# FRIDAY UPDATE

### December 2, 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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# **PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates**

### **BP4 ORR Module Now Open in PORTS**

CDC released on November 30 the Budget Period 4 (BP4) Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module in the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). Recipients will use the forms available in the BP4 module to submit required ORR data. The ORR module includes two new BP4 forms designed to collect data regarding the annual PHEP exercise requirement and emergency operations center (EOC) activations.

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activations
- Annual PHEP Exercise (Vulnerable Populations) with Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Partners

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar on **December 14** will provide an overview of BP4 reporting requirements, including how to navigate and use the new ORR forms. While the BP4 forms are currently visible in PORTS, CDC encourages recipients to attend the December 14 webinar prior to entering any BP4 ORR data.

In addition to data related to EOC activations and annual exercises with AFN partners, recipients must submit data related to the 50 capability planning elements, critical contact sheet (CCS) updates and workforce development and training (WDT) data. Recipients must also submit PHEP benchmark data related to Laboratory Response Network (LRN) requirements for biological and chemical threats. **BP4 program data must be submitted by June 30, 2023. CCS updates must be submitted by December 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023**.

While all 62 PHEP recipients are required to participate in the ORR this budget period, the local **Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) planning jurisdictions are not 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.

### 2023 HHS CPG Module Training Scheduled for December

The 2023 HHS Capabilities Planning Guide (CPG) module opened in PERFORMS on Friday, November 18. CDC's PERFORMS team will present joint training sessions for PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients on the CPG module at 10 a.m. EST on Monday, December 5, and at 1:30 a.m. EST on Tuesday, December 6. A separate training will be offered for Pacific Island recipients at 7 p.m. EST on Monday, December 5.

The same information will be presented at each session. Following is the participant information for all sessions.

December 5: 10 a.m. EST

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 160 188 0184

Passcode: 508611

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601880184?pwd=RXBWVm5Tdk9OSWlhS01sWnVCVWREZz09

December 5: 7 p.m. EST

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 160 195 9094

Passcode: 791387

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601959094?pwd=NFM5SVU3SIV1K1hxZUJ1bUU5b2pkQT09

December 6: 1:30 p.m. EST

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 160 279 4666

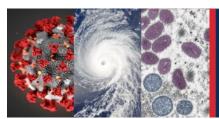
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The CPG module provides a platform for PHEP and HPP recipients to self-assess their current programs across the CDC and ASPR preparedness and response capabilities. CPG data are intended to guide preparedness investments by helping jurisdictions to identify preparedness capability gaps.

PHEP and HPP recipients should use their CPG data to help inform their strategic priorities and Budget Period 5 work plan objectives and planned activities. **PHEP CPG data are due to CDC by January 31, 2023**; HPP CPG data are due to ASPR by February 14, 2023. However, CDC and ASPR strongly encourage early review and submission of CPG data.

Recipients should contact their project officers with questions about the CPG data submission process and the PERFORMS help desk at PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov with any system issues.



# **Emergency Response Activities**

### CDC Changes Terminology from Monkeypox to Mpox

In support of the November 28 <u>recommendation by the World Health Organization (WHO)</u> and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC will adopt "mpox" as the term used to refer to monkeypox disease.

Human monkeypox was given its name in 1958 before the publication of WHO's best practices in naming diseases was published in 2015. According to the WHO's best practices, new disease names should be given with the aim to minimize unnecessary negative impact of names on trade, travel, tourism, or animal welfare and avoid causing offense to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional, or ethnic groups.

U.S. leaders have been engaging with stakeholders on a regular basis regarding shared concerns about this disease's terminology and the urgent need for a change to a more appropriate name. Moving forward, CDC will adopt the mpox name in correspondence with the medical community and the public. This change is designed to enhance the U.S. response to mpox by using a less stigmatizing term. CDC encourages all partners to use the term mpox in all documents, public facing communications, and correspondence.

CDC Readiness Guide for Returning Travelers from Uganda Disseminated to Jurisdictions CDC, with input from ASPR, has developed a readiness guide to improve public health and healthcare system readiness for Sudan Virus Disease. The guide is intended to help support management of suspected and confirmed cases of Sudan Virus Disease within the United States, to clarify roles and responsibilities, and identify opportunities for improvement. On November 28, CDC distributed this information to PHEP directors and national partners. Jurisdictions are encouraged to contact their CDC health department liaisons (HD LNOs) for more information.



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# Preparedness and Response Resources

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Formulary Webinar Recording Now Available on CDC TRAIN The Strategic National Stockpile's (SNS) formulary webinar recording is now available on CDC TRAIN. The webinar recording will be available until **December 15**. An account is required to view the webinar on <a href="https://www.train.org">www.train.org</a>.

- Webinar Title: A Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Formulary Update November 2022
- Course ID number 1107185
- Launch code: Update23

CDC encourages recipients to share this information with colleagues based on their roles in support of SNS planning.

NACCHO 2023 Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Applications Due December 9
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
Operational Readiness Awards (ORA) provide funding to MRC units to develop their emergency response

capabilities. Funding is available through a cooperative agreement between NACCHO and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Applications must be submitted via the NACCHO application website by 5 p.m. PST on Friday. December 9.

