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# FRIDAY UPDATE

January 26, 2024

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

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CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "The National Incident Management System (NIMS): Guidance for Public Health Communities," is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 14**. Guest presenters will provide an overview of the

National Incident Management System (NIMS), National Integration Center (NIC) planning guidance, and tools designed to assist state and local communities in addressing preparedness challenges. Additionally, a representative from Central Connecticut Health District will include a state perspective on resource typing, the common language used for the mobilization of resources in public health communities. 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>

### Updated CDC Prior Approval Guidance Now Available for Grant Recipients

New guidance from the CDC Office of Grants Services (OGS) makes it easier for recipients to know when and how to seek CDC approval for changes to research and non-research awards. OGS recently shared this information with recipients, along with updated budget preparation guidelines, through correspondence in GrantSolutions.

When CDC grant recipients propose certain types of budget and programmatic-related changes from their pre-award plans, prior approval may be required. OGS' updated guidance gives recipients an overview of prior approval requests for post-award changes. It also describes the documentation needed for these requests.

Recipients can review the updated guidance using the following links.

- [CDC Prior Approvals for Research Awards](#)

- [CDC Prior Approval for Non-research Awards](#)

The updates include:

- Descriptions of the activities that require CDC prior approval.
- Additional details about the prior approval amendment submission process.
- Links to other prior approval resources and tools to assist with prior approval request submissions.
- Templates to assist with drafting cover letters and request submission.

CDC's updated budget preparation guidelines can be found at [Application Resources | Grants](#).



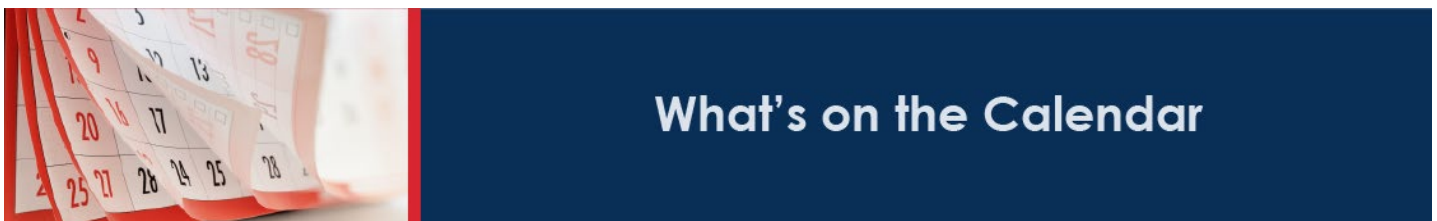
### **CDC Tracks Decreases in Flu Vaccine Coverage**

CDC continues to track flu vaccination coverage throughout the United States. [Recent estimates](#) show decreases in flu vaccine uptake among adults, children and pregnant people. With flu season ongoing in the U.S., CDC continues to recommend flu vaccination, as well as early antiviral drug treatment for people with flu symptoms who are very sick, for example, hospitalized, or at higher risk of developing severe illness. Health care provider recommendations for vaccination are important for increasing vaccination uptake.

### **CDC Provides Information on RSV Vaccine Administration Errors in Young Children and Pregnant People**

Since approval of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines and the monoclonal antibody nirsevimab, CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have received reports of the Pfizer (Abrsyo) or GSK (Arexvy) RSV vaccines being administered in error to young children. CDC and FDA have also received reports of the GSK RSV vaccine (Arexvy) being administered in error to pregnant people. Vaccine administration errors are known to occur and are routinely monitored through the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#). As of January 17, the number of reports received by VAERS suggests that these types of errors are uncommon in young children less than two years of age (25 reports) and pregnant people (128 reports) relative to an estimated one million infants protected from RSV either through infant receipt of nirsevimab or through vaccination of pregnant people.

Learn more at [Information on Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Vaccine Administration Errors in Young Children and Pregnant People](#).



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## HHS Announces Tribal Consultation for Draft Tribal Data Policy

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) that shared its draft [Tribal and Tribal Epidemiology Center Data Access Policy](#) and announced a consultation to receive feedback on the policy. The virtual consultation is scheduled to be held from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 6**. Comments must be submitted by **Tuesday, March 5**, via email to [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov) with “HHS tribal data policy” in the subject line. Following is the participant information.

### Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 416 1119

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-iurzorE5MWGjSDXfNG0spDpVXEm9o>

## CDC Provides Updated PFAS Information for Clinicians

CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released updated [per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\) Information for Clinicians](#). This document provides updated information for clinicians to consider when seeing patients who have concerns about PFAS exposure or possible health effects. This update incorporates the evolving science and emphasizes the importance of a shared decision-making process, with patients and clinicians working together to address patients' concerns and reduce PFAS exposures.

