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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 (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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March 8 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Law Assessment Tool

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "The Prevention Measure Law Assessment Tool," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 8.**



This webinar, the second in the Legal Preparedness Series, will introduce participants to the Prevention Measure Law Assessment Tool, a draft update to the [Social Distancing Law Assessment Tool](#) originally developed by CDC and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). Using lessons learned from the past 12 years, including strategies deployed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prevention Measure Law Assessment Tool's legal assessment guide and tabletop exercise template enable health officials and attorneys to assess their jurisdictional legal authority for implementing nonpharmaceutical interventions and distributing medical countermeasures in outbreaks of any magnitude. Participants will discuss the current draft of the tool and share their own perspectives on disease prevention measures. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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

CDC Encourages Early Submission of Required BP4 Data

CDC encourages recipients to submit PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) forms and related evidence throughout the current budget period rather than waiting until the June 30 deadline. This will reduce overall burden for recipients and CDC and facilitate more efficient and timely project officer review and

feedback to recipients. In December, CDC provided instructions on adding, editing, and submitting ORR forms in PORTS to meet Budget Period 4 (BP4) requirements. To ensure all BP4 data are captured accurately, it is critical that recipients follow those instructions. PHEP BP4 reporting requirements consist of:

1. Updating the **Critical Contact Sheet form**,
2. Entering additional or updated information in the **Workforce Development and Training form**,
3. Adding and submitting annual PHEP exercise data via the **Access and Functional Needs form**,
4. Adding and submitting the **Emergency Operations Center Activation form**, and
5. Submitting **15 preparedness and response capability planning forms**, which consist of 50 planning elements.

Recipients can access the ORR module within PORTS to complete the outlined steps for each of the forms. Users should verify their roles, jurisdictions, and the budget period designation before completing the outlined steps. For more information on the instructions, recipients should contact their project officers.



CDC Updates Implications of COVID-19 PHE Expiration

CDC has updated the implications following the federal government's [plans to end the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#) on May 11. Once the PHE ends, the following two components of the U.S. Exposure Notifications System will be discontinued.

- National Key Server (NKS) and Multitenant Verification Server (MVS) Operations
- Exposure Notifications Express (ENX) Solution

In addition, sentinel surveillance has been added to the list of CDC COVID-19 data activities that are **not** directly affected by the PHE. Others not affected include case and death reporting, national genomic surveillance, wastewater surveillance, and traveler genomic surveillance.

Also, CDC's "Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic" will remain in effect until terminated by the president. This is because the order is implemented under a Presidential proclamation, Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Following are helpful resources regarding PHEs.

- [Public Health Emergency Declaration Q&As](#)
- [CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers](#)
- [CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the Transition Forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)
- [CDC's Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Mpox Office Hours Scheduled for March 9

The next Mpox Health Partner Ordering Portal (HPOP) office hours session is scheduled for **4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 9**. This informational call provides an opportunity for HPOP and Tiberius team members to present updates and enhancements to HPOP and answer any questions related to HPOP Therapeutics and Mpox HPOP. A member of the Tiberius -Therapeutics team will also provide relevant updates and assist with any questions.

Advance [registration](#) is required to attend. After registering, participants will receive an automatic confirmation email with a unique log-in information and a calendar file to add the new meeting occurrence to their calendars. Once registered, participants will also be able to attend any of the future occurrences. Participants should delete any original or existing Mpox HPOP call calendar invitations.

CDC Response Update Call for STLT Jurisdictions Scheduled for March 20

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update Call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT on Monday, March 20**. During the call, CDC response leadership will provide emergency response updates and respond to participant questions.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>

Webinar ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

A replay of the webinar will be offered on **Tuesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. EDT**.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

On February 27, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced more than \$2 billion in funding for eight preparedness grant programs for fiscal year 2023. These grant programs provide critical funding to help state, local, tribal, and territorial officials prepare for, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. More information is available at [DHS Announces \\$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants](#).

