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FRIDAY UPDATE

**** The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Thursday, December 22, 2022. ****



December 16, 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.

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CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for December 21

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 21**. DSLR will update recipients on current response activities and continue to gather recipient input on the new PHEP response readiness framework and 10 program priorities. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1617816178

Passcode: 52455471

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1617816178?pwd=VGRzYnN6N0VZNDNpNUFMMTUzd05CUT09>

CDC Website Features PHEP Trailblazers, Pathfinders, and Champions

As 2022 draws to a close, CDC extends its appreciation to PHEP recipients for participating in the recognition

of nearly 300 PHEP-funded public health preparedness professionals as part of CDC's commemoration of the PHEP 20th anniversary. A total of 294 PHEP-funded preparedness professionals are highlighted on the CDC website at [PHEP Trailblazers, Pathfinders, and Champions](#). Those recognized include 48 PHEP Trailblazers, 53 PHEP Pathfinders, and 193 PHEP Champions. The website also features [nine trailblazers and pathfinders](#) and their preparedness contributions.

During 2022, CDC has recognized the state, local, and territorial public health preparedness workforce and their contributions to the PHEP program over the past two decades. The COVID-19 pandemic put immense pressure on public health preparedness professionals at the forefront of the response, prompting CDC to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments, not just during the pandemic response but in building the PHEP program. CDC invited PHEP directors to submit state and local trailblazers, pathfinders, and champions to represent their jurisdictions.

In April during the 2022 Preparedness Summit held in Atlanta, CDC recognized more than 200 PHEP-funded preparedness professionals initially submitted by the PHEP directors. NACCHO also published a full listing of these individuals on the [PHEP - 2023 Preparedness Summit](#) website.



Updated HHS Mpox Vaccination Provider Agreement Now Available

On December 9, CDC updated the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Mpox Vaccination Program Provider Agreement](#) to align with [CDC's Mpox Vaccine Interim Clinical Considerations](#). The HHS Mpox Vaccination Program Provider Agreement is a legally binding agreement between vaccine providers and HHS. The original provider agreement allowed subcutaneous administration only if intradermal administration is contraindicated, which restricted the ability of providers to offer the vaccine subcutaneously. CDC's Mpox Vaccine Interim Clinical Considerations guidance is more permissive than the original provider agreement and indicates that intradermal administration remains the preferred route of administration but should not be a barrier to vaccination.

The update to the provider agreement allows more flexibility for public health jurisdictions and healthcare providers to offer the intradermal or subcutaneous regimen based on balancing optimal vaccine use, patient acceptance, potential stigma from vaccine side effects, feasibility of administration, and available vaccine supply. HHS encourages providers to proactively offer [vaccine regimen options](#) to patients, especially to individuals who have questions or concerns about intradermal vaccine side effects such as hyper-pigmentation, swelling, or keloid scarring.

December 20 COCA Call Addresses Ebola Evaluation and Infection Prevention

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 20**. During the call, CDC subject matter experts will discuss signs and symptoms of Ebola, disease progression, importance of alternative diagnoses or treatments, and the utility of a CDC clinical consult. Presenters will also review specimen handling and testing biosafety and infection prevention and control recommendations.

Materials for the call will be available on the [COCA Call webpage](#) in the call materials section. The presentation slides will be available the day of the call, and the call recording will be posted a few hours after the live event ends.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 161 410 0766

Passcode: 323048

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614100766?pwd=cDVaT1dkcHkvZnhURWZ5NmNqYUFGMUT09>

Interim Guidance for Clinicians to Prioritize Antiviral Treatment of Influenza with Reduced Oseltamivir Availability

On December 15, CDC issued a [health advisory](#) regarding high seasonal influenza activity across the United States. CDC estimates that in the 2022-2023 season to date there have been at least 13 million illnesses, 120,000 hospitalizations, and 7,300 deaths from influenza, based on CDC's [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#). While the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) has not indicated shortages of oseltamivir (generic or Tamiflu) in any of its forms (capsules and oral suspension), CDC has received numerous anecdotal reports of availability issues for generic oseltamivir in some locations. This may continue to occur in some communities as influenza activity continues.



This Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory provides clinicians and public health officials with guidance for prioritizing oseltamivir for treatment. It also offers information on other influenza antiviral drugs that are recommended for treating influenza in areas where oseltamivir is temporarily unavailable.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

NACCHO Announces Funding Opportunity for Strengthening Local Disability Inclusion

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from CDC, announced a funding opportunity for [Strengthening Disability Inclusion Efforts within Local Health Departments](#). The goal of this demonstration site project is to enhance local capacity to meet the needs of people with disabilities within health department programs, policies, and services. NACCHO will award a maximum of four local health departments with up to \$25,000 each in funding. Applications must be emailed to Uyen Tran at utran@naccho.org by **11:59 p.m. PST on January 20, 2023**. For additional information view the [Request for Applications](#).

NACCHO will host an informational webinar for potential applicants at **1 p.m. EST on January 5, 2023**. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.



News You Can Use

ASTHO Releases 2023 Public Health Legislative Briefs

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has identified 10 public health policy issues to watch in 2023 and identified additional legislative trends in its [2023 Legislative Prospectus Series](#). The

legislative briefs provide an overview of 10 public health policy topics that range from data modernization and privacy to public health agency infrastructure and authority. The briefs anticipate trends in public health law for the next year and provide a short review for public health professionals and legislators alike. For the upcoming 2023 state legislative sessions, ASTHO expects some jurisdictions to address issues related to public health legal authority and the public health workforce. These issues include sustaining recent investments in public health workers, considering professional licensure requirements for public health workers, and determining the process for and scope of public health orders to control the spread of disease.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, December 16](#)
- [Progress Toward Measles and Rubella Elimination — India, 2005–2021](#)
- [Drug Overdose Deaths Among Persons Aged 10–19 Years — United States, July 2019–December 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 and Other Underlying Causes of Cancer Deaths — United States, January 2018–July 2022](#)
- [Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Coinfection and Clinical Characteristics Among Children and Adolescents Aged <18 Years Who Were Hospitalized or Died with Influenza — United States, 2021–22 Influenza Season](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Burkholderia pseudomallei Detected in a Raccoon Carcass Linked to a Multistate Aromatherapy-Associated Melioidosis Outbreak — Texas, 2022](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 40](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 45](#)
- [QuickStats: Birth Rates for Females Aged 15–19 Years, by State — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Clinical Considerations for Treatment and Prophylaxis of Monkeypox Virus Infection in People with HIV and Other Immunocompromising Conditions](#)
- **UPDATED** [Signs and Symptoms](#)

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