FRIDAY UPDATE

* The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Thursday, November 10, due to the Veteran's Day holiday. *

November 4, 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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Direct Assistance Requests Due November 21

Monday, November 21, is the deadline for PHEP recipients to submit direct assistance (DA) requests to their PHEP project officers to renew staff currently funded through DA for PHEP budget Period 5 beginning July 1, 2023. As a reminder, CDC now centrally funds one CEFO per state and directly funded locality and three regional CEFOs for the Caribbean and Pacific jurisdictions, but recipients can use DA funding to support additional CEFOs. On July 1, CDC began to centrally fund senior Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs) in addition to junior PFAs. Recipients do not need to submit DA renewal forms for centrally funded assignees. Recipients should contact their project officers for DA request forms.

November 9 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Public Health Storytelling



CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Storytelling for Public Health," is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 9. Presenters will discuss how to use storytelling in community engagement efforts to demonstrate public health impact. Marissa Mortiboy from Durham County Department of Public Health and Mark Dessauer from Spitfire Strategies will provide strategies for developing and using stories in community engagement efforts to demonstrate public health impact during critical emergency responses and more routine situations. Presenters will demonstrate the model that the Durham health department used to collect and share stories about the impact of its work. They will also showcase the power of storytelling and offer specific ways that participants can share their stories to advance public health work. Following is the participant information.

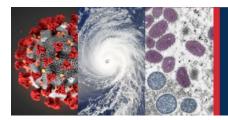
Participant Information

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

CDC Issues Health Advisory on Outbreaks of Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Infections from Dental Waterlines

On October 31, CDC issued a <u>health advisory</u> to emphasize the importance of following existing recommendations for maintaining and monitoring dental waterlines. Multiple outbreaks of nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) infections have occurred in children who received certain procedures in pediatric dental clinics where the dental treatment water contained high levels of bacteria. CDC provides <u>guidelines</u> on infection control in dental settings, which contain recommendations to treat dental unit waterlines and monitor water quality. Dental providers should be familiar with these recommendations on how to properly maintain and monitor their dental equipment to ensure that dental treatment water is safe for patient care.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC/ATSDR Provides Social Vulnerability Index Update

The <u>Social Vulnerability Index</u> (SVI) was first launched in 2011 by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP). GRASP is marking the second decade of the tool with a new interactive map and a new dataset. The CDC/ATSDR SVI can help public health officials and local planners better prepare for and respond to emergency events like hurricanes, disease outbreaks, or exposure to dangerous chemicals. The SVI uses 16 U.S. census variables to help local officials identify communities that may need support before, during, or after disasters.

NACCHO Seeks Members for MCH Virtual Learning Collaborative

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from CDC, is recruiting members for a virtual learning collaborative (VLC) to develop and train maternal-child health (MCH) and emergency preparedness and response (EPR) professionals at local health departments (LHDs) on integrating MCH considerations into emergency planning. This VLC aims to increase the capacity of LHDs to prioritize MCH populations in preparedness and response plans through training modules and interactive hands-on exercises.

The VLC will comprise staff from MCH and EPR departments. NACCHO is requesting one MCH and one EPR staff from each LHD to participate in the collaborative together to ensure successful collaboration and equitable training efforts. **Applicants should complete one application per LHD.** Thus, each application should have information for the MCH staff member and the EPR staff member. NACCHO encourages applications from LHDs that focus on health equity and serve historically underrepresented populations.

The VLC will be held from December 2022 through May 2023. LHDs interested in joining this collaborative can learn more <u>here</u>. The <u>recruitment form</u> must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, November 13**.

For additional information, contact Elana Filipos at efilipos@naccho.org.



News You Can Use

National Training and Workforce Development Opportunity Available

The National Network of Public Health Institutes has released a new national training and workforce development opportunity for early, mid-, and senior career state, tribal, local, and territorial public health practitioners, available through CDC's <u>Public Health Policy and Strategy Innovation Hub</u>. This pilot initiative will support a cohort of public health practitioners' participation in a series of trainings to prepare them for change, build capacity for strategic policy and decision making, learn adaptive leadership skills to inform decision-making approaches, and design solutions to address current and future public health issues. <u>Applications</u> must be submitted by **5 p.m. PST on Wednesday, November 30**.

CDC Releases Updated Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain

CDC recently released updated and expanded recommendations for clinicians providing pain care for adult outpatients with short- and long-term pain. These clinical recommendations, published in the CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain, will help clinicians work with their patients to ensure the safest and most effective pain care is provided. The publication updates and replaces the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain released in 2016.

Read the full press release at <u>CDC Releases Updated Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain.</u>

New Report Indicates Cancer Deaths Continue Downward Trend

Overall cancer death rates continued to decline among men, women, children, and adolescents and young adults in every major racial and ethnic group in the United States from 2015 to 2019, according to the latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer. From 2014 to 2018, overall cancer incidence, or new cases of cancer, remained stable for men and children but increased for women and adolescents and young adults. The report also highlights longer-term trends in pancreatic cancer, as well as racial and ethnic disparities in incidence and death rates for many individual cancer sites. All of the findings in this report are based on data from before the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more about the report, visit: https://seer.cancer.gov/report_to_nation/. Read the full press release at Annual Report to the Nation: Cancer Deaths Continue Downward Trend; Modest Improvements in Survival for Pancreatic Cancer.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 4
- Wastewater Testing and Detection of Poliovirus Type 2 Genetically Linked to Virus Isolated from a Paralytic Polio Case — New York, March 9–October 11, 2022
- Prevalence and Characteristics of Arthritis Among Caregivers 17 States, 2017 and 2019
- Routine Vaccination Coverage Worldwide, 2021
- <u>Safety Monitoring of Bivalent COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Booster Doses Among Persons Aged ≥12 Years United States, August 31–October 23, 2022</u>
- Epidemiologic and Clinical Features of Children and Adolescents Aged <18 Years with Monkeypox United States, May 17–September 24, 2022
- Severe Monkeypox in Hospitalized Patients United States, August 10–October 10, 2022
- QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Rates of Alcohol-Induced Deaths, by Urban-Rural Status United States, 2000–2020

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- UPDATED Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines
- UPDATED Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

UPDATED Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings

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