DSLR FRIDAY UPDATE

August 19, 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 (DSLR) 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 or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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BP4 ORR Reporting Requirements Now Available
CDC has released a summary of the reporting requirements for the PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) Operational Readiness Review (ORR). The PHEP ORR implementation in BP4 will focus on collecting recipient data related to select capability planning elements outlined in the March 2022 PHEP Operational Readiness Review Guidance.

CDC discussed its BP4 ORR implementation strategy during the monthly PHEP recipient webinar on August 17. While all 62 PHEP recipients are required to participate in the ORR this budget period, the local Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) planning jurisdictions will not be required to submit data in BP4. However, states remain responsible for ensuring their local jurisdictions continue to advance relevant preparedness capabilities based on jurisdictional needs.

During BP4, PHEP recipients must submit data on approximately 50 planning-related elements. These elements align with the operational data elements collected in Budget Period 3 (BP3) related to the Pandemic COVID-19 Incident Response (RSP). Collecting parallel data elements is intended to maintain the focus on pandemic lessons learned and to document the current plans, policies, and procedures that PHEP recipients reported they implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic response in the RSP section of the ORR in Budget Period 3

CDC emailed the summary of reporting requirements to PHEP recipients on August 17. Recipients can also obtain a copy of the BP4 ORR requirements from their PHEP project officers. CDC expects to make the BP4 ORR module forms available for data input in November 2022.

August 24 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Hurricane Preparedness in Mississippi
CDC's will host a special PHEP Connects webinar on "Hurricane Preparedness in Mississippi" from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on**

Wednesday, August 24. This webinar will focus on Mississippi's ever-evolving all-hazards preparedness efforts with a focus on hurricane readiness. Christy Berry, director of the Mississippi health department's Office of Emergency Planning and Response, will share information, updates, and lessons learned from previous responses. Topics will include medical needs sheltering, emergency operations center coordination, and preparedness. Elizabeth Grey, chief of media relations with the health department's Office of Communications, will provide best practices related to emergency preparedness and response and risk communications. Following is the participant information.
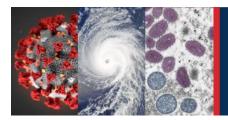
Participant Information
Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)
Meeting ID: 161 241 1865
Passcode: 569595
Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865

CDC Provides Guidelines for Using PHEP Funds for Monkeypox Response
As CDC continues to investigate multiple cases of monkeypox in the United States and to work with state and local health officials identify those who may have been in contact with individuals who tested positive for monkeypox, CDC reminds PHEP recipients of the parameters for using PHEP funds for 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.

PHEP recipients must receive approval from CDC to use PHEP funds during response for new activities not previously approved as part of their annual funding applications or subsequent budget change requests. Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers if they have questions or want to submit requests to use their PHEP funds for the monkeypox response.

Common types of expenses that may be supported by PHEP funding in any response include:
- Emergency operations coordination
- Risk communications
- Epidemiology and surveillance activities
- Laboratory testing surge activity
- Overtime for response staff (with prior approval)

CDC encourages PHEP recipients to review the current PHEP notice of funding opportunity for specific details on use of PHEP funds during a response.

In addition to PHEP funding, select other CDC cooperative agreements or grants may be options to support monkeypox activities. They include
- Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments Cooperative Agreement
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Building for the Prevention of Emerging Infectious Disease (ELC) Cooperative Agreement
- Community Health Workers (CHWs) for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR)

Jurisdictions should contact the appropriate project officers for these grants and cooperative agreements to discuss these other options, given the jurisdiction's specific identified needs, and seek CDC approval for the use of the existing funds and any change in planned budgets or actions.

Many PHEP recipients have asked about using COVID-19 response funds for the monkeypox response. CDC is working on guidance regarding this and will release more information soon in the DSLR Friday Update.

CDC Extends COVID-19 National Partner Update Call Series Through December 2022
CDC's COVID-19 All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (STLT) national partner call occurs **on the third Monday of each month at 2 p.m. EDT**. The next call is scheduled for **Monday, September 19**. This call series, which has been extended through December 2022, provides STLT partners with the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak and U.S. preparedness efforts. During the calls, experts from different areas of CDC's COVID-19 response provide updates on the latest scientific findings, guidance for operations, and information resources. Registration for the call series is available at this link. After registering, participants will receive a **unique** participant link via email.

