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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 20, 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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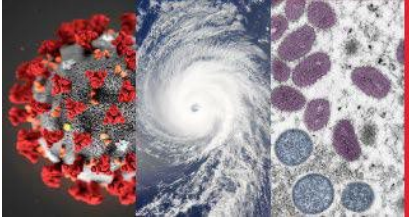
PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

PHEP TP19-1901 Closeout Report Module Now Available in PORTS

CDC has opened a PORTS module that PHEP recipients will use to submit their closeout reports for the CDC-TP19-1901 performance period. Recipients will use the PHEP Cooperative Agreement 2019-2024 Performance Report module to submit information in response to the questions on the Performance Progress and Evaluation Report template that CDC released in December and posted recently in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center.

The closeout report should summarize recipients' program activities from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024. CDC has streamlined reporting by eliminating the requirement for a separate Budget Period 5 (BP5) annual progress report. Instead, recipients should incorporate BP5 accomplishments into the final report, along with information on PHEP benchmarks and pandemic influenza plans.

Recipients without no-cost extensions must submit their reports by October 31, while those with extensions have up to 120 days after their extension period ends. However, CDC encourages early submission of the closeout reports.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Response All-STLT Call to Be Held September 23

The next CDC Response All-STLT Update Call will be held at **2 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 23**. CDC subject matter experts will provide updates on CDC's emergency response activities. A portion of the time will also be allotted to answer participants' questions regarding the presented topics. A replay of the call will be held at 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 24, using the same connection details. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>

To subscribe to this listserv to receive updated invitations to the monthly CDC Response All-STLT Update Call and the replay, please email eocevent375@cdc.gov.

CDC Releases New Oropouche Resources

Since its discovery in 1955, Oropouche virus has caused periodic outbreaks in and around the Amazon Basin. Starting in late 2023, outbreaks were recognized in new areas of South America and the Caribbean as well as countries where it had occurred historically. CDC has developed [this map to depict](#) countries and territories with recent or previous Oropouche virus transmission as a reference for general public, clinicians, and public health partners.

In addition, [CDC's Travelers' Health website](#) provides updated information on active Oropouche travel health notices regarding recent Oropouche virus transmission in specific destinations and advice on protective actions travelers can take to prevent infection or adverse health effects. Following are other resources for public health partners.

- [Travel Health Notices](#)
- [2024 Oropouche Outbreak](#)
- [Response to Oropouche Virus Disease Cases in U.S. States and Territories](#)



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Preparedness and Response Resources

Public Health Communications Collaborative Hosts Webinar on Misinformation

The Public Health Communications Collaborative will conduct a webinar on “Developing a Response to Misinformation in Public Health” from **1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 25**.

As the landscape of health information becomes more complex and misleading narratives proliferate, public health communicators must effectively navigate community distrust. Accordingly, the PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) requires recipients to incorporate strategies to monitor and combat misinformation and disinformation into their crisis and emergency risk communications and information dissemination plans. Recipients must also provide training opportunities, tools, and resources to public health leaders, staff, local jurisdictions, and partners regarding strategies and best practices for engaging with the media and combatting misinformation and disinformation.

This webinar will discuss the unique impacts of false narratives, including the erosion of trust, compromised communications, and inequitable health outcomes. Participants will learn how to identify misinformation and respond with clarity and accessible language.

The webinar’s [registration information is available here](#).



CDC Announces DSLR Leadership Changes

Dr. Henry Walke, director of CDC’s Office of Readiness and Response (ORR), announced September 19 that Kate Corvese Noelte, MPH, has been promoted to serve as the permanent ORR Deputy Director for Management, Operations, Communications, and Policy, effective October 6. Kate has served as the Deputy Division Director for the Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) since 2020 and currently is DSLRL’s acting division director. Also, effective October 6, Dr. Jose Montero will serve as DSLRL’s acting division director while CDC continues recruitment efforts for a permanent DSLRL director.

Kate will continue to be involved with DSLRL and PHEP recipients in her new role, where she will provide executive management and programmatic and operational leadership across ORR’s four divisions and its Office of Director units, including the policy, communications, management, and operations functions. “My 11 years in DSLRL have prepared me well for this position,” Kate said. “I’m excited to bring my DSLRL leadership experience and STLT perspective with me as I work with Henry and the ORR leadership team to advance our readiness and response capabilities both within CDC and across the nation. I’m grateful to Jose for stepping in to support DSLRL during this time of transition; his extensive experience working with our STLT partners will be invaluable as he takes on this new role.”

Currently, Dr. Montero leads the Office of Recipient Support and Coordination within CDC’s Public Health Infrastructure Center. His office serves as CDC’s connection to health officials and leaders of public health agencies, as well as other government leaders who work with health departments. Prior to joining PHIC, Dr. Montero served as the director of CDC’s former Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support. Under Dr. Montero’s leadership, the center worked to enhance public health systems to help state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies deliver high-quality services to the people and communities they serve. Dr. Montero has held various response roles in his time at CDC, including as a deputy incident manager in the COVID-19 response.

Before joining CDC, Dr. Montero served as the director of the Division of Public Health Services at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, where, among other responsibilities, he oversaw PHEP funding decisions and led many public health emergency responses at the state level. He has also held many national and regional committee leadership positions, including serving as president of the board

of directors of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and participation in ASTHO's preparedness and response efforts.

CDC's Data Modernization Implementation Center Program Hosts September 26 Office Hours

CDC invites jurisdictional public health agencies to apply for direct technical implementation services and support through three new data modernization implementation centers. Interested jurisdictions can learn more by joining an office hours session scheduled for **4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 26**. No registration is required; [join using this Zoom link](#).

[The Implementation Center Program](#) complements previous investments made through CDC's Public Health Infrastructure Grant, a major federal investment supporting U.S. infrastructure needs. CDC has funded three national partners to lead the Public Health Data Modernization Implementation Center (IC) Program:

- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)
- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

The IC Program provides direct technical implementation services and community support to public health agencies in state, tribal, local, territorial, and freely associated state jurisdictions.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 20](#)
- [Wastewater Surveillance for Influenza A Virus and H5 Subtype Concurrent with the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Virus Outbreak in Cattle and Poultry and Associated Human Cases — United States, May 12–July 13, 2024](#)
- [Vital Signs: Suicide Rates and Selected County-Level Factors — United States, 2022](#)
- [Use of COVID-19 Vaccines for Persons Aged ≥6 Months: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2024–2025](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Support for Wastewater Monitoring and Influence on Protective Behavioral Intentions Among Adults — United States, July 2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Suicides and Homicides Involving a Firearm Among Persons Aged ≥10 Years, by Age Group — United States, 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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