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FRIDAY UPDATE

**** The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Friday, January 5, 2024. ****



December 22, 2023

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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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

CDC Releases PHEP TP19-1901 Final Progress Report Template

CDC has released the template for the Final Performance Progress and Evaluation Report for the PHEP TP19-1901 period of performance. Recipients can use this optional template to gather offline information summarizing program activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. This closeout report, required by the CDC Notice of Grant Award, will help identify public health preparedness gains directly attributable to state, local, and territorial PHEP investments.

To streamline reporting requirements, CDC will not require recipients to submit a separate Budget Period 5 (BP5) annual progress report as normally required at the end of each budget period. Instead, recipients should incorporate BP5 accomplishments into this final performance progress and evaluation report spanning Budget Period 1 through BP5. Recipients must also provide information regarding PHEP BP5 benchmarks and pandemic influenza plans.

CDC is currently developing an online reporting module that recipients will use to submit their final closeout reports. Meanwhile, CDC has provided the report template to aid recipients in collecting closeout data well

ahead of the submission deadline. Recipients' historical program and budget data in PERFORMS will be available until August 30, 2024. CDC encourages recipients to review and download relevant program data from the past five years to help complete their closeout reports.

CDC emailed the report template to PHEP directors on December 22. If recipients did not receive the report or if they have questions regarding the report, they should contact their project officers. Completed Final Performance Progress and Evaluation Reports are due **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**. Final Federal Financial Reports or FFRs are also due **October 30, 2024**.

PHEP BP5 Reporting Timeline Now Available

CDC's [PHEP Budget Period 5 Operational Timeline](#) is now available on the CDC website. The Budget Period 5 (BP5) operational timeline summarizes PHEP benchmark requirements and provides a chronological list of programmatic reporting requirements for the remainder of BP5.

CDC Releases 2024 PHEP Recipient Call Schedule

CDC has finalized the 2024 PHEP recipient call schedule, which includes four calls that will be held jointly with Hospital Preparedness Program recipients. These calls will be held at 2 p.m. ET on the third Wednesday of the month with the exception of June. That call has been moved to Thursday, June 20, due to the June 19 federal holiday. Following is the call schedule and participant information.

Date	Audience
January 17, 2024	HPP and PHEP Recipients
February 21, 2024	PHEP Recipients
March 20, 2024	PHEP Recipients
April 17, 2024	HPP and PHEP Recipients
May 15, 2024	PHEP Recipients
June 20, 2024 (moved due to federal holiday)	PHEP Recipients
July 17, 2024	HPP and PHEP Recipients
August 21, 2024	PHEP Recipients
September 18, 2024	PHEP Recipients
October 16, 2024	HPP and PHEP Recipients
November 20, 2024	PHEP Recipients
December 18, 2024	PHEP Recipients

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>

January 10 PHEP Connects Webinar to Highlight Public Health Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "The Critical Connection: Public Health Infrastructure and Cybersecurity," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 10**. Speakers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will discuss the critical convergence of two pivotal domains: public health infrastructure and cybersecurity. Speakers will highlight forward-thinking strategies



designed to empower participants to prepare for and navigate future cybersecurity challenges. 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 Updated Clinician Resources on Antiviral Treatment of Influenza

CDC has updated information for the 2023-2024 influenza season for health care professionals (HCPs) on the use of influenza antiviral medications. HCPs can access [information](#) on antiviral drug options, a summary of antiviral treatment recommendations, and new treatment algorithm graphics. Influenza antiviral medications are an important adjunct to vaccination.

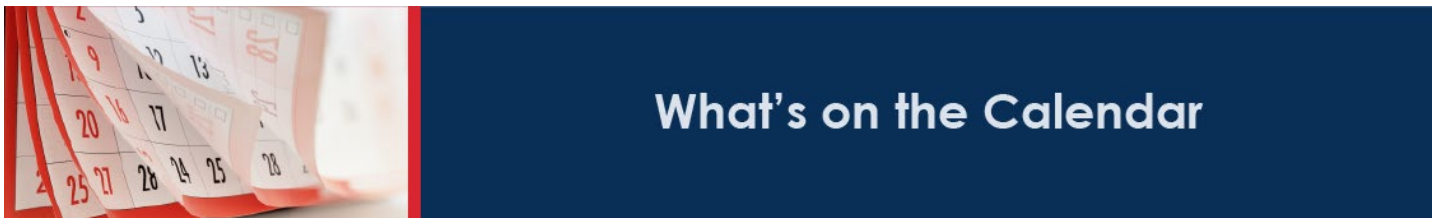
Learn more at [Influenza Antiviral Medications: Summary for Clinicians](#).