FDA Letter to Healthcare Providers Outlines Safe Administration of JYNNEOS Vaccine
On August 9, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization regarding use of the JYNNEOS vaccine for the prevention of monkeypox disease. The EAU outlines the safe administration of JYNNEOS for (1) the intradermal route of administration of the JYNNEOS vaccine for the prevention of monkeypox disease in individuals 18 years of age and older determined to be at high risk for monkeypox infection; and (2) the subcutaneous administration of JYNNEOS for the prevention of monkeypox disease in individuals younger than 18 years of age determined to be at high risk for monkeypox infection. A healthcare provider letter is available that outlines safe administration of JYNNEOS based on these two administration routes. In addition, providers can also view CDC's Video: Administering JYNNEOS Intradermally.

Qualified Providers Under PREP Act Declaration Covered when Administering Monkeypox Vaccine
The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue a declaration to provide liability immunity to certain individuals and entities against any claim of loss regarding the administration or use of medical countermeasures, except for claims that meet the PREP Act's definition of willful misconduct.

Using this authority, the HHS Secretary issued a declaration for smallpox countermeasures against variola virus or other orthopoxviruses on October 10, 2008, which was amended in 2016 and remains in effect. Qualified providers under this PREP Act declaration are covered when they administer monkeypox vaccine as required under either the license or the emergency use authorization regarding use of the JYNNEOS vaccine issued August 9, which includes intradermal and subcutaneous administration

STLT Jurisdictions Can Now Submit Personnel Reassignment Requests
Since monkeypox was declared a public health emergency, state, tribal, local, or territorial (STLT) recipients can submit requests to temporarily reassign personnel for up to 30 days during a declared public health emergency. For more information about temporary reassignment, review CDC's webpage and ASPR guidance.

IHS National Supply Service Center Receives Allocations of Tecovirimat for the Treatment of Monkeypox Disease
The Indian Health Services (IHS) National Supply Service Center (NSSC) has received an initial allocation of vaccine for use by federal, tribal, and Urban Indian Organization programs for post-exposure prophylaxis of eligible high-risk persons. NSSC has also received an initial allocation of oral tecovirimat for the outpatient management of eligible patients with suspected or confirmed monkeypox. Details for how to order through IHS are available on page 2 of the NPTC-ETU-Current-Therapeutic-Guidance-on-Monkeypox.pdf (ihs.gov).

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NACCHO Hosts Infectious Disease Quick-Hits Webinar on August 24
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host an "Infectious Disease Quick-Hits Webinar" **from 1 to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 24**. NACCHO's Emerging Infectious Disease team will highlight emerging infectious disease topics that have been in the news this summer. The webinar will feature CDC speakers who will discuss various 2022 emerging infectious disease outbreaks. CDC representatives will share updates for local health departments regarding avian influenza, bacterial meningococcal disease, and monkeypox. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions after each presentation. Register to attend the webinar.

News You Can Use

2022 Federal Plain Language Summit Scheduled for August 24
The Digital.gov Plain Language Community of Practice (CoP) will host the 2022 Federal Plain Language Summit from **10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. EDT on August 24**. The summit brings together plain language practitioners from across the federal government to highlight plain language successes in many federal agencies. Summit speaker will address debunking myths, managing the review process, and supporting plain language editors. Register to attend the free virtual Plain Language Summit.

Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 19
- Donor Human Milk Use in Advanced Neonatal Care Units — United States, 2020
- Progress Toward Measles Elimination — South-East Asia Region, 2003–2020
- Safety Monitoring of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Among Children Aged 5–11 Years — United States, May 17–July 31, 2022

- [COVID-19 Outbreaks and Mortality Among Public Transportation Workers — California, January 2020–May 2022](#)
- [Summary of Guidance for Minimizing the Impact of COVID-19 on Individual Persons, Communities, and Health Care Systems — United States, August 2022](#)
- [Public Health Response to a Case of Paralytic Poliomyelitis in an Unvaccinated Person and Detection of Poliovirus in Wastewater — New York, June–August 2022](#)
- [*QuickStats*: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥65 Years Who Drank Four or More Alcoholic Drinks Per Week, by Sex and Age — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020](#)

Online Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Pets in the Home](#)
- **UPDATED** [Monkeypox in Animals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Healthcare Providers on Obtaining and Using TPOXX (Tecovirimat) for Treatment of Monkeypox](#)
- **UPDATED** [2022 U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
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- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 by County](#)
- **UPDATED** [Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19](#)

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