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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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 (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 to Release BP1 Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool in November

CDC is finalizing the PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1) Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool in preparation for releasing the reporting tool in mid-November. Recipients will receive an email from DSLR IT Support mailbox containing a unique link to access their jurisdictional PHEP recipient SharePoint workspace, which will contain the reporting tool, completion instructions, and training resources. CDC will send the reporting tool links on a rolling basis and expects to have all the workbooks distributed by close of business on **Monday, November 18**. Recipients must submit the completed reporting tools to CDC by close of business on **Friday, January 31**.

CDC will conduct three training sessions in November to familiarize PHEP recipients with the reporting tool. Participants will learn how to navigate the tool and enter data accurately. The tool is aligned with Ready CAMP data requirements and enables users to update BP1 work plans and planned exercises, submit progress updates, request technical assistance, and report any challenges related to BP1 activities. Recipients will also use the tool to submit risk assessment data elements, spend plan data, and success stories.

Following are the dates and times for the training sessions. Recipients can attend any or all three sessions; each session will cover the same content. CDC will provide the connection details in the November 15 issue of the DSLR Friday Update. The sessions will be recorded and office hour information will be forthcoming.

- **9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT on Monday, November 18**
- **8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT on Monday, November 18**
- **1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, November 19**

Incident Response Improvement Plan Data Elements Now Available

CDC has finalized the submission details regarding the required exercise and incident response improvement plan (IP) data elements required by the [2024 PHEP notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). The 2024 PHEP NOFO requires all 62 recipients to submit exercise and incident response IP data elements within 90 days of completing discussion-based and operations-based exercises or incident responses.

Recipients must complete 11 exercises one time during the five-year performance period. In addition, they must conduct a critical contact drill (CCD) and an inventory data exchange (IDE) drill annually. Specific requirements for all 13 exercises are available in the [2024-2028 PHEP NOFO Exercise Framework Supplemental Guidance](#).

The following are the exercise and incident response IP data elements recipients must report to CDC after each exercise.

- Specific exercise name.
- Exercise start date.
- Exercise end date.
- Exercise category: Select the corresponding risk or threat identified in the risk assessment.
- Exercise Roster: Select all the organizations and categorical partners that participated in the exercise.
- Exercise objectives: Multiselect or specify, up to 15, the response objectives.
 - See the [2024-2028 PHEP NOFO Exercise Framework Supplemental Guidance](#) for specific exercise objectives.
 - Note: There are five central Response Readiness Framework program priorities that must be included within exercises.
- Exercise strengths: Create an observation statement.
- Exercise area of improvement: Create an observation statement.
- Exercise corrective action: Describe the corrective action to be undertaken. The multiyear integrated preparedness plans (MYIPPs) and workforce development plans must also align with the stated corrective actions.

Recipients must develop after-action reports (AARs) and IPs following exercises or incident responses. The length, format, and development timeframe of the AAR/IP depend on the exercise type and scope. The AAR/IP should include an overview of performance related to exercise objectives and associated capabilities. The IP should include areas for improvement from each exercise that are turned into implementable corrective actions. Recipients must incorporate corrective actions that carry across budget periods into their annual MYIPP updates and include consolidated corrective actions.

In addition, recipients must hold after-action meetings (AAMs) while finalizing AARs in accordance with FEMA's Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). FEMA's [Preparedness Toolkit](#) includes the HSEEP AAR/IP template to assist with completing IP data elements.

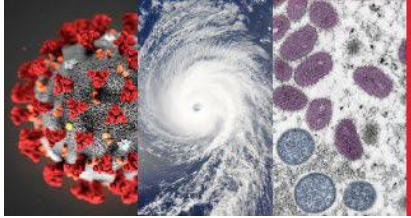
Recipients must submit AARs and IPs when requested by CDC. CDC will use the data to identify promising practices, inform technical assistance, and advance overall program improvement.

For more information, recipients should contact their project officers.

