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# FRIDAY UPDATE

February 10, 2023

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 (DSL)R 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 Budget Period 5 Continuation Guidance Now Available Online

PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) continuation guidance and supplemental documents are now available on the [PHEP Cooperative Agreement webpage](#) of the State and Local Readiness website. Recipients should direct any questions about these documents to their PHEP project officers or to [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) continuation guidance and supplemental documents now available include:

- [PHEP BP5 Continuation Guidance](#)
- [PHEP BP5 Continuation Guidance Fast Facts](#)
- [PHEP BP5 Application Instructions and Amendment Submissions](#)
- [PHEP Continuation Guidance Informational Webinar, January 26, 2023](#)

A new PHEP BP4 guidance document, [Adding, Editing, and Submitting Descriptive, Operational, and Planning Forms to Meet Budget Period 4 Requirements](#), is also now available online.

### HPP-PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for February 15

CDC and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a joint call with PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients at **2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, February 15**. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>

#### **PFA Host Site Applications Now Available**

CDC is seeking to expand the current [Preparedness Field Assignee \(PFA\) program](#) to meet the growing preparedness and response needs of PHEP jurisdictions. DSLR encourages PHEP jurisdictions that currently **do not host a PFA** to consider hosting PFAs to increase their public health emergency preparedness and response capacity. CDC will fund the salaries of PFAs to develop skills and field experience in state and local emergency preparedness and response.

Interested jurisdictions must submit a completed PFA host site [application](#) to [dslrpfa@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrpfa@cdc.gov) by **11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 24**. For questions regarding application submissions, contact Scott Tulloch at [sdt2@cdc.gov](mailto:sdt2@cdc.gov).



#### **NCE Requests for 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Awards and COVID-19 Crisis Response Workforce Awards Due March 2**

Project periods for CDC's 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Awards and COVID-19 Crisis Response Workforce Awards end soon. Many recipients encountered challenges at the beginning of the project period and are actively working to implement or finalize proposed activities. If additional time is needed to wrap up projects, please contact your project officer for assistance. Recipients must submit no-cost extension (NCE) requests to OGS via GrantSolutions by **March 2**. These awards are emergency funds, and recipients are encouraged to have a plan to finalize remaining activities as soon as possible.

#### **CDC Issues Round 2 Mpox Response Funding and Guidance**

CDC has awarded additional funding, totaling \$41,104,220, to eligible jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded (ABU) list for CDC-RFA-TP22-2201. This funding seeks to expand vaccination and quickly implement other response activities for mpox. CDC awarded the funding January 31 and released the mpox crisis response cooperative agreement guidance to recipients January 31 via GrantSolutions.

Recipients must provide updated work plans and budgets no later than **March 6** and submit financial reports twice a year. Quarterly progress reports are also required, with the first report due in May 2023. CDC authorizes pre-award costs dating to December 1, 2022, for allowable activities within the scope of this project. As recipients develop their work plans, they are encouraged to prioritize their activities to address their most urgent public health needs within the first year of the performance period.

Recipients should direct questions regarding this funding to CDC at [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).

#### **CDC Provides Resources on End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration**

CDC is working to provide updated information regarding the anticipated end of the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) currently scheduled for May 11. CDC health department liaisons (HD LNOs) provided additional information, including a transition fact sheet, directly to preparedness directors via email this week. Recipients should direct questions to their assigned HD LNO.

## February 23 COCA Call Highlights Evaluating and Supporting Children and Adolescents Presenting with Post-COVID Conditions

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 23**. During the call, presenters will discuss evaluating and supporting post-COVID conditions (PCC) in children and adolescents. Presenters will also highlight the recommended clinical approach to identifying and managing PCC in children and adolescents.

Materials for the call will be available on the [COCA Call webpage](#) in the call materials section. The presentation slides will be available the day of the call, and the call recording will be posted a few hours after the live event ends. Continuing Education (CE) credits will not be offered for this COCA Call.

### Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 161 715 3478

Passcode: 617516

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617153478?pwd=ME5FZ2VPRXBGUGc4UVlqcE1zdFNTZz09>



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **CDC Seeks Participants for Building Responder Resilience Project**

CDC is seeking individuals to participate in a project on collaborator group for its Building Resilience for State and Local Health Department Staff Responding to Public Emergencies (Building Responder Resilience) Project. To address the increasing mental and psychological stress on state, territorial, local, and tribal (STLT) health department (HD) staff, the project will focus on organizational or systems-level solutions that can support these professionals and overcome factors that contribute to burnout and stress. The project will identify solutions that will not require individuals to advocate for themselves, but rather incorporate elements of building resilience into the organizational culture and structural elements of HDs.

CDC is currently seeking volunteers to take part in a focus group or a collaborator group to help assess the landscape to identify organizational-level factors that affect employee burnout and interventions that have been effective in improving employee resilience. CDC welcomes participation from HD leaders, employees, program managers, HR staff, and professional organization representatives from across the country to better understand what leads to stress and burnout and how HDs can support their employees through interventions designed to improve resilience.

Individuals interested in participating in the Building Responder Resilience Project must submit a completed [CDC Responder Resilience Focus Group and Collaborator Interest Form](#). Recipients are encouraged to forward this information to others who might be willing to become a collaborator or participate in a focus group.



For additional information, contact [Allison.Alexander@icf.com](mailto:Allison.Alexander@icf.com).

### **Virginia Data Modernization Initiative Pilot Project White Paper Now Available**

From January through September of 2022, CDC and the [United States Digital Service](#) (USDS) co-led a pilot project with the Virginia Department of Health to develop a prototype data processing pipeline that validates, ingests, and links data across multiple data streams so it can be used for timely public health action. This project is part of CDC's broader Data Modernization Initiative to help state, territorial, local, and tribal (STLT) health departments reduce the significant manual effort needed to access clean, analysis-ready data for public health action across multiple data sources and use cases. Though the pilot focused on Virginia's needs, the project team used lessons learned to create reusable solutions that other STLT partners can use to solve similar public health data-related challenges. Read the complete summary of the pilot project in the report titled [A Prototype of Modernized Public Health Infrastructure for All: Findings from a Virginia Pilot](#).

For more information on the pilot project and other CDC initiatives to improve public health data pipelines, visit CDC's [Improving Public Health Data Pipelines](#) webpage.

### **NACCHO 2023 Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Mentorship Program Application Available Online**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from CDC, is currently seeking applications for three mentee sites and one mentor site to participate in the [2023 Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Mentorship Program](#). Local health departments with demonstrated experience in utilizing wastewater surveillance will be matched with LHDs in the early stages of developing a wastewater surveillance program and who are looking for guidance, tools, and resources to meet their community needs. Selected mentee sites will receive funding in amounts of up to \$10,000 each. The selected mentor site will receive up to \$15,000. Applications and all supporting materials must be submitted via email to [WASH@naccho.org](mailto:WASH@naccho.org) no later than **11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, February 27**.

### **NACCHO Seeks to Assess Public Health Emergency Preparedness Among Rural Local Health Departments**

NACCHO, in collaboration with East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Center for Rural Health Research (CRHR) plans to assess public health emergency preparedness among rural local health departments. This project will conduct a needs assessment to identify shared challