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FRIDAY UPDATE

May 17, 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

CDC Provides Updates on PHEP BP1 Funding Allocations

CDC is currently processing PHEP funding awards for Budget Period 1 (BP1), which begins July 1, and will be releasing Notices of Award (NoAs) to PHEP recipients on a rolling basis throughout June. All awards should be released to recipients by July 1. All jurisdictions will be awarded the amounts published in the 2024 PHEP NOFO, [CDC-RFA-TU24-0137](#), minus any direct assistance costs for personnel and Statistical Analysis System (SAS) licenses, if applicable. Recipients should carefully review the terms and conditions of the NoAs and must respond to any conditions of award (CoAs) by August 15.

As mentioned on the May 15 PHEP recipient call, CDC adjusted funding amounts for jurisdictions with over or under allocated budgets due to:

- Minor rounding issues
- Included direct assistance in their overall allocations
- How budgetary information was reflected in the SF-424A forms

The purpose of the adjustments was to ensure each recipient's budget aligns with their estimated funding as published in the 2024 PHEP NOFO. The adjustments were minimal. An application note will be included in GrantSolutions that outlines where the adjustments have been made. PHEP project officers will communicate those changes before the NoAs are issued. Application notes in GrantSolutions have been made viewable to recipients indicating any adjustments made to reconcile budgets as funding amendments are processed.

PHEP BP5 Program Data Due June 30

Sunday, June 30, is the deadline for recipients to submit PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) program data. BP5 reporting requirements are outlined in the [PHEP Budget Period 5 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview - December 2023](#).

All PHEP recipients must submit by June 30 the following required data in PORTS.

- Annual PHEP exercise data
- Critical contact sheets
- Emergency operations center activations

Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for any additional information.



CDC Releases Guidance for Preventing Spread of Infections in K-12 schools

On May 17 CDC released consolidated, [evidence-based guidance](#) for preventing the spread of infections in K-12 schools. The guidance includes everyday actions that schools can take to prevent and control the spread of respiratory and stomach viruses and illnesses, such as influenza and norovirus, and bacterial illness, such as strep throat. This guidance is designed to maximize school attendance and its benefits for all students, while also preventing the spread of infectious diseases.

The strategies found in the new guidance are based on research and expertise CDC gained from decades of working to prevent disease transmission in school settings.

The new guidance also recommends updating or developing emergency operation plans that include infectious disease sections, and establishing and maintaining key partnerships with health departments, local medical systems, and other community health providers. Following are additional resources.

Additional resources:

- [Guidance for Prevention the Spread of Infections in K-12 Schools](#)
- [Science Brief: Prevention and Control of Respiratory and Gastrointestinal Infections in Kindergarten through Grade 12 \(K-12\) Schools](#)
- [CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance](#)

USDA, HHS Announce New Actions to Reduce Impact and Spread of H5N1

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced actions the agency will take to reduce the impact and spread of H5N1. These actions include assistance for producers with H5N1 affected premises to improve on-site biosecurity and the availability of financial tools for lost milk production in herds affected by H5N1.

Since the detection of H5N1 in dairy cattle, the Federal response has leveraged the latest available scientific data, field epidemiology, and risk assessments to mitigate risks to workers and the general public, to ensure the safety of America's food supply and to mitigate risk to livestock, owners, and producers. Today, USDA is taking a series of additional steps to help achieve these goals and reduce the impact of H5N1 on affected premises and producers.

HHS is announcing new actions through the CDC and FDA to increase testing and laboratory screening and testing capacity, genomic sequencing, and other interventions to protect the health and safety of dairy and other potentially impacted food items.

Read the full press release at [Fact Sheet: USDA, HHS Announce New Actions to Reduce Impact and Spread of H5N1](#).



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CDC Hosts Webinar on Improving Health and Lung Function with Healthy People 2030 Objectives

CDC's Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) its next Healthy People 2030 webinar "Air Quality Matters: Improving Health and Lung Function with Healthy People 2030 Objectives," from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT us on Wednesday, June 12**. Representatives from the American Lung Association will share details on their efforts to inform the public about the impact of air quality on their health and ways to reduce harmful pollution. This webinar will also highlight progress to date on three Healthy People 2030 objectives:

- [EH-01: Reduce the number of days people are exposed to unhealthy air \(LHI\)](#)
Exposure to air pollution is linked to many health problems, including cancer, respiratory diseases, and heart disease. Outdoor air pollution is also linked to early death. Taking action to prevent air pollution through laws like the Clean Air Act can lead to major reductions in pollution and help prevent many serious health problems.
- [OSH-04: Reduce pneumoconiosis deaths](#)
Pneumoconiosis is a group of lung diseases caused by breathing in mineral dusts, like asbestos, coal mine dust, or silica. People who work in certain mining, construction, and manufacturing jobs are at higher risk for pneumoconiosis. Strategies to reduce exposure to mineral dust at work are critical for reducing deaths from pneumoconiosis.
- [RD-04: Reduce asthma attacks](#)
Millions of people in the United States have asthma attacks every year. Asthma attacks can lead to emergency department visits and even death. Reducing environmental triggers and making sure people get the right medications can help reduce asthma attacks.

Register [here](#) to attend the webinar. Continuing Education Credits (CEs) will be available.

ASTHO Releases Toolkit for Addressing Vaccine Equity Through Community Mobilization

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) recently released [Championing Change: A Toolkit for Addressing Vaccine Equity Through Community Mobilization](#). This toolkit introduces the power of partnerships and community-based mobilization in addressing vaccine equity. Sharing lessons learned from ASTHO's flagship Vaccine Equity Project and providing a database of evidence-based tools, this resource informs state and territorial efforts to advance equity in public health initiatives.



News You Can Use

CDC Unveils Newly Revamped CDC.gov Website

On May 15, CDC unveiled its newly revamped [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) website, marking a significant step forward in the agency's commitment to better communicate with the public. Internal and external reviews of agency operations were conducted after the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The result was the [CDC Moving Forward](#) effort, which launched numerous initiatives to strengthen the speed and clarity of agency communications. The newly streamlined website is the culmination of extensive user testing and feedback, ensuring that vital health information is more accessible and easier to find for all audiences.

Be sure to check out the look and feel of the new [State and Local Readiness](#) webpage which features new [vignettes](#) on the Preparedness Field Assignee (PFA) Program.

For achieves content, there are two options to see previous content from the old CDC.gov. Visit archive.cdc.gov for a searchable site of key documents (available indefinitely) or visit snapshot.cdc.gov to see CDC.gov exactly as it was before the new site launched (available for six months).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 17](#)
- [Vital Signs: Drowning Death Rates, Self-Reported Swimming Skill, Swimming Lesson Participation, and Recreational Water Exposure](#)
- [Measles Outbreak Associated with a Migrant Shelter — Chicago, Illinois, February–May 2024](#)
- [Real-Time Use of a Dynamic Model To Measure the Impact of Public Health Interventions on Measles Outbreak Size and Duration — Chicago, Illinois, 2024](#)
- [U.S. Preparedness and Response to Increasing Clade I Mpox Cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — United States, 2024](#)
- [Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Worldwide, January 2022–December 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage Distribution of Deaths Involving Injuries from Recreational and Nonrecreational Use of Watercraft, by Month — United States, 2020–2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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