The update also provides information for clinicians on exposure sources and routes; health effects associated with PFAS exposures and factors that impact the risk of health effects; considerations for clinical evaluation and management. This includes information on the benefits and risks of PFAS blood testing; and considerations for certain populations, such as children and those who are pregnant or breastfeeding. CDC/ATSDR also includes links to additional clinical resources and information to assist providers and patients.



## ASPR Partner Update Webinar Scheduled for February 13

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host its next Partner Update webinar from **1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 13**. Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Dawn O’Connell will discuss ASPR’s 2024 organizational priorities and current activities to support preparedness and response capabilities for the nation’s public health and health systems. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

## AHEPP 2024 Annual Conference Scheduled for February 27-28

The [Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals \(AHEPP\) 2024 Annual Conference](#) will be held on February 27-28 in Frisco, Texas. The conference offers an opportunity for administrators, emergency preparedness coordinators, public health preparedness directors, emergency managers, registered nurses, and other health care professionals to share the latest research and best practices, network, and collaborate on ways to improve health care preparedness. Topics include case studies of hospital disaster responses, lessons learned, leadership training, approaches to building resiliency, and strategies for health care facilities to enhance medical surge capacity.

## DSLRL Announces Death of Rich Davidson

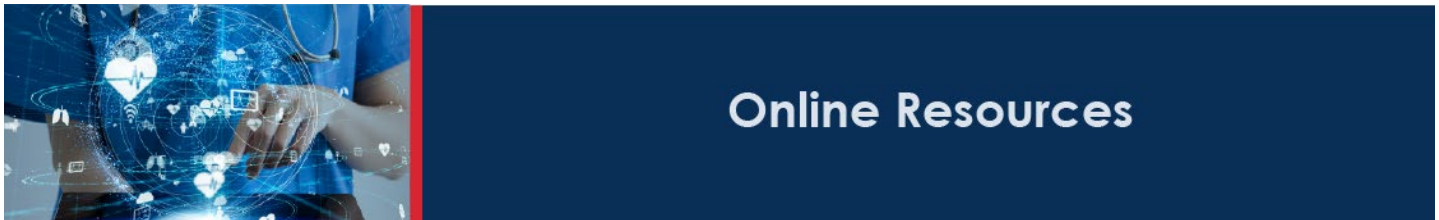
DSLRL sadly announces the passing of Richard “Rich” Davidson, a member of the DSLRL staff since 2012. A medical countermeasure specialist, Rich most recently worked with PHEP recipients in regions 5 and 9, as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands. He passed away on Tuesday, January 23.



Rich served in many roles during his CDC tenure, which began in 2004. Many PHEP recipients will remember Rich from his days as a program services consultant in CDC’s Division of the Strategic National Stockpile where he provided technical assistance and conducted Technical Assistance Reviews. Before joining CDC, Rich served in the Florida Army National Guard where he was the Section Chief for the Medical Unit of the 116th Artillery. He also had a distinguished, 33-year career as a firefighter in Florida, Illinois, and Missouri, serving 10 of those years as a fire chief.

While in DSLRL, Rich provided technical assistance, conducted Operational Readiness Reviews for PHEP recipients, and mentored early career medical countermeasure specialists. He also deployed to the field to support state and local health departments during numerous public health emergencies. They included deployments to the Chicago Quarantine Station to support the Ebola response and later the COVID-19 response. He also served on CDC’s State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support Task Force in 2021 to support the COVID-19 response.

DSLRL Division Director Christine Kosmos said, “I’ve known Rich since my days in Chicago. He was our SNS MCM specialist and supported a number of jurisdictions over his long career at CDC. He was known for his expertise, his practical wisdom, and his unflappable demeanor.”



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 26](#)
- [MMWR Supplement, Volume 73, Issue 1 — January 25, 2024](#)
- [Prevalence of Cardiometabolic Diseases Among Racial and Ethnic Subgroups in Adults — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013–2021](#)
- [Underuse of Antiviral Drugs to Prevent Progression to Severe COVID-19 — Veterans Health Administration, March–September 2022](#)
- [Deaths of U.S. Citizens Undergoing Cosmetic Surgery — Dominican Republic, 2009–2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Infections After Cosmetic Surgery Procedures in Florida — Nine States, 2022–2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged ≤17 Years Who Visited an Urgent Care Center or a Clinic in a Drug Store or Grocery Store in the Past 12 Months, by Age Group and Year — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021–2022](#)

### CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [Flu Vaccination Coverage Update](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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