CDC Releases New Study on Flu Vaccination during Pregnancy

A new CDC [study](#) shows that infants younger than six months born to pregnant people who received the flu vaccine during their pregnancy were protected from flu-related emergency department visits and hospitalization. Infants in this age group are at higher risk of being hospitalized compared with other children and cannot get a flu shot until after they reach six months of age. This study highlights the importance of pregnant people getting vaccinated since both pregnant people and their infants are at higher risk of being hospitalized with flu. CDC urges healthcare providers to recommend flu vaccine to their pregnant patients. CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' [2023-2024 Flu Vaccination Recommendations](#) advise pregnant people to get vaccinated [during any trimester of pregnancy](#).

Additional CDC Resources:

- [Find a Flu Vaccine](#)
- [Flu and Pregnancy](#)
- [Flu Vaccine Safety and Pregnancy](#)
- [Make a Strong Influenza Vaccine Recommendation](#)
- [Influenza Information for Health Professionals](#)
- [Urgent Need to Increase Immunization Coverage for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV and Use of Authorized/Approved Therapeutics in the Setting of Increased Respiratory Disease Activity During the 2023 – 2024 Winter Season](#)



- **January 10** – [CDC PHEP Connects Webinar](#) (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST)



Preparedness and Response Resources

HHS Announces Next Steps in Ongoing Work to Enhance Cybersecurity for Health Care and Public Health Sectors

HHS recently released a concept paper that outlines a cybersecurity strategy for the health care sector. The concept paper builds on the National Cybersecurity Strategy that President Biden released in 2022, focusing specifically on strengthening resilience for hospitals, patients, and communities threatened by cyber attacks. The paper details four actions to improve cybersecurity. They include publishing new voluntary health care-specific cybersecurity performance goals; working with Congress to develop supports and incentives for domestic hospitals to improve cybersecurity; and increasing accountability and coordination within the health care sector. HHS also plans to expand and mature the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response’s (ASPR) coordination role as a “one-stop shop” for health care cybersecurity.

For additional information, visit [HHS Announces Next Steps in Ongoing Work to Enhance Cybersecurity for Health Care and Public Health Sectors](#).



News You Can Use

Seniors in Care Facilities Have More Protection Available This Year: CDC Encourages Vaccination Against Flu, COVID-19 and RSV

New research in the [December 22 MMWR](#) finds that most nursing home residents haven’t received an updated COVID-19 vaccine or the new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine. This year, for the first time, vaccines are available to protect older adults in the United States against all three fall and winter respiratory illnesses: influenza, COVID-19 and RSV. Older Americans who are not vaccinated are at greater risk of serious illness. Leading up to this virus season, and throughout the fall, CDC has worked with other federal agencies, state and local health departments, and health care partners to address vaccine access issues and encourage vaccine uptake.



Health care providers can continue to do their part by offering recommended vaccinations to residents. Nursing homes are encouraged to collaborate with state, local, and federal public health, and long-term care pharmacy partners to address barriers contributing to low vaccination coverage. Vaccination is a key way to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death from flu, COVID-19 and RSV.

Read the full media statement at [Seniors in Care Facilities Have More Protection Available This Year: CDC Encourages Vaccination Against Flu, COVID-19 and RSV](#).



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, December 22](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Rebound With and Without Use of COVID-19 Oral Antivirals](#)
- [Evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 RNA Rebound After Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir Treatment in Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials — United States and International Sites, 2021–2022](#)
- [Coverage with Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, and Updated COVID-19 Vaccines Among Nursing Home Residents – National Healthcare Safety Network, United States, December 2023](#)
- [Influenza, Updated COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination Coverage Among Adults — United States, Fall 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Reported Their Level of Satisfaction with Life, by Disability Status — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Treatments and Medications](#)

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