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FRIDAY UPDATE

July 7, 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 (DSL)R Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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CDC PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for July 12

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Applying Whole Community Strategies for an Inclusive Response," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 12**. Representatives from the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department will share lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic response in addressing communities who expressed vaccine hesitancy to ensure strategies implemented were equitable and accessible. Speakers will also discuss how state and local communities can use lessons learned to ensure inclusivity in other types of responses, such as Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6 - Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services.



Participant 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

CDC Provides COVID-19 Updates

Jurisdictions, pharmacies, federal agencies, and dialysis centers that signed the COVID-19 data use agreement (DUA) extension are required to submit their COVID-19 vaccination data on the second Wednesday of each month. The next submission deadline is July 12. Each monthly submission should include a full month of data from the previous month as well as older data not submitted previously. For

example, the July 12 submission should include all data for the month of June and unreported data prior to June.

HHS Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Program to Begin This Fall
Beginning this fall, the [Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments](#) will help to ensure access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments for under- and uninsured adults once these products are commercialized. In April 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the Bridge Access Program as a temporary measure to help ensure cost-free access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments after commercialization of these products in the fall of 2023. This program will support COVID-19 vaccinations and will **not** provide access to other vaccines routinely recommended for adults, such as flu, pneumonia, and shingles.

Under CDC management and oversight, the first component of the program will be implemented through existing public health infrastructure, specifically state immunization recipients, local health departments (LHDs), and health centers supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The second component of the program will be implemented through retail pharmacies.

For more information, contact PolicyISDBridge@cdc.gov.



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NACCHO Hosts July 20 Webinar on Preparing for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene-Related Emergencies Among People Experiencing Homelessness

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar, "[Preparing for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene \(WASH\)-Related Emergencies Among People Experiencing Homelessness.](#)" from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 20**. This webinar will explore the latest data about the preparedness and response efforts for people experiencing homelessness during water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)-related emergencies. Speakers from local jurisdictions will discuss their updated emergency plans to address this population and share focus group findings, tools, and resources to support this work.

[Register](#) to attend the webinar.



CDC Recommends RSV Vaccine for Older Adults

On June 29, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for use of the new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines from GSK and Pfizer for people ages 60 years and older, using shared clinical decision-making. This means these individuals may receive a single dose of the vaccine based on discussions with their healthcare providers about whether RSV vaccination is right for them.

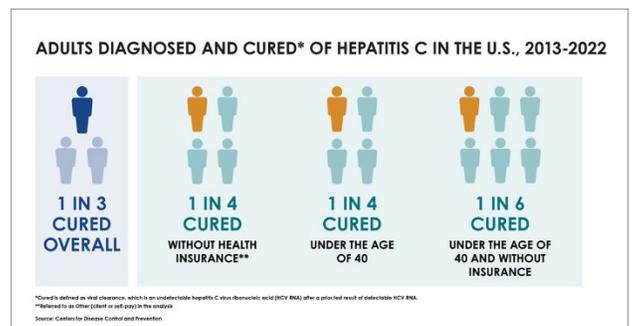
Adults at the highest risk for severe RSV illness include older adults, adults with chronic heart or lung disease, adults with weakened immune systems, and adults living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities. CDC estimates that every year, RSV causes approximately 60,000 to 160,000 hospitalizations and as many as 10,000 deaths among older adults.

These new vaccines – which are the first ones licensed in the United States to protect against RSV – are expected to be available this fall. The vaccines provide an opportunity to help protect older adults against severe RSV illness at a time when multiple respiratory infections are likely to circulate. Healthcare providers should also talk to their adult patients about what other vaccines they will need this fall to help prevent respiratory infections.

Read the full media statement at [CDC Recommends RSV Vaccine for Older Adults](#).

Breakthrough Cures for Hepatitis C Fail to Reach Vast Majority of Americans Who Need Them

A [new CDC report](#) suggests the majority of people with hepatitis C still have not been cured nearly a decade after breakthrough treatments that clear the viral infection were [first approved](#) in the United States. The findings highlight the urgent need for a [proposed national program](#) that would end much of the suffering and death from hepatitis C by eliminating the disease in the United States.



