
- CDC developed the [2022 Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain](#) to help improve pain care. Learn how to use the guideline's recommendations to make informed decisions with [CDC's 2022 Clinical Practice Guideline](#).

[Sign up](#) to receive the CDC Learning Connection newsletter to stay informed about public health trainings from CDC and partners.



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 28](#)
- [Health Care Provider Knowledge Regarding Alpha-gal Syndrome — United States, March–May 2022](#)
- [Geographic Distribution of Suspected Alpha-gal Syndrome Cases — United States, January 2017–December 2022](#)
- [Travel-Associated Dengue Cases — United States, 2010–2021](#)
- [Demographic Disparities in Mpox Vaccination Series Completion, by Route of Vaccine Administration — California, August 9, 2022–March 31, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Cruise Ship Norovirus Outbreak Associated with Person-to-Person Transmission — United States Jurisdiction, January 2023](#)
- [Retraction and Republication: Timing of Introduction of Complementary Foods — United States, 2016–2018](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years who Received an Influenza Vaccination in the Past 12 Months, by Race and Ethnicity and Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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