ASTHO Opens Applications for Resiliency and Mentorship Projects

ASTHO, with support from CDC, is now accepting applications for two new programs being offered for PHEP directors: **Resiliency Training** and a **Mentorship Program**. ASTHO sent detailed information on each program, eligibility requirements, and pending application deadlines directly to PHEP directors. ASTHO and CDC encourage PHEP directors to apply for one or both opportunities. For additional information, contact ASTHO at preparedness@astho.org.

NACCHO Extends Deadline for 2023 Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Mentorship Program Application

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from CDC, is currently seeking applications for three mentee sites and one mentor site to participate in the [2023 Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Mentorship Program](#). Local health departments with demonstrated experience in utilizing wastewater surveillance will be matched with LHDs in the early stages of developing a wastewater surveillance program and who are looking for guidance, tools, and resources to meet their community needs. Selected mentee sites will receive funding in amounts of up to \$10,000 each. Selected mentor sites will receive up to \$15,000. Applications and all supporting materials must be submitted via email to WASH@naccho.org by **11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, March 10**.



News You Can Use

JEM Publishes Article on New Legislative Landscape for Emergency Powers

A new [article](#) in the [Journal of Emergency Management](#) describes the new legislative landscape for state and territorial emergency powers. Emergency powers provide governors, health officials, and emergency managers a way to respond to the changing nature of an emergency quickly. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, legislators have introduced hundreds of bills impacting emergency powers. Understanding the new legal legislative landscape is critical to effectively preparing for future public health threats.

CDC Issues HAN Advisory on Increased Chikungunya Virus Activity in Paraguay and Associated Risk to Travelers

CDC [issued](#) a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to notify clinicians and public health authorities of an increase in the number of cases of [chikungunya virus](#) reported in Paraguay. Most cases have been reported in the capital district of Asunción and the neighboring Central department. As of February 24, the Ministry of Health in Paraguay reported a total of 71,478 suspect chikungunya cases in Paraguay, with 29,362 of those being probable or confirmed cases since the outbreak began in October 2022. Further spread of the outbreak in Paraguay and to surrounding countries is possible.



This health advisory provides information on the current status of the chikungunya outbreak in Paraguay and advises on evaluating and testing travelers returning from Paraguay with signs and symptoms consistent with chikungunya virus infection. It also highlights those at increased risk for severe disease and prevention measures to mitigate additional spread of the virus and potential importation into unaffected areas, including the United States.

CDC ACIP February Meeting Materials Now Available

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) conducts three regular meetings each year, in addition to emergency sessions. ACIP conducted a regular meeting from February 22 to February 24 at CDC headquarters in Atlanta. The purpose of the meeting was to review scientific data and vote on vaccine recommendations. The [ACIP Agenda](#), [ACIP Presentation Slides](#), and [ACIP Webcast](#) are now available online.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 3](#)
- [Acute Kidney Injury Among Children Likely Associated with Diethylene Glycol–Contaminated Medications — The Gambia, June–September 2022](#)
- [Cronobacter sakazakii Infections in Two Infants Linked to Powdered Infant Formula and Breast Pump Equipment — United States, 2021 and 2022](#)
- [Possible Undetected Mpox Infection Among Persons Accessing Homeless Services and Staying in Encampments — San Francisco, California, October–November 2022](#)
- [Interim Clinical Treatment Considerations for Severe Manifestations of Mpox — United States, February 2023](#)

- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged 18–64 Years Who Used Telemedicine in the Past 12 Months, by Sex and Health Insurance Coverage — National Health Interview Survey, United States 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Clinical Quick Reference](#)
- **UPDATED** [Treatment Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Healthcare Providers: Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) for Treatment of Mpox](#)
- **UPDATED** [Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Wastewater Data](#)
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- **UPDATED** [Mpox Cases by Age and Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Symptoms](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Vaccine Administration U.S. Map](#)
- **UPDATED** [Demographics of Patients Receiving TPOXX for Treatment of Mpox](#)

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