Direct Assistance Personnel Requests Due November 22

PHEP recipients have until **Friday, November 22**, to submit direct assistance (DA) personnel requests to CDC. Recipients must contact their project officers to obtain the DA personnel request forms, which CDC has updated to reflect the PHEP program's focus on the 10 Response Readiness Framework (RRF) priority areas. Recipients will use this form to renew current DA personnel assignments and to request additional

personnel, such as public health advisors, senior Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs), or Career Epidemiology Field Officers (CEFOs). As a reminder, CDC centrally funds senior PFAs, one CEFO per state and directly funded locality, and three regional CEFOs for the Caribbean and Pacific jurisdictions. However, recipients can use DA funding to support additional personnel needs. Recipients should contact their project officers for more information.



Emergency Response Activities

Cadence for CDC Response All-STLT Update Call Changes

Beginning this month, the CDC Response All-STLT Update Call will increase in frequency to two times a month. The next call is confirmed for **1 p.m. EST on November 12**. The subsequent call will be held at 2 p.m. EST on November 25. If you would like to subscribe to the listserv to continue to receive updated invitations for the CDC Response All-STLT Update Call and the replay, please email eocevent375@cdc.gov.

CDC Updates Oropouche Resources

CDC has updated its Oropouche virus resources to reflect findings from a [Brazilian study](#) indicating a link between Oropouche virus and congenital malformations, with six infants testing positive for antibodies despite some mothers showing no symptoms. Routine testing for asymptomatic patients is not recommended. However, health care providers should consult local health departments if a pregnant individual has traveled to affected areas and shows concerning fetal findings or experiences stillbirth. Health departments can coordinate testing and CDC consultations.

- [Updated Interim Guidance for Health Departments on Testing and Reporting for Oropouche Virus Disease](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Evaluating and Managing Infants Born to Pregnant People with Confirmed or Probable Oropouche Virus Disease](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Pregnant People with Confirmed or Probable Oropouche Virus Disease](#)

In addition, the Oropouche Level 1 travel health notice (THN) now includes Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guyana, and Peru. The updated Level 1 notice also adds language reflecting CDC's current recommendations regarding the risk of sexual transmission of Oropouche.

- [Oropouche in the Americas - Level 1 Travel Health Notice](#)
- [Countries and Territories with Recent or Previous Oropouche Virus Transmission](#)



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Hosts Next PHEP Connects Webinar on November 13

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Building Community Resilience: Mobilizing Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) and Volunteers for Preparedness," will be held at **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 13**. During this session presenters from Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Virginia will discuss how they leverage a volunteer network to bolster community resilience during emergencies. The webinar will also discuss techniques employed to engage and retain volunteers, along with strategies for cultivating these partnerships.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



News You Can Use

One PHEP Community of Practice Launching January 2025

CDC plans to launch its new One PHEP Community of Practice (CoP) in January 2025. The One PHEP CoP is designed to be a dynamic, peer-driven community that actively engages PHEP recipients in knowledge-sharing, problem-solving, and innovation related to response readiness. Initially, One PHEP will primarily feature small working groups focused on the [Response Readiness Framework's](#) risk communications and workforce capacity priority areas. In these working groups, PHEP recipients will collaborate to develop a solution for an identified area of improvement.

CDC will launch and pilot two CoP working groups for risk communications and workforce capacity. Throughout the duration of these pilot working groups, participants can provide CDC with feedback to inform future working groups and other CoP activities. CDC plans to continue to grow and evolve One PHEP in subsequent years to meet the needs of its participants. Active participation in the initial working groups will enable recipients to meet [PHEP cooperative agreement](#) requirements to strengthen risk communications and to build workforce capacity.

CDC plans to host a One PHEP CoP meeting with recipients to provide additional information and to discuss next steps for conducting the working groups. CDC will share meeting details in an upcoming DSLR Friday Update announcement.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 1](#)
- [Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations During Pregnancy or the Early Postpartum Period — Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, China, 2018–2023](#)
- [Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel — National Healthcare Safety Network, United States, 2023–24 Respiratory Virus Season](#)
- [Statewide Outbreak of Neisseria meningitidis Serogroup Y, Sequence Type 1466 — Virginia, 2022–2024](#)
- [Routine Vaccination Coverage — Worldwide, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Trichophyton mentagrophytes Genotype VII — New York City, April–July 2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Were in Families Having Problems Paying Medical Bills in the Past 12 Months, by Disability Status and Age Group — United States, 2023](#)

CDC Online Resources

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

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