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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.

For more information, visit the CDC State and Local Readiness website or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.





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As noted previously, 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.

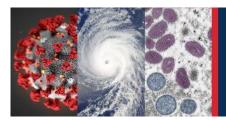
Generating PERFORMS Application Module Reports for PHEP Budget Period 1 through Budget Period 5

- 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.

Generating 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 Releases Strategy for Enhanced Summer Influenza Surveillance

CDC, in collaboration with state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health agencies, has developed an enhanced summer influenza surveillance strategy. As the multistate outbreak of avian influenza A(H5N1) in dairy cows, poultry and other animals continues and agricultural fair season approaches, conducting surveillance for seasonal influenza viruses and monitoring for novel influenza A virus infections remains critical to inform public health actions. The activities described in the strategy are aimed at identifying spread of HPAI A/H5 to and among people, beginning with those exposed to infected/potentially infected animals and extending outward to the general population.

Learn more at <u>CDC Strategy for Enhanced Summer 2024 Influenza Surveillance</u>. CDC will update the strategy as new information is obtained or the situation changes.



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NACCHO Hosts Webinar on Accelerating Public Health Surveillance Programs

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar on "Accelerating Public Health Surveillance Programs: A Case Study in Public-Private Partnerships" at **2 p.m. on Thursday**, **June 20**. This webinar will address how stronger and more synergistic partnerships between public health and private entities can help improve health outcomes across the country. Experts from the University of Mississippi, Quest Diagnostics, and CDC will share their data, analytics, and informatics strategies and partnership approach. Register here in advance to attend the Accelerating Public Health Surveillance Programs: A Case Study in Public-Private Partnerships webinar.

CDC Webinar Highlights Strategies to Build Workforce Resilience and Mitigate Burnout

CDC and ICF will host a webinar on "Strategies to Build Resilience and Mitigate Burnout in the Public Health Workforce" from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 24**. During the webinar, the presenter will provide the findings from a previously conducted landscape assessment on factors that promote resilience and

mitigate workplace burnout. The presenter will also discuss actionable evidence-based strategies to foster resilience and combat burnout and stress in health departments.

The presentation will include information on the launch of a new pilot project aimed at implementing these strategies in health departments in the United States. This pilot project presents a unique opportunity for U.S. state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments to actively participate in creating healthier work environments. Participating pilot sites will choose which strategies to implement with support from the project team. Pilot sites will then provide feedback on the perceived effectiveness, applicability, and implementation challenges of their chosen strategies. Health departments interested in participating are encouraged to attend the webinar to learn more about how they can participate as a pilot site. Register here to attend the "Strategies to Build Resilience and Mitigate Burnout in the Public Health Workforce" webinar.

For additional information about the project, contact the research team at TheResilienceProject@icf.com.

SNS June Office Hours to Highlight SNS Technical Assistance and Resources SharePoint Site
The next monthly Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Office Hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on
Wednesday, June 26. This one-hour national call for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners will focus on
the SNS Technical Assistance and Resources SharePoint site. During this session, subject matter experts
from SNS will:

- explain the intent of this site,
- demonstrate available resources.
- identify other managed resources that should be added to the site, and
- discuss how the site is working for users.

To ensure maximum benefit from this session, SNS strongly encourages participants to submit questions by **Tuesday, June 18**, to sns-sltt@hhs.gov with the subject line SNS Office Hours - SNS Technical Assistance and Resources SharePoint Site.

Register here for the June SNS Office Hours. Within 72 hours of registering, registrants will receive an email from no-reply@zoomgov.com with a calendar invite and information to join the call. For related questions, contact sns-sltt@hhs.gov.



News You Can Use

CDC Health Advisory Warns of Potential Disruption to Care for Those Taking Prescription Stimulant Medications

CDC recently issued a health <u>advisory</u> to inform public health officials, clinicians, and affected patients, their families, and caregivers about potential disrupted access to care among individuals taking prescription stimulant medications and possible increased risks for injury and overdose.

On June 13, the U.S. Department of Justice announced a federal health care fraud <u>indictment</u> against a large subscription-based telehealth company that provides attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) treatment to patients ages 18 years and older across the United States. Patients who rely on prescription stimulant medications to treat their ADHD and have been using this or other similar subscription-based telehealth platforms could experience a disruption to their treatment and disrupted access to care. A disruption involving this large telehealth company could impact as many as 30,000 to 50,000 patients ages 18 years and older across all 50 U.S. states.

This potential disruption coincides with an ongoing <u>prescription drug shortage</u> involving several stimulant medications commonly prescribed to treat ADHD. Patients whose care or access to prescription stimulant medications is disrupted, and who seek medication outside of the regulated healthcare system, might

significantly increase their risk of overdose due to the prevalence of <u>counterfeit pills</u> in the illegal drug market that could contain unexpected substances, including <u>fentanyl</u>. Given the national <u>drug overdose crisis</u> and threats associated with the illegal drug market, individuals struggling to access prescription stimulant medications are urged to avoid using medication obtained from anyone other than licensed clinicians and licensed pharmacies.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 14
- Firearm Storage Behaviors Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Eight States, 2021–2022
- Migration from Epi Info to District Health Information Software 2 for Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance — World Health Organization African Region, 2019–2023
- Notes from the Field: Toxigenic Corynebacterium ulcerans in Humans and Household Pets Utah and Colorado, 2022–2023
- Notes from the Field: Rapid Linkage of a Salmonella Livingstone Outbreak to a Restaurant, Using
 Open-Ended Interviews and Patient Purchase Histories Utah, 2023–2024

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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