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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 8, 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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CDC PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for September 13

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Public Health Preparedness at Ports of Entry and the Communicable Disease Response Plan," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 13**.

High traffic at points of entry (PoE) – airports, ports, and ground crossings – can play a key role in the spread of disease. CDC presenters will provide an overview of how public health communities can work together to prevent the spread of disease. This includes the use of communicable disease response plans that provide a framework for responding and reporting illness. Presenters will also provide an overview of CDC's Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch and how it collaborates with local public health departments to protect the health of the public at U.S. borders and beyond. Following is the participant information.



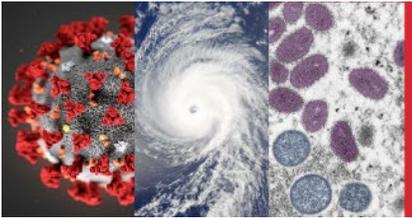
Participant Information

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

Spending Projections for COVID-19 Crisis Response Workforce Development Funding Due September 15

Recipients with no-cost extensions for the CDC Public Health Crisis Response 2021 COVID-19 workforce development funding must respond to all questions in the current progress report. This includes the questions in the budget narrative summary section that covers spending projections during the no-cost extension period. The deadline to submit responses is **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday September 15**. REDCap will remain open for recipients to edit data in the progress reports as needed. Recipients can contact DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov for more information.

CDC Tracks SARS CoV-2 Variant BA.2.86

CDC is tracking a new SARS-CoV-2 variant, BA.2.86, and is working to better understand its potential impact on public health. The variant has been identified in at least four states in the United States in samples from either people or wastewater. CDC recently updated its webpage [Update on SARS CoV-2 Variant BA.2.86](#) to include new information on the scientific understanding of the new COVID-19 variant.

Latest CDC Report on Vaccinate with Confidence Now Available

[Vaccinate with Confidence](#) is CDC's strategic framework to reinforce confidence in COVID-19 vaccines and prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States. CDC recently posted its [State of Vaccine Confidence Insights Report](#) for the first quarter of 2023. This report seeks to identify emerging issues of misinformation, disinformation, and places where intervention efforts can positively increase vaccine confidence across the United States.

CDC Health Advisory Highlights RSV Prevention Options

On September 5, CDC issued a [health advisory](#) to notify clinicians and caregivers about increases in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity across some parts of the southeastern United States in recent weeks. These reports indicate a continued shift toward seasonal RSV trends observed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, such regional increases have predicted the beginning of RSV season nationally, with increased RSV activity spreading north and west over the following two to three months. RSV can cause severe disease in infants, young children, and older adults.

In anticipation of the onset of the 2023-2024 RSV season, CDC encourages clinicians to prepare to implement new RSV prevention options. Monoclonal antibody products, including a new, long-acting product, nirsevimab (Beyfortus™, Sanofi and AstraZeneca), are available to protect infants and some [young children at higher risk](#) for severe RSV disease. For all infants ages eight months and younger and infants and children ages eight months to 19 months who are at [increased risk](#) of severe RSV, clinicians should offer nirsevimab when it becomes available, likely in early October.

Additionally, two new vaccines are available to protect older adults from severe RSV disease. For adults ages 60 years and older, clinicians can offer a single dose of either RSVPreF3 (Arexvy, GSK) or RSVpreF (Abrysvo™, Pfizer) based on shared clinical decision-making between the health care provider and the patient. Clinicians should also talk to their patients about other vaccines available this fall to help prevent respiratory infections. In addition, clinicians should consider testing symptomatic patients with high-risk conditions for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV to inform treatment decisions.

Additional CDC Resources

- [RSV Information for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [RSV National Trends - NREVSS](#)
- [RSV Surveillance and Research](#)
- [RSV Symptoms and Care](#)
- [Preventing RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\)](#)

- [RSV Vaccination: What Older Adults 60 Years of Age and Over Should Know](#)
- [Healthcare Providers: RSV Vaccination for Adults 60 Years of Age and Over](#)
- [Shared Clinical Decision-making: RSV Vaccination for Adults 60 Years and Older](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Vaccine for Adults](#)

ASPR Mpox Vaccination Operational Planning Guide Now Available Online

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) recently updated the [Mpox Vaccination Operational Planning Guide](#) to aid state, tribal, local and territorial planning and response efforts. Revisions include updates to future JYNNEOS availability via a threshold approach. This approach covers requests for supplemental product above a threshold, reporting requirements, virus and disease nomenclature, and where relevant any anticipated changes due to the public health emergency (PHE) declaration expiration. Revisions also include updated CDC language regarding intradermal and subcutaneous administration and updates on disposal of expired product.



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CDC Observes National Preparedness Month in September

September is [National Preparedness Month](#), an observance to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. CDC's [Office of Readiness and Response](#) (ORR) developed a series of discussion-based activities to help public health departments develop "whole community" plans that consider the impacts of social determinants of health on personal health preparedness and response. This series provides a framework for underserved communities to address local preparedness problems, through a social determinants of health lens.

Visit CDC's [National Preparedness Month 2023](#) webpage to learn more and to download CDC materials.

All-Hazards Hospital Data Listening Sessions Scheduled for September 25-28

ASPR, CDC, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology are co-hosting multiple listening sessions to seek input from partners on all-hazards hospital essential elements of information (EEI). This nationwide effort will gather information to provide recommendations for a standardized lens into the readiness of, stress on, and resources available in hospitals before, during, and after emergencies. The listening sessions will take place during the week of September 25.

A general listening session will be held on **Monday, September 25**, followed by partner-specific listening sessions throughout the week. View the registration links below and register for the most relevant session.

- [Overall Session](#) (Open to All) – 2 p.m. EDT, Monday, September 25
- [Jurisdictions](#) – Noon EDT, Tuesday, September 26
- [Hospital Associations](#) – 1 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, September 27
- [Hospitals](#) – Noon EDT, Thursday, September 28

- [Health Care Coalitions, Medical Operations Coordination Centers, Transfer Centers, and Emergency Medical Services](#) – 2 p.m. EDT, Thursday, September 28

FEMA to Host Webinar on Disaster Recovery Lessons Learned

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a webinar, “Disaster Recovery Lessons Learned - Perspectives from a Federal Coordinating Officer and a Long-Term Recovery Group,” from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 13**. This webinar will provide insights and lessons learned from FEMA federal coordinating officers and nongovernment partners leading long term recovery efforts. [Register here](#) to attend the webinar.

ChemResponder Nationwide Drill Scheduled for September 11-15

A ChemResponder nationwide drill, titled “Plan, Prepare and Prevail: Managing Chemical Facility Information Before, During and After an Emergency,” is scheduled from **Monday, September 11, through Friday, September 15**. The goal of this drill is to provide participants with the opportunity to enter Tier II Chemical Facility Information into ChemResponder to serve as a repository for future chemical facility incidents. The drill is sponsored by [FEMA’s Office of Emerging Threats](#), formerly known as FEMA’s Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Office.

During the drill, participants will learn to leverage ChemResponder and the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) to address capability gaps in planning for and responding to chemical facility emergencies. This includes understanding how local emergency planning committees, facility owners and operators, and hazardous materials response teams can effectively use these resources. All ChemResponder users are encouraged to participate to enhance their ChemResponder competency and practice in a low-pressure, learning environment. [Register here](#) to participate in the drill.



CDC’s Next ACIP Meeting Scheduled for September 12

CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) conducts three regular meetings each year, in addition to emergency sessions. The next [ACIP Meeting](#) will be held from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 12**. The purpose of the meeting is to review scientific data and vote on vaccine recommendations.

Meetings are open to the public and will be available online via [live webcast](#). To make an oral public comment during an ACIP meeting, submit a request with ACIP before the meeting according to the instructions in the [Federal Register Notice](#).

2024 Preparedness Summit Abstracts Due September 15

The [abstract submission](#) deadline for the 2024 Preparedness Summit is **Friday, September 15**. 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.

This year’s planning committee invites public health, health care, disaster relief, emergency management, and other professionals nationwide to showcase and share their research findings, best practice training models, tools, or other resources that advance the field of public health and health care preparedness and response. Additional information is available on the [2024 Preparedness Summit](#) website.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 8](#)
- [Possible Exposures Among Mpox Patients Without Reported Male-to-Male Sexual Contact — Six U.S. Jurisdictions, November 1–December 14, 2022](#)
- [Outbreak of Locally Acquired Mosquito-Transmitted \(Autochthonous\) Malaria — Florida and Texas, May–July 2023](#)
- [Health Care Provider Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Adult Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Recommendations — United States, September 28–October 10, 2022](#)
- [Progress Toward Measles Elimination — African Region, 2017–2021](#)
- [Reduced Odds of Mpox-Associated Hospitalization Among Persons Who Received JYNNEOS Vaccine — California, May 2022–May 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Gastrointestinal Illness Among Hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail — Washington, August–October 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Number of Deaths Resulting from Being Bitten or Struck by a Dog, by Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2011–2021](#)
- [Pneumococcal Vaccine for Adults Aged ≥19 Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2023](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Clinical Guidance](#)
- **UPDATED** [Considerations for Reducing Mpox Transmission in Congregate Living Settings](#)

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