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FRIDAY UPDATE

*** This week's DSLR Friday Update is being published early due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. ***

November 23, 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 (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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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

December 14 PHEP Connects Webinar Provides Overview of PHEP BP4 ORR Requirements

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, scheduled for **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 14**, will provide an overview of the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) requirements for PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4). CDC presenter Christopher Reinold will discuss BP4 reporting requirements using the PHEP ORR Online Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). The presentation will include an overview of two new BP4 forms that will collect information on emergency operations center activations and PHEP annual exercises with access and functional needs partners. Following is the participant information.

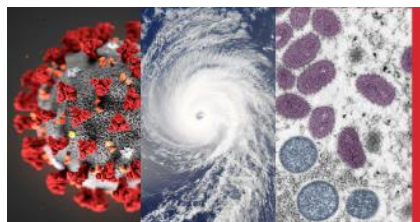
Participant Information:

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

Monkeypox Response Funding Letters of Intent Due Today, November 23

Jurisdictions eligible for monkeypox response funding to be awarded through CDC's Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement must submit signed letters of intent to CDC by **close of business today, Wednesday, November 23**. Last week CDC notified the 22 jurisdictions currently eligible for funding and requested the letters of intent. CDC plans to award up to \$16 million to select jurisdictions on the 2022 approved but unfunded (ABU) list for the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreement. CDC is prioritizing funding for higher risk jurisdictions reporting the most cases to address urgent needs and to implement monkeypox response-related activities. Eligible jurisdictions include states reporting 45 or more monkeypox cases and localities reporting 30 or more monkeypox cases in October 2022. Eligible jurisdictions

that received notifications from CDC should submit their letters of intent to DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov by close of business November 23.

CDC Foundation Extends Deadline for Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Funding Opportunity

CDC Foundation has extended the deadline for applications for funding to support projects designed to reduce monkeypox disparities. The CDC Foundation plans to provide a maximum of 20 awards of up to \$25,000 each. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, state, territorial, local, or tribal health departments, or tribal organizations. [Applications](#) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 30.**

CDC Publishes New Health Equity Blog Post

CDC's Conversations in Equity new blog post, [Community is Key to Success of Vaccination Outreach Held at LGBTQ+ and Pride Events](#), underscores the importance of including community-based organizations when planning local events. Additional stories and key resources to help health departments and community-based organizations to address monkeypox vaccine disparities can be found on [CDC Health Departments Webpage](#).



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2023 AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grants Funding Opportunity Now Available

Public Health AmeriCorps, launched in partnership with CDC, is a \$400 million American Rescue Plan investment to engage new communities and individuals in public health, as well as recruiting and building a new workforce ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. This funding is open to nonprofit, faith-based, tribal, and community-based organizations; higher education institutions; and state, local, and territorial government entities, including local public health departments. Applications for 2023 state and national grants must be submitted by **5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.** For more information view the full RFA at [FY 2023 AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#).



News You Can Use

CDC Honor Awards Recognize 2021 DSLR Accomplishments

On November 17, DSLR received two 2021 CDC Honor Awards for accomplishments in the COVID-19 pandemic response and for successful internal workforce recognition efforts. William "Thane" Hancock,

regional Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) supporting the PHEP jurisdictions in the Pacific, received the international Excellence in Surveillance and Health Monitoring award for providing epidemiologic guidance to prevent COVID-19. Also, DSLR's Program Implementation Branch was honored with the Excellence in Workforce Recognition award for creating a culture that recognizes the talents, experience, and perspectives of each branch employee.

Hancock, the senior CDC medical epidemiologist assigned to the US-affiliated Pacific islands (USAPI), constantly communicated with various disparate partners including political leaders, institutions, health departments, and the public and gained their trust to support COVID-19 measures and control. Going above and beyond, he worked with governments in Palau and Micronesia to develop border control protocols to open travel after one year of closure, supporting their economic needs while continuing to prevent on-island COVID-19 transmission. His guidance helped the jurisdictions achieve high vaccination coverage rates prior to COVID-19 being introduced in any of these jurisdictions, which reduced significant hospitalizations.

The DSLR Program Implementation Branch addressed employee recognition by looking beyond formal awards and emphasizing the value of each unique employee and incorporating recognition into branch operations. For instance, branch leadership formally recognized peers for their outstanding efforts, strongly encouraged CDC engagement opportunities, and continuously fostered diversity. The branch also provided staff with opportunities to take on leadership roles within the branch and enabled staff to deploy to 15 different CDC COVID-19 response task forces to leverage their expertise and to provide leadership opportunities. In addition, PIB created the "Lightning Learning Lab" to enable staff to deliver work highlights, training reflections, or deployment experiences during branch meetings.

Public Health Forward: Implementation Guidance from State and Local Health Departments

The [de Beaumont Foundation](#), in collaboration with other public health organizations, recently released [Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System](#), a five-year roadmap for public health. The report offers detailed recommendations for policymakers and public health leaders, shaped by a bipartisan task force of current and former elected officials as well as nonprofit, public health, and health care leaders. The report includes 10 interactive case studies that share real-world experiences, stepwise guidance, useful details, and lessons learned by state and local health departments across the country.

Study Finds More Than Three Million Youth Reported Using a Tobacco Product in 2022

On November 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC published a [study](#) which found that 3.08 million (11.3%) U.S. middle and high school students reported current (past 30 days) use of any tobacco product in 2022. This includes 2.51 million (16.5%) high school students and 530,000 (4.5%) middle school students.

Continued surveillance, sustained implementation of population-based tobacco control strategies, and efforts to address disparities, combined with the FDA's regulation, are warranted to prevent and reduce youth tobacco use.



Read the full press release at [More than 3 Million Youth Reported Using a Tobacco Product in 2022](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 25](#)
- [Effectiveness of Bivalent mRNA Vaccines in Preventing Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection — Increasing Community Access to Testing Program, United States, September–November 2022](#)
- [Paxlovid Associated with Decreased Hospitalization Rate Among Adults with COVID-19 — United States, April–September 2022](#)
- [Progress Toward Regional Measles Elimination — Worldwide, 2000–2021](#)
- [Progress Toward Global Eradication of Dracunculiasis — Worldwide, January 2021–June 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Drug Overdose Death Rates Among Persons Aged ≥15 Years, by Age Group and Urban-Rural Status — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2020](#)
- [Tobacco Product Use Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 2022](#)

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