For more information regarding the program and application process, review the 2023 Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Awards.



## **News You Can Use**

### CDC Awards More Than \$3 Billion to Improve U.S. Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure

On November 29, CDC awarded \$3.2 billion to help state, local, and territorial jurisdictions across the United States strengthen their public health workforce and infrastructure. This first-of-itskind funding provides awards directly to state, local, and territorial health departments to provide the people, services, and systems needed to promote and protect health in U.S. communities. Everyone in the United States lives in a jurisdiction that will receive funding under this new grant.

The \$3.2 billion includes \$3 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act for jurisdictions to recruit, retain, and train their workforce, including critical frontline public health workers such as epidemiologists, contact tracers, laboratory scientists, community health workers, and data analysts. The funding also includes \$140 million from a new appropriation for jurisdictions to strengthen and revitalize their public health infrastructure. Lastly, national partners will be awarded \$65 million to provide training, evaluation, and other technical assistance to jurisdictions as they work to strengthen the services they provide and rebuild their workforce to help protect every American community.

### Public Health Infrastructure

**Everyone in the United States lives in a jurisdiction** that will receive funding under the new CDC grant





CDC's new Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program webpage features information about the 107 funded jurisdictions, including a clickable map that shows how the money has been distributed across them. It also provides an overview of the grant program, information about the funded national partners, and information for grantees, including FAQs and resources. For more information, including a full list of funded jurisdictions and national partners, visit www.cdc.gov/infrastructure/.

### CDC Seeks Feedback on Framework for Public Health Program Evaluation

CDC plans to update the Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health to align with changes in evaluation, public health, and federal policies and practices. Given the widespread use of the evaluation framework, CDC is gathering insight from various user groups through several methods. A Federal Register notice has been posted for public comment from anyone interested in providing feedback. Written comments must be received by January 30, 2023. In addition, listening sessions for CDC funding recipients will be held the week of December 5.

### **CDC Recipient Listening Sessions**

CDC will host four virtual listening sessions for recipients of CDC funds to hear from representatives of organizations that directly receive CDC funds, as well as their subrecipients. CDC encourages recipients to share this opportunity with their partners and subrecipients. Registration is required to participate in the listening sessions. Following is the participant information.

- Government public health organizations
  - Monday, December 5: 2 p.m. EST to 3:30 p.m. EST
  - Friday, December 9: 9:30 a.m. EST to 11 a.m. EST
- Other types of organizations
  - Thursday December 8: 9:30 a.m. EST to 11 a.m. EST
  - Friday December 9: 1 p.m. EST to 2:30 p.m. EST

### Nearly 40 Million Children Dangerously Susceptible to Growing Measles Threat

Measles vaccination coverage has steadily declined since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. A joint publication by the World Health Organization (WHO) and CDC reported that in 2021 a record high of nearly 40 million children missed a measles vaccine dose; 25 million children missed their first dose, and an additional 14.7 million children missed their second dose. This decline is a significant setback in global progress toward achieving and maintaining measles elimination and leaves millions of children susceptible to infection.

In 2021, there were an estimated nine million cases and 128,000 deaths from measles worldwide. Twenty-two countries experienced large and disruptive outbreaks. Declines in vaccine coverage, weakened measles surveillance, and continued interruptions and delays in immunization activities due to COVID-19, as well as persistent large outbreaks in 2022, mean that measles is an imminent threat in every region of the world.

Read the full press release at <u>Nearly 40 Million Children are Dangerously Susceptible to Growing Measles</u> Threat.



# **Online Resources**

### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, December 4
- HIV Services and Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic United States, 2019–2021
- Appliances Used by Consumers to Prepare Frozen Stuffed Chicken Products United States, May– July 2022
- Outbreak of Burkholderia stabilis Infections Associated with Contaminated Nonsterile, Multiuse Ultrasound Gel — 10 States, May—September 2021
- <u>SARS-CoV-2 Serology and Self-Reported Infection Among Adults National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, August 2021–May 2022</u>
- Effectiveness of Bivalent mRNA Vaccines in Preventing Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection Increasing Community Access to Testing Program, United States, September–November 2022
- <u>Paxlovid Associated with Decreased Hospitalization Rate Among Adults with COVID-19 United States, April–September 2022</u>
- Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 42
- QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Living in Families That Were Food-Insecure in the Past 30 Days, by Family Income and Urbanicity — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021

### **Mpox Guidance and Resources**

- NEW Monkeypox Toolkit for People Who Work in Sex Trades or Conduct Outreach to Sex Workers
- NEW Monkeypox Toolkit for Owners and Employees of Sex-On-Premises/Commercial Sex Venues
- UPDATED Toolkits for Community, Work, and School
- **UPDATED** What's New & Updated

- UPDATED 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak
- UPDATED U.S. Map & Case Count
- UPDATED U.S. Monkeypox Case Trends Reported to CDC
- **UPDATED** Global Map & Case Count
- **UPDATED** Monkeypox Cases by Age and Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Symptoms
- UPDATED Monkeypox Vaccine Administration U.S. Map
- **UPDATED** Demographics of Patients Receiving TPOXX for Treatment of Monkeypox

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