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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 22, 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’s next PHEP Connects webinar, “Maternal and Infant Health in Emergency Preparedness and Response: Tools and Resources for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Communities,”

is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 11**. CDC presenter Romeo Galang, Division of Reproductive Health, will discuss maternal and infant populations in disasters and public health emergencies and share tools and resources for state, tribal, local, and territorial emergency planning. Learn more about the resources and tools available for women of reproductive age, mothers, and infants before, during, and after public health emergencies. 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>



Emergency Response Activities

Free COVID-19 Test Kits Again Available to Households

Beginning Monday, September 25, households will again be able to order four free tests through COVIDTests.gov. These tests will detect the [currently circulating COVID-19 variants](#). Individuals are encouraged to use the free tests immediately to prepare for travel and gatherings with friends and family throughout the 2023 holiday season.

CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held September 25

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, September 25**. CDC presenters will provide updates on CDC's Respiratory Virus Response. Presenters will also share information on the outcomes of the recent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meetings, as well as CDC's [Bridge Access Program](#). The Bridge Access Program provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. The webinar will include a question-and-answer session. A replay of the webinar will be offered at **2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 26**. The connection details for this call and the replay are the same. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 332 9388

Passcode: 05030985

Access link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1603329388?pwd=K2VTTG92RVhoVU5QV2N1Z2U5SHVYQT09>

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 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.



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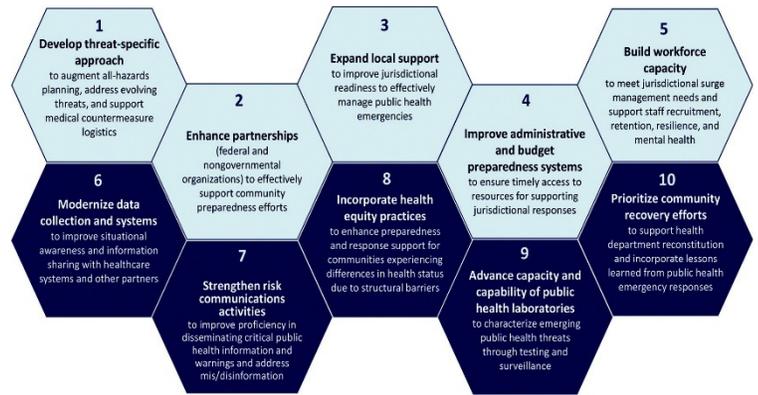
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CDC Publishes Commentary on New Public Health Response Readiness Framework

CDC's Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) authors Christine Kosmos, Kate Noelte, and Amanda McWhorter recently published a [commentary](#) in the 2023 *Health Security* journal supplement, Reimagining U.S. Preparedness. This commentary describes the development of CDC's new Public Health Response Readiness Framework that transforms two decades of progress, best practices, and lessons learned during multiple public health responses into a model for advancing public health response.



NACCHO commissioned the supplement to help inform preparedness planning and refine national health security strategy efforts. The digital version of the supplement was posted September 19. The print version of the supplement issue is expected to be available in mid-October.

ASPR to End Weekly PPE Inventory Reporting Request

On Thursday, September 28, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will no longer request weekly personal protective equipment (PPE) inventory reports from state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, ASPR developed supply chain visibility tools for medical countermeasures and PPE, which aided in decision-making during response operations. A part of this effort involved the collection of inventory information from STLT jurisdictions to develop a more comprehensive picture of the PPE supply chain. Since reporting first began in January 2021, ASPR has gathered more than 4,000 weekly PPE inventory reports from jurisdictions. Jurisdictional participation in reporting this information was critical for monitoring worldwide status of select PPE items from raw material to finished product and establishing ASPR's Supply Chain Control Tower. For additional information on the information data exchange process, please contact IDEHelp@cdc.gov.

FEMA Seeks Public Feedback on Simplifying FEMA Preparedness Grants

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a [notice in the Federal Register](#) seeking input on how to enhance the management and administration of its [preparedness grant programs](#). This national engagement will help the agency gain better understanding of how to continue to assist the nation and first responders in building, sustaining, and improving FEMA's capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

FEMA will host a public listening session and a tribal consultation to allow interested parties to provide feedback. Visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) to learn more and register to attend the listening sessions.

Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). Submitted information will be public. Comments can also be submitted to FEMA by emailing FEMA-Grants-Feedback@fema.dhs.gov. Comments are due no later than **5 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, November 7**.

ASPR Releases Toolkit for Including Aging and Disability Networks in Emergency Planning

ASPR recently released a [Capacity-Building Toolkit for Including Aging and Disability Networks in Emergency Planning](#). This toolkit can serve as a resource to guide aging and disability networks in increasing their ability to plan for and respond to public health emergencies and disasters. For organizations currently engaged in emergency planning, this toolkit can help expand and improve upon existing capabilities and help orient those new to emergency planning.

American Red Cross Launches Red Cross Mobile Apps

The American Red Cross recently launched [Mobile Apps and Voice-Enabled Skills and Actions](#). These apps provide resources for staying safe during emergencies with expert tips and useful tools.



News You Can Use

NACCHO 2024 Preparedness Summit Abstracts Due Today, September 22

Today, **September 22**, is the final day to submit [abstracts](#) for the NACCHO 2024 Preparedness Summit. The 2024 summit will be held March 25-28 in Cleveland, Ohio. The 2024 theme, “Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management: Aligning to Address Cascading Challenges,” will provide an opportunity to revisit pressing issues in preparedness and share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats. More information is available on the [2024 Preparedness Summit](#) website.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 22](#)
- [Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Afghanistan, January 2022–June 2023](#)
- [Thrombocytopenia Associated with Elemental Mercury Poisoning in Two Siblings — Connecticut, July 2022](#)
- [Seasonal Trends in Emergency Department Visits for Mental and Behavioral Health Conditions Among Children and Adolescents Aged 5–17 Years — United States, January 2018–June 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Type 2 Emergences Linked to Novel Oral Poliovirus Vaccine Type 2 Use — Six African Countries, 2021–2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Sepsis-Related Death Rates Among Persons Aged ≥65 Years, by Age Group and Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Social Media Toolkit](#)

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