It's estimated more than two million people in the United States have hepatitis C which, if left untreated, often leads to serious and sometimes deadly outcomes such as [liver cancer](#) and liver failure. Despite the existence of a safe and highly effective oral cure for hepatitis C, the infection contributed to the deaths of more than [14,800 people](#) in 2020.

Read the full press release at [Breakthrough Cures for Hepatitis C Still Fail to Reach the Vast Majority of Americans Who Need Them](#).

Next SNS Regional Workshop to Be Held in New York City

The next Strategic National Stockpile's (SNS) regional workshop will be held **July 11 and July 12 in New York City** for Region 2 state, tribal, local, and territorial partners. These workshops are designed to strengthen partnerships and to discuss lessons learned to improve all levels of medical countermeasure response operations.

In preparation for the upcoming meetings, invited participants should review the SNS formulary update webinar on CDC TRAIN at [A Strategic National Stockpile \(SNS\) Formulary Update March 2023](#) (Course ID #1107185). Viewers must have a no-cost TRAIN account which is available via <http://train.org>. To quickly find the course, search the TRAIN site for course ID number 1107185 and use launch code Form23 to view the webinar. After registering, a green Launch button appears, and after it is clicked, a box for the launch code appears. After the code is entered the training video will begin.

Jurisdictions should direct questions regarding the regional meetings to snsstfengagement@cdc.gov.

Registration Now Open for NGA Workshop on August 10-11

The National Governors Association (NGA), ASTHO, and CDC will host a joint "Workshop on Preparing for Future Public Health Emergencies" to prepare for and respond to future public health threats. The in-person workshop will be held **August 10 and August 11, in Oklahoma City, OK**. During the workshop, CDC will

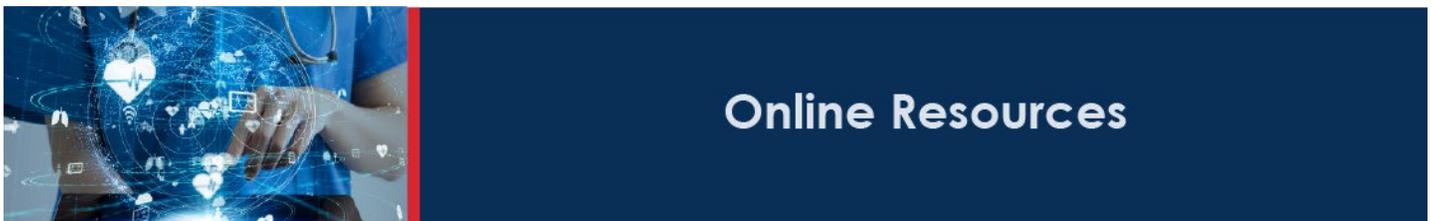
conduct a listening session on how to better support states.

The objectives of the joint workshop include:

- Identifying strategies and promising practices for detecting new and emerging threats
- Enhancing public health infrastructure and workforce
- Improving legal and administrative preparedness
- Tackling increasingly concurrent emergencies

Representatives from governor offices are encouraged to attend along with their state health officials and PHEP directors. NGA will provide travel assistance for up to three participants per state and territory for 25 jurisdictions on a first-come basis. Priority will be given to states and territories that intend to include participants from each of these offices. Additional participants are welcome to attend at their own jurisdictional expense.

Additional meeting details and registration information are available at [Workshop on Preparing for Future Public Health Emergencies](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 7](#)
- [Inpatient Hospitalization Costs Associated with Birth Defects Among Persons Aged <65 Years — United States, 2019](#)
- [Status of New Vaccine Introduction — Worldwide, 2016–2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Doubling of Cyclosporiasis Cases Partially Attributable to a Salad Kit — Florida, 2021–2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Scrub Typhus Outbreak — Los Lagos Region, Chile, January–February 2023](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 72, No. Suppl-1](#)

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