DSLR FRIDAY UPDATE

March 15, 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 (DSLR) 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 Reinforces New 5-Year PHEP Program Strategy
On the March 13 PHEP recipient call, CDC reiterated that the recently released PHEP NOFO is to be considered a 5-year plan (or strategy) for improving response readiness across the nation. As such, the budget period one (BP1) activities proposed in the recipient workplans, and applications should be written **at a high level** and should reflect how the recipient proposes to improve readiness over a five-year period. CDC also provided additional guidance on expectations for evaluation activities and stated that only information about the data management plan needs to be included in the initial application. This information should be included in the first evaluation and performance measure text box. Recipients were directed to input placeholder "TBD" language in additional evaluation and performance measure text boxes. The requirement for a data management plan is similar to previous NOFOs and recipients may be able to update language from a previous submission. Finally, the 5-year plan allows CDC and jurisdictions to continue to refine and update plans throughout the 5-year period of performance. Budget period one application and work plan submissions are not expected to be fully developed plans; CDC expects that recipients will continue to be refine them throughout the 5-year period.

CDC To Hold PHEP NOFO Office Hours
CDC strongly recommends that recipients submit their 2024 PHEP funding applications in advance of the April 24 application deadline to ensure their applications complete the Grants.gov electronic validation process by the deadline. Applications must be error free during the validation process and corrected before the application deadline of **11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 24**. The system will close after this time and cannot accept new or revised applications. Early submission will allow recipients to correct any errors prior to the deadline.

If recipients do not meet the April 24 deadline, they risk not receiving their funding awards by the July 1 start of the new budget period. As a reminder, recipients can modify and update their five-year work plan activities, milestones, and budgets throughout the five-year period of performance. Specific details do not need to be outlined in the 2024 funding applications.

Recipients with questions regarding their application submission should plan to attend the upcoming office hour sessions regarding the PHEP notice of funding opportunity requirements. The sessions will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, March 19**, and **Wednesday, March 20**. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information
Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)
Meeting ID: 160 812 8635
Passcode: 44852251
Access Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1608128635?pwd=eElXbVplMnhCN1F2ZStlSFloMEdFdz09

CDC PHEP Grants Management Call Scheduled for March 21
CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) and DSLR will conduct the next PHEP grants management conference call from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, March 21**. During the call, CDC will discuss the following grants management issues and updates related to the PHEP and the Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) cooperative agreements:

- Revised General Terms and Conditions
- Prior Approval Guidance
- Budget Preparation Guidelines
- Application Requirements for new PHEP NOFO

Recipients can submit additional discussion topics to preparedness@cdc.gov. CDC encourages PHEP directors and business officials to participate and share this information with other PHEP personnel in their jurisdictions as needed. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information
Meeting ID: 161 205 1586
Passcode: 91691410
Access Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1612051586?pwd=RXFNazJmTWVuTlR3eFZzdU5FN2JpQT09

CDC Corrects Ready CAMP Knowledge Center Issues
CDC has corrected issues with the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center and articles are currently available for viewing and downloading. The Knowledge Center provides resources on award and program/project guidance, grants management, and other topics. As a reminder, CDC is posting important documents, including NOFO supplemental guidance documents, to the Knowledge Center. Recipients can access resources via the Ready CAMP home page by selecting "Knowledge Center" from the ribbon. A list of published articles will be displayed, and recipients may select any of the articles to view or download. CDC will provide a walkthrough of this process during the PHEP NOFO Office Hour sessions next week.

CDC Provides Instructions on Generating PHEP Reports in PERFORMS
CDC is sunsetting PERFORMS (Preparedness Emergency Response System for Oversight, Reporting, and Management Services) on August 31. Before the system closes, CDC encourages recipients to generate reports that capture their program data for the current PHEP period of performance using the following instructions. These steps will enable recipients to generate reports in the PERFORMS Application module for PHEP Budget Period 1 through Budget Period 5 (BP1-BP5).
- Step 1: Log into CDC's Secure Access and Management Services (SAMS) and click on the PERFORMS link (*Use Microsoft Edge platform to access*).
- Step 2: Select the appropriate Role on the "Select Role" screen, if needed.
- Step 3: Select "PHEP" in the Program Type dropdown menu and click the "Select" button on the "Program Selection" screen (*This selection may not be available if you are a PHEP only user).*

- Step 4: To open the Budget Period 2 (BP) report, click the 1901-02 link under the Application module on the module screen.
- Step 5: By default, the screen will show the "Summary" tab.
- Step 6: Click on the Reports tab to see all reports related to the Application module.
- Step 7 (Optional): To open BP1 reports, select 1901-01 from the Budget Period dropdown menu on the top right corner of the Application module screen and then click on the Reports tab.

