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FRIDAY UPDATE

May 19, 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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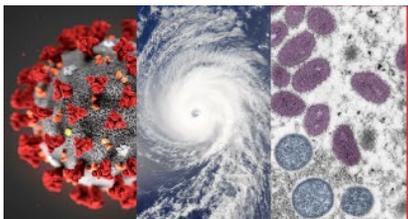
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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

HPP-PHEP Recipient Meeting Scheduled for July 26

ASPR and CDC have scheduled the annual HPP-PHEP recipient meeting for **1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 26**. This virtual meeting will replace the quarterly joint recipient call scheduled for July 19. More details will be shared as they are finalized. Recipients can send agenda topics to preparedness@cdc.gov.



Emergency Response Activities

OMB Flexibility Waivers Expire June 30

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provided the authority for specific, time-limited flexibilities through [Memorandum M-21-20](#). Following the May 11 end of the federal public health emergency declaration for COVID-19, CDC plans to discontinue the M-21-20 flexibilities on **June 30**.

The M-21-20 memorandum identified flexibilities related to administrative, financial management, and audit requirements under 2 CFR Part 200. They also referenced parallel sections found in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant regulations at 45 CFR Part 75, which are applicable to CDC recipients.

The information on CDC's [flexibilities guidance](#) website remains available as a reference but is no longer being updated. CDC may continue to provide administrative flexibilities as needed through other authorities.

Visit CDC's [general guidance](#) webpage for more information.

Crisis Response Mpox Progress Report Data Due May 22

Monday, May 22, will be the last day for recipients of CDC's Public Health Crisis Response mpox funding to submit their performance measurement and progress report (PMPR) data for the first quarter of the period of performance. **PMPR data entry forms will be available in REDCap until 6 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 22.**

As a reminder, recipients can access all PMPR data entry forms from their Record Status Dashboard or from the left navigation menu when entering the mpox project in REDCap. Data entry forms for strategies one through three are required for all recipients, with an additional fourth form required for recipients who select any other allowable or optional activities.

Recipients should direct questions about data submission or other guidance-related questions to their DSLR project officers. Technical questions related to the data entry forms or to report any concerns or issues related to the mpox project in REDCap should be directed to DSLIRITSupport@CDC.gov.

CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held May 22

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, May 22**. CDC will provide information and updates on public health emergency responses and will reserve time to answer questions. A replay of the webinar will be offered at **2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 23**, using the same connection details.

The STLT update calls are intended for PHEP directors and all other STLT public health staff, as well as national and federal partners. To receive future notifications regarding CDC emergency response STLT update calls, STLT partners must subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv. For more information, contact stltresponse@cdc.gov.

Participant Information

Dial In: (646) 828-7666

Webinar ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

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

CDC Issues Health Update on Potential Risk for New Mpox Cases

On May 15, CDC issued a [health update](#) on potential risk for new mpox cases. In the United States, cases of mpox have declined since peaking in August 2022. CDC continues to receive reports of cases that reflect ongoing community transmission in the United States and internationally.



This week, CDC and local partners are investigating a cluster of mpox cases in the Chicago area. From April 17 to May 5, [12 confirmed and one probable case of mpox](#) were reported to the Chicago Department of Public Health. All cases were among symptomatic men. No patients have been hospitalized. Nine (69%) of 13 cases were among men who had received two JYNNEOS vaccine doses. Although [vaccine-induced immunity](#) is not complete, vaccination continues to be one of the most important prevention measures. CDC expects new cases among previously vaccinated people to occur, but people who have completed their two-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series may experience less severe symptoms than those who have not.

The upcoming summer season could lead to a resurgence of mpox as people gather for festivals and other events. The Health Alert Network health update provides resources on clinical evaluation, treatment, vaccination, and testing.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Provides Updated On-TRAC Web Address

CDC has updated the web address of the Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-TRAC). To access the site, use and save the new URL, [On-TRAC](#). CDC encourages recipients to delete all previous bookmarks they have saved to access On-TRAC.

FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness Adds Additional DREAM Course in September

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Center for Domestic Preparedness has added an additional Disaster Related Exposure Assessment and Monitoring (DREAM) course to be held September 24 through September 29.

The DREAM training course is designed to provide knowledge and experience in assessing, monitoring, and tracking health effects to emergency responders and community members before, during, and after an emergency or disaster. This includes exposures to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) threats and other hazards. The course provides training on disaster epidemiologic tools developed by the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The tools include Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS)[™], Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE), and Epi CASE (Case Assessment Symptom and Exposure).

The training course will take place in Anniston, Ala. FEMA covers state and local participants' travel expenses, lodging, and food. Interested participants must first register for a FEMA student identification number or SID to [apply](#) for the DREAM training course. For additional information, visit FEMA's [Disaster Related Exposure Assessment and Monitoring - Center for Domestic Preparedness](#) webpage.



News You Can Use

CDC Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics Offers Funding Opportunity

CDC's [Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics \(CFA\)](#) recently announced a new [notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to establish an outbreak response network for disease forecasting to support decision-makers during public health emergencies. This NOFO is designed to enhance CDC's ability to control epidemics and pandemics by developing a network of innovators to design, prototype, test, and scale up disease forecasting and data modeling tools and technologies that can be used during outbreaks of infectious

diseases (both known and newly emerging) in the United States. The new cooperative agreement program will support advanced development of modeling, forecasting tools, and outbreak analytics through three critical operations: innovation, integration, and implementation.

Public, academic, and private sector partners are encouraged to [apply](#) by **11:59 EDT on Friday, July 14**. CDC will hold an informational webinar at **1 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 22**, for those interested in applying. [Registration](#) for the webinar is required. Jurisdiction are encouraged to share this funding opportunity with partners.

GAO SNS Survey Responses Due Today, May 19

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is reviewing the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies, as directed by the CARES Act. As part of this work, GAO has initiated a national study of state, local, and territorial perspectives on the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). On May 3, GAO sent a survey to all 62 PHEP recipients to get input on their jurisdictions' experiences with the SNS including communicating about the inventory and requesting, receiving, and using SNS assets. GAO will report aggregate-level responses in its report to Congress and does not plan to publish or publicly disclose identifiable information. Responses are due **today, May 19**.

CDC Releases New Study about Epidemiology of Salmonellosis Among Infants

A new CDC [study](#) highlights how infants continue to experience illness and death from nontyphoidal *Salmonella* infection (salmonellosis). The study uses data from 1968 to 2015 to describe characteristics of gastroenteritis, bacteremia, and meningitis caused by salmonellosis among infants in the United States.

Key Findings

- Serotype Heidelberg caused the most invasive infections among infants.
- Infants with meningitis were younger than those with bacteremia or gastroenteritis.
- Black and Asian infants have higher rates of invasive *Salmonella* infections than White infants.
- Incidence of each syndrome has gradually increased since the mid-2000s.

Healthcare providers can refer parents with young children to "[What You Need to Know about Salmonella and Food](#)" for more information.

CDC Issues Health Advisory on Outbreak of Suspected Fungal Meningitis

On May 17, CDC issued a [health advisory](#) about an outbreak of suspected fungal meningitis among U.S. patients hospitalized in Texas after undergoing cosmetic procedures under epidural anesthesia in Matamoros, Mexico. It is currently unknown which organism(s) is causing the outbreak. As of May 12, five patients have been diagnosed with suspected fungal meningitis; all have been hospitalized, and one has died. All these patients received epidural anesthesia and underwent cosmetic procedures. Affected patients underwent procedures in at least two clinics in Matamoros, Mexico, including River Side Surgical Center and Clinica K-3. Other facilities might be identified through further investigation.



Healthcare providers and the public should be aware that patients who underwent medical or surgical procedures under epidural anesthesia in Matamoros, Mexico, and who have developed signs or symptoms of possible meningitis, such as fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, photophobia, and altered mental status should promptly seek evaluation by a healthcare provider and convey that medical history.

Additional CDC Resources

Information about meningitis:

- [Meningitis](#)
- [Fungal Meningitis](#)

Health information for travelers:

- [Mexico Traveler Health](#)
- [Fungal Infections Following Surgical Procedures in Mexico - Alert - Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions - Travel Health Notices](#)
- [Medical Tourism CDC Yellow Book 2024](#) (clinicians)

- [Traveling Abroad for Medical Care](#) (travelers)



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 19](#)
- [Prevalence of Disability by Occupation Group – United States, 2016–2020](#)
- [The CDC Domestic Mpox Response — United States, 2022–2023](#)
- [Estimated Effectiveness of JYNNEOS Vaccine in Preventing Mpox: A Multijurisdictional Case-Control Study — United States, August 19, 2022–March 31, 2023](#)
- [Effectiveness of JYNNEOS Vaccine Against Diagnosed Mpox Infection — New York, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Legionnaires Disease in a U.S. Traveler After Staying in a Private Vacation Rental House in the U.S. Virgin Islands — United States, February 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged 5–17 Years Who Received Free or Reduced-Cost Meals at School During the Previous 12 Months, by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity and Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [JYNNEOS Vaccine Coverage by Jurisdiction](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Wastewater Data](#)

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