

# FRIDAY UPDATE

**July 8, 2022**

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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).



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CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a virtual joint HPP-PHEP recipient business meeting **from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 13**. [Registration](#) is required to attend this event. Meeting planners have updated the information on the registration page to reflect the correct meeting title and start time. Registered recipients will receive an email with the Zoom event link as well as a calendar placeholder. On Thursday, July 7, CDC sent PHEP directors an outline of the agenda and planned topics and will provide a final agenda prior to the meeting.

### Additional PORTS Office Hours Scheduled for July

CDC has scheduled additional dates to assist PHEP recipients in entering and submitting PHEP data using the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). These office hours serve as an open forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module and how to submit data properly. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to [dslrtraining@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrtraining@cdc.gov). Each PORTS office hours session will be facilitated by the PORTS training team and ORR evaluation staff.

Upcoming [PORTS Office Hours](#) will be held from:

- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on **Monday, July 11**
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on **Monday, July 25**

### CDC Provides Guidance on PHEP Budget Redirections for Monkeypox Response

While PHEP funds are primarily authorized for preparedness planning, PHEP funds may, on a limited, case-by-case basis, be reallocated to support response activities to the extent they are used for their primary purposes: to strengthen public health preparedness and enhance the capabilities of state, local, and territorial governments to respond to public health threats. Use of PHEP funds in these instances must be consistent with the underlying authority for the PHEP program and within the scope of the PHEP cooperative agreement.

Recipients that want to use their PHEP funding to support monkeypox response activities must receive prior approval from CDC for new activities not previously approved as part of their annual PHEP funding applications. A change in scope requires CDC prior approval.

Recipients should submit response-related redirection requests via email to their CDC PHEP project officers with a detailed justification for redirecting funds for response. Recipients can obtain a copy of an optional request template from their PHEP project officers. CDC will review and respond to recipients via email within three business days. The Office of Grants Services (OGS) will document approvals and complete budget revision requests in GrantSolutions. Recipients will receive amended notices of award within 30 days following CDC approval of their requests. As a final step, recipients must submit updated budgets and work plans in PERFORMS within 30 days of submitting their redirection requests.

Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers with any questions or for more specific details.

### **CDC PHEP Grants Management Call to Be Held July 28**

DSLRL and CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) will conduct the next PHEP grants management conference call from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 28**. During the call, CDC will discuss grants management issues related to the PHEP and the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreements. CDC is finalizing the specific agenda topics and will provide an access link soon. CDC encourages PHEP directors to share this call date and time with their business officials.



### **U.S. Ramps Up Monkeypox Testing and Vaccine Distribution**

CDC continues to closely track cases of monkeypox that have been reported since mid-May in the United States. As of July 6, there have been 605 confirmed cases of probable or confirmed monkeypox in 34 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Current U.S. and global maps and case counts are available at [U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak 2022: Situation Summary](#).

A substantial number of people who have been diagnosed with monkeypox are reporting anonymous contacts, or contacts with people who cannot be identified for contact monitoring and consideration for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). As a result, CDC and partner agencies are expanding vaccine use as a priority to stop virus transmission.

On June 28, the federal government announced a nationwide strategy to vaccinate and protect people at risk for monkeypox, prioritize vaccines for areas with the highest numbers of cases, and provide guidance to state, tribal, local, and territorial health officials to aid their planning and response efforts. CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are working closely with partners to ensure there are enough doses available to vaccinate all people for whom vaccination is recommended.

HHS has begun delivering additional doses of vaccine to mitigate the spread of monkeypox in communities where transmission is highest and with populations most at risk. As new orders come in, HHS will ship doses to those jurisdictions within one business day. Once requests for vaccine are made by the jurisdictions and approved by CDC, the SNS prepares the vaccine for shipment and can deliver the doses as soon as the next day. As of July 6, HHS is providing data on Jynneos vaccine deliveries every Wednesday on the [SNS Monkeypox Response](#) webpage.

In addition, CDC has begun onboarding the orthopoxvirus test at five commercial laboratory companies to increase monkeypox testing capacity and access. The first of these companies, Labcorp, announced July 6 that it has begun offering orthopox testing. Labcorp expects to be able to perform up to 10,000 tests per week, which will double the current capacity provided through CDC's [Laboratory Response Network \(LRN\)](#), which itself has rapidly expanded testing capacity over the last seven weeks.

CDC anticipates [additional commercial laboratories](#) will come online and monkeypox testing capacity will continue to increase throughout the month of July. Health care providers can access information on Labcorp's test at [www.labcorp.com/monkeypox](http://www.labcorp.com/monkeypox). For more information about the latest CDC guidance, visit [Recommendations for Healthcare Professionals](#).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### ASTHO to Host Health Equity Summit on July 27

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) will host a health equity summit from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 27**. The national meeting will convene state and island jurisdiction health officials, federal and local partners, and stakeholders committed to advancing health equity. For more information view the ASTHO [Health Equity Summit: Action with Intention](#) webpage.



## News You Can Use

### FEMA Updates Mobile App

On July 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [announced](#) updates to its mobile app, in both English and Spanish. The update gives users additional personalization options and helps users take charge of disasters. The app is available for download on [iOS](#) or [Android](#). Current users will need to update their apps and enter profile information but will not need to download the app again to access the new features. View the [FEMA App animation](#) and visit the [FEMA App webpage](#) for additional information.



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 8](#)
- [County-Level Social Vulnerability and Emergency Department Visits for Firearm Injuries — 10 U.S. Jurisdictions, January 1, 2018–December 31, 2021](#)
- [Factors Associated with Severe Outcomes Among Immunocompromised Adults Hospitalized for COVID-19 — COVID-NET, 10 States, March 2020–February 2022](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 22: Pediatric Melatonin Ingestions — United States, 2012–2021](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 22: Use of JYNNEOS \(Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Nonreplicating\) for Preexposure Vaccination of Persons at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Met the 2018 Federal Physical Activity Guidelines for Both Muscle-Strengthening and Aerobic Physical Activity, by Urbanization Level — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020](#)
- [Rapid Diagnostic Testing for Response to the Monkeypox Outbreak — Laboratory Response Network, United States, May 17–June 30, 2022](#)

### Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak 2022: Situation Summary](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)

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