To generate PHEP reports from other PERFORMS modules, repeat Steps 4-7 and select the desired module from the module screen to open reports for the selected module.

Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for additional information. Questions can also be emailed to the PERFORMS Helpdesk at performssupport@cdc.gov.

Emergency Response Activities

CDC Activates Center-Led Response for Measles Response
On March 15, CDC escalated the 2024 measles outbreak program-led response to a center-led response to efficiently coordinate resources in support of existing and emerging requests from multiple jurisdictions. CDC is monitoring, and responding as appropriate, to potential public health threats, posed by several outbreaks of measles. Recipients who have questions regarding the response, should contact their CDC health department liaison officers.

USDOT Issues Safety Advisory Notice on Classification of MPXV Diagnostic Samples and Waste
Per CDC's recommendation, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a safety advisory notice on March 11 regarding diagnostic samples and clinical waste containing Monkeypox virus (MPXV) in Clade I and II. The recommendation clarifies that samples and clinical waste should be designated as Category B infectious substances **except** when they contain or are contaminated with cultures of Clade I MPXV.

PHMSA, in partnership with the CDC, will continue to monitor the current Mpox outbreak—as well as any future outbreaks.

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Preparedness and Response Resources

NACCHO to Host Webinar on America's Local Public Health Landscape during the COVID-19 Era

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar, "America's Local Public Health Landscape during the COVID-19 Era," at **3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, March 19**. During the webinar, NACCHO will share key findings from the 2022 National Profile of Local Health Departments, which describes local health department infrastructure and practice during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presenters will also discuss why these data are important to advocating for public health resources and informing the future of local public health. Register here to attend the webinar.

NETEC Releases EMS Procedural Guidelines for Special Pathogens

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) has developed a new EMS Procedural Guidelines for Special Pathogens. This guide can assist emergency medical services (EMS) agencies in the development of standard operating procedures for the transport and management of patients suspected or confirmed to have a high-consequence infectious disease (HCID). By providing a structured framework for response, these guidelines will enhance EMS agencies' preparedness to manage HCID patient encounters, improving personnel safety and safeguarding public health.

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CDC Releases Statement on President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

The Biden-Harris Administration released the President's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. CDC's budget request for FY 2025 includes $9.683 billion in discretionary budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Funds, and Public Health Service Evaluation Funds, which is $499.2 million more than the FY 2023 appropriation. This budget request will enable CDC to prioritize efforts to rapidly identify and respond to health threats; continue addressing the mental health and overdose crises; and support young families to help children thrive.

Read the full media statement at CDC Statement on the President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

HHS Updates Health Care Leaders on Cybersecurity Issues

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a letter regarding the recent cyberattack on a large health care system. Between constant ransomware and medical device software scares, the health care sector has become a scary place for cybersecurity. In a situation such as this, the government and private sector must work together to help providers make payroll and deliver timely care.

HHS is asking organizations and private sector leaders across the health care industry to adopt what it calls "high-impact cybersecurity practices." Brian Mazanec, HHS deputy assistant secretary and director of the Office of Security, Intelligence, and Information Management, provides additional information on a recent podcast episode.

Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports
- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 15
- Outbreak Linked to Morel Mushroom Exposure — Montana, 2023
- *Notes from the Field*: Surveillance for Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children — United States, 2023

- *Notes from the Field*: Measles Outbreak — Cook County, Illinois, October–November 2023
- *Erratum*: Vol. 72, No. 36

CDC Online Resources
- **UPDATED** COVID Data Tracker
- **UPDATED** CDC Respiratory Virus Updates
- **UPDATED** Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report
- **UPDATED** RSV VaxView

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