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November 22, 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.

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





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CDC Updates PHEP Reporting Information

During the November 20 PHEP recipient call, CDC provided updates on the recipient work plan reporting tool for Budget Period 1 and the PHEP evaluation guidance. CDC has extended the submission deadline for recipients' updated evaluation and performance measurement plans to Budget Period 2 (BP2). The work plan reporting tool includes a tab labeled "Optional Data Mgt Plans," which offers recipients the opportunity to update their evaluation and performance measurement plans, including their data management plans. However, completing this information in the reporting tool is **optional**.

CDC has also determined that recipients are not required to report required data elements until BP2, with two exceptions. Recipients must include their risk assessment data elements in their work plan reporting tools by **January 31, 2025**. In addition, recipients must submit to CDC their multiyear integrated preparedness plans (MYIPP) and associated data elements by **June 30, 2025**. CDC released the MYIPP data elements in the October 25 issue of the DSLR Friday Update.

Also during the November recipient call, CDC clarified the Friday Update information regarding the number of years the MYIPP must cover. As described in the <u>2024 PHEP notice of funding opportunity</u>, the MYIPP must reflect a four-year progressive exercise and training plan beyond the current budget period, resulting in a five-year exercise and training plan.

All the required data collection elements will be outlined in the PHEP evaluation guidance that CDC plans to release by the end of November. CDC will post the Interim Guidance for Data Collection Elements and Performance Measures in Ready CAMP. The guidance will provide specific details regarding CDC's evaluation strategies for the new PHEP five-year performance period, including the data collection elements that describe specific PHEP performance measurement and evaluation requirements.

For more information on the November call, recipients can find the presentation slides and the recording of the call in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center.

Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool Resources to Be Available in Ready CAMP

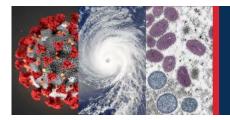
All PHEP recipients should now have access to their jurisdictional SharePoint workspace, which includes the PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1) Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool and completion instructions. Recipients must complete their reporting tool workbooks by close of business **Friday**, **January 31**, **2025**.

CDC conducted three training sessions on November 18 and November 19 on the reporting tool and will post the slides used in the training sessions and a recording of the November 19 session in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center and in the recipients' SharePoint workspace. A user guide also will be available soon.

This week CDC began hosting a series of office hours for recipients who have questions or need assistance in completing the tool. Following are the remaining sessions scheduled for November and December.

- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Friday, November 22
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 26
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 26
- Noon to 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4

Recipients can also contact CDC at DSLRReports@cdc.gov for assistance.



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CDC Issues HAN for First U.S. Clade I Mpox Case

CDC has issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) advisory following the confirmation of the first case of clade I mpox diagnosed in the United States. On November 15, 2024, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) confirmed the <u>first reported case of clade I mpox</u>. The person had recently traveled to areas with ongoing clade I monkeypox virus (MPXV) transmission and sought medical care for mpox symptoms. Fortunately, the patient is experiencing relatively mild illness and is currently recovering. As of November 18, no additional cases have been detected in the U.S., and <u>the public risk remains low</u>.

Since March 2024, CDC has collaborated with local, state, tribal, and territorial public health authorities to enhance surveillance and reporting systems in anticipation of potential clade I mpox cases. This confirmed case reflects the effectiveness of these public health measures.

Clinicians are advised to be vigilant for mpox symptoms and to inquire about risk factors in patients exhibiting similar signs. Testing for MPXV should be considered, particularly given the current outbreaks in Central and Eastern Africa, which may lead to more travel-related cases in the U.S. It is crucial for mpox cases to be reported promptly to local and state public health authorities, as well as to CDC. This includes any non-variola orthopoxvirus positive and negative clade II results from individuals with relevant travel history.

CDC continues to recommend vaccination for <u>individuals eligible for the mpox vaccine</u>, especially those who may have had <u>recent exposure to MPXV</u>. Clinicians should remain informed and prepared to implement preventive measures as necessary to manage and mitigate the spread of mpox.

The full HAN can be accessed here.

CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held November 25

The next CDC Response All-STLT Update Call will be held at **2 p.m. EST on Monday, November 25**. CDC subject matter experts will provide updates on CDC's emergency response activities, including H5N1, clade I mpox, Marburg, Lassa fever, dengue, and Oropouche.

A portion of the time will also be allotted to answer participants' questions regarding the presented topics. A replay of the call will also be held at 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 26, using the same connection details.

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

Subscribe to the listserv to receive updated invitations to this bimonthly call and replay by emailing eocevent375@cdc.gov.



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National Influenza Vaccination Week to Be Observed December 2-6

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is an annual observance from December 2-6 to remind everyone six months and older that there's still time to get vaccinated against flu. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, including pregnant people and young children. CDC has developed a media toolkit with CDC NIVW resources, vaccination messages, and posters that can be used to share key flu information within networks.

NACCHO Seeks Applications for 2025 Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program

The National Association of County and City Health Officials, with support from CDC, is currently seeking applications for the 2025 Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program. Local health departments with demonstrated experience in using wastewater surveillance will be matched with local health departments in the early stages of developing a wastewater surveillance program that are looking for guidance, tools, and resources to meet their community's needs. Six mentor and 12 mentee sites will be selected. Applications and all supporting materials are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, December 6. More information is available at Request for Applications: Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program 2025 Cohort - NACCHO.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 22
- Influenza, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination Coverage Among Adults United States, Fall 2024
- Coverage with Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, and COVID-19 Vaccines Among Nursing Home Residents — National Healthcare Safety Network, United States, November 2024
- <u>Detection of Real-Time Changes in Direction of COVID-19 Transmission Using National- and State-Level Epidemic Trends Based on Rt Estimates — United States Overall and New Mexico, April—</u> October 2024
- Notes from the Field: Trends in Emergency Department Visits for Firearm Injuries United States, January 2018–December 2023
- QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Diagnosed Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, by Urbanization Level 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
- **NEW** Mpox: Current Situation

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