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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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December 11 PHEP Connects Addresses Modeling and Analytic Tools for Outbreak Decision-Making CDC's December PHEP Connects webinar will highlight modeling and analytic tools for decision-making in outbreak response. The webinar, "The Center for Outbreak Response Innovation (CORI) and State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Partnership: Supporting the Use of Modeling and Analytic Tools in Outbreak Decision-Making," will be held at 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday December 11.

Diane Meyer, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and lead for the CORI | STLT partnership, will provide an overview of the CDC-funded project, which aims to develop, test, and implement forward-thinking outbreak analytic solutions for CDC, STLT health departments, and other decision-makers across the country. During this webinar, participants will learn about previous and current CORI partnership, resources available through the CORI online platform, and future research plans.

Participant Information

Web Link (Audio & Video): https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

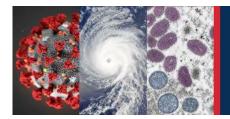
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Two Office Hour Sessions to Be Held in December for BP1 Work Plan Reporting Tool

CDC will conduct two office hour sessions in December for the Budget Period 1 (BP1) Recipient Work Plan Reporting Tool. The reporting tool 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 office hour sessions.

- Noon to 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Updates Marburg Interim Recommendations

On November 25, CDC issued updated interim recommendations regarding Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) following recent developments in Rwanda, where the last patient was discharged, signaling the end of the outbreak. CDC has consolidated its guidance for U.S.-based health care workers and travelers returning from Rwanda, removing the previously defined "outbreak area" and any interim recommendations that are no longer relevant.

Health care organizations sending personnel to Rwanda are advised to follow routine pre-departure screening protocols. CDC emphasizes that travelers who have been in Rwanda within the past 21 days should monitor their health for MVD symptoms, and the agency will send automated reminders to those whose contact information is available.

While the public health risk remains low, travelers exhibiting symptoms compatible with MVD must self-isolate and contact their health department for guidance. CDC encourages health departments to conduct public health assessments to determine if symptoms are likely caused by MVD. If suspected, health departments should coordinate with CDC on referrals to appropriate health care facilities for testing.

ASPR PPE and Antiviral Drug Resources Now Available

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has made personal protective equipment (PPE) available to protect farmworkers and other related-industry workers who may come in contact with infected Influenza A(H5N1) animals. While commercial purchase and state stockpiles are the first and second routes to acquire PPE, the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) provides a third option which ensures that access and availability are not barriers to workers benefitting from the protection that PPE offers. States can request face shields, N-95 respirators, elastomeric half-mask respirators, gloves, and goggles from the SNS, if needed, giving them further flexibility to protect workers in alignment with CDC recommendations.

In addition, ASPR has made oseltamivir (Tamiflu) available upon request to states that do not have their own stockpiles. Tamiflu can be used for treatment of symptomatic persons with exposure to confirmed or suspected infected birds, cattle, or other animals, or as post-exposure prophylaxis for individuals in those states with high-risk exposures. Any state with infected herds and symptomatic individuals can request Tamiflu from the SNS if they do not already have state managed stockpiles available. Requests will be

adjudicated by SNS. At this time, Tamiflu is only available for symptomatic people.



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NACCHO Launches Virtual Learning Collaborative to Promote Maternal and Child Health Preparedness

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), supported by CDC's Division of Reproductive Health (DRH), is introducing a virtual learning collaborative (VLC) designed to integrate maternal and child health (MCH) considerations into emergency preparedness and response (EPR) plans at local health departments.

The VLC will enhance collaboration between MCH and EPR professionals, focusing on addressing gaps in public health responses to emergencies. Through interactive training modules and technical assistance, the program will equip EPR personnel with MCH knowledge and prepare MCH staff for active engagement in preparedness activities.

NACCHO invites one MCH and one EPR staff member from each local health department to apply and complete the training together, promoting teamwork and equitable training. Applications are particularly encouraged from local health departments prioritizing health equity and serving historically underrepresented populations.

The VLC will run from January to July 2025, with training from February to June, and participants may earn continuing education (CE) credits upon completion. The VLC will conclude with a mandatory full-day tabletop exercise in July at the 2025 NACCHO 360 Conference in Anaheim, CA, with expenses covered by NACCHO.

The deadline to submit recruitment forms is **11:59 p.m. PST on Monday, December 16**. For more information and to preview application questions, <u>please visit NACCHO's website</u>.



News You Can Use

Registration Open for December 4 National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters Public Meeting

The next public meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) will be held

from **1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4**. During the meeting, NACCD will seek public input on potential recommendations regarding the future of pediatric disaster care networks. The advisory committee also encourages participants to identify barriers to success, challenges faced, opportunities to leverage, and priorities related to national public health and medical preparedness, response, and recovery, specific to the needs of children and their families in disasters.

Interested participants can register and find additional information at the NACCD public meeting page.

In addition to the option to observe online, the public may submit questions or comments to the committee members by email to NACCD@hhs.gov ahead of the meeting. All meeting materials will be made publicly available on the NACCD public meeting page.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 27
- Severe and Fatal Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever After Exposure in Tecate, Mexico California, July 2023—January 2024
- <u>Detection of Increased Activity of Human Parvovirus B19 Using Commercial Laboratory Testing of</u> Clinical Samples and Source Plasma Donor Pools — United States, 2024
- Progress Toward UNAIDS Global HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Targets: CDC-Supported Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis — 37 Countries, 2017—2023
- Notes from the Field: Human Parvovirus B19 Infections Among Pregnant Persons Minnesota, January—September 2024
- Notes from the Field: Increase in Diagnoses of Human Parvovirus B19

 —Associated Aplastic Crises in Children and Adolescents with Sickle Cell Disease

 Atlanta, Georgia, December 14, 2023

 September 30, 2024

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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