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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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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

CDC Finalizes BP5 Funding Awards

CDC is currently processing PHEP funding awards for Budget Period 5 (BP5), which begins July 1, and will be releasing Notices of Award (NoAs) to PHEP recipients on a rolling basis throughout June. Recipients should carefully review the terms and conditions of the NoAs and must respond to any conditions of award (CoAs) by **August 15**. This deadline replaces the timeline indicated in the technical reviews of the recipients' applications.

CDC anticipates opening on June 9 the PERFORMS Program Management Module (PMM), which recipients will use to submit responses to CoAs and budget and work plan revisions. CDC has scheduled three PMM training sessions for the week of June 12. Following are the training details.

- **1 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 12** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **7 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 12** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **11 a.m. EDT, Tuesday, June 13** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 964 4297

Passcode: 000723

Webinar link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609644297?pwd=L3dRYVp5d0t5VEFLRjFHATRbV05oZz09>

Recipients must respond to all weaknesses and required budget actions by submitting responses in PMM, and, if necessary, as grant notes in GrantSolutions by **August 15**. Recipients should refer to the NoA instructions on how to submit required grant notes. Submissions in PERFORMS and GrantSolutions **must** include a cover letter noting:

- That conditions have been met or how they will be addressed,
- Required redirection requests, including a summary of proposed budget changes and corresponding budget redirection table, if applicable,
- Any NoA errors, including changes to key personnel, and
- Additional required documentation or requested information.

If programmatic or budget actions require the release of an NoA restriction, recipients should submit the request in GrantSolutions using the “Release of Restrictions on NoA” amendment type.

Recipients should direct questions about their NoAs and responding to CoAs to their PHEP project officers.

PHEP BP4 Program Data Due June 30

Friday, June 30, is the deadline for recipients to submit PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) program data. BP4 reporting requirements are outlined in the [PHEP Budget Period 4 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview – December 2022](#). Additional details are available at [PHEP BP4 At-A-Glance Program Requirement Updates December 2022](#) and [PHEP-BP4 ORR-Elements August-2022](#).

All 62 PHEP recipients must submit by June 30 the following required data through the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module in the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS).

- 50 planning elements
- Annual PHEP exercise data
- Critical contact sheets
- Emergency operations center activations
- Workforce development and training (WDT) data

In addition, recipients must address PHEP benchmarks related to Laboratory Response Network (LRN) requirements by June 30. However, recipients will report PHEP benchmark data in PERFORMS as part of the PHEP BP4 annual progress reports due September 30. The benchmarks include:

- LRN-B biological sample testing
- LRN-C chemical sample testing using core and additional methods
- LRN-C Lab specimen packaging and shipping exercise

SNS Provides Formulary Information to Inform MCM Planning Activities

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is making available detailed information on products in the SNS formulary to assist jurisdictions in their medical countermeasure (MCM) planning efforts. This [list](#) identifies items by product type based on specific threats and will be available by close of business on Monday, June 5, on CDC’s Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-TRAC). PHEP directors and MCM planners should direct questions about the SNS formulary to sns.ops@cdc.gov and copy their PHEP project officers. As a reminder, **this document is not for public release** and is available on a secured site with controlled access.



CDC Provides Mpox Funding Update

CDC recently released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) on mpox funding updates, including additional guidance about the appropriate use of current award resources based on CDC’s National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) approach to HIV, STD, and mpox prevention.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

Applications Available for 2023-24 Public Health Leadership Opportunity

Applications for the 2023-24 cohort of Public Health Regenerative Leadership Synergy (PHEARLESS) program will be available on June 6. PHEARLESS is a new grant and leadership enhancement opportunity based on the principles of regenerative leadership. Sponsors include the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

PHEARLESS will support up to 15 teams, each comprising two community leaders and two public health leaders in the same community, in developing the mindset and skillset to transform systems, power structures, and processes to facilitate the design of equitable, health-promoting communities. Participants in the 12-month program will work through four modules and a capstone activity, including both live virtual sessions and an in-person component.

For additional information, visit the [Kresge Foundation](#) webpage or email COPH-CLPHP@usf.edu.

Next SNS Regional Workshop to Be Held in Atlanta

The next Strategic National Stockpile's (SNS) regional workshop will be held **June 6 and June 7 in Atlanta** for Region 4 state, tribal, local, and territorial partners. The Region 4 meeting will be followed by the Region 8 workshop **June 21 and June 22 in Bismarck, ND**. 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 snssttengagement@cdc.gov.

NACCHO to Host June 6 Meeting on 2023-2026 National Health Security Strategy

NACCHO will host an Introduction to the [2023-2026 National Health Security Strategy](#) from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 6**. This meeting will focus on sharing health security priorities, promising practices, and allow for discussion on health security. [Register here](#) to attend the meeting.

CDC EPIC Webinar Addresses Communicating Public Health Emergency Messaging to Diverse Populations

CDC will host a webinar entitled “[Communicating Public Health Emergency Messaging to Diverse Populations: The California and Los Angeles County Experience](#)” from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 7**. Presenters will discuss how the California and Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health used effective communication practices to overcome barriers and provide fair access to information. This webinar will be available in English and Spanish. Closed captioning will be available. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 161 498 6296

Passcode: 000066

Webinar link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614986296>



Save the Date: Workshop on Preparing for Future Public Health Emergencies Scheduled for August 10-11

The National Governors Association (NGA), ASTHO, and CDC will host a joint workshop 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.

Workshop topics 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. Additional participants are welcome to attend at their own jurisdictional expense.

ASTHO will provide more information soon, including a formal invitation, meeting details, reimbursement instructions, and links to register and book lodging.

CDC Launches New Respiratory Illness Data Dashboard: RESP-LENS

CDC recently launched a new [Respiratory Virus Laboratory Emergency Department Network Surveillance](#) (RESP-LENS) dashboard. This new tool shows emergency department visits for laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza (flu), SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection. Preparedness planners can use the RESP-LENS dashboard to follow trends and compare activity of these three different pathogens in different age groups and geographic locations. CDC plans to update the data displayed on the RESP-LENS interactive dashboard weekly.



This surveillance system provides timely data on the primary viruses causing acute respiratory illness and how each virus’s activity might vary over time and by age group. The percent positivity metric can be used to

follow trends and comparisons of laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19, flu, and RSV activity in different age groups and HHS regions across the United States. RESP-LENS serves as a valuable tool for public health and health care professionals, allowing users to visualize and understand trends in virus circulation, estimate disease burden, and respond to outbreaks, informing decisions and strategies for protecting public health.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 2](#)
- [Community Water Fluoridation Levels to Promote Effectiveness and Safety in Oral Health — United States, 2016–2021](#)
- [Evaluation of the Cherokee Nation Hepatitis C Virus Elimination Program — Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma, 2015–2020](#)
- [Estimates of SARS-CoV-2 Seroprevalence and Incidence of Primary SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among Blood Donors, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status — United States, April 2021–September 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Pediatric Intracranial Infections — Clark County, Nevada, January–December 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Update on Pediatric Intracranial Infections — 19 States and the District of Columbia, January 2016–March 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Have Been Bothered a Lot by Headache or Migraine in the Past 3 Months, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** Doximity [video](#) (accessible to Doximity members)
- **NEW** [Sermo: What clinicians need to know about Mpox: Q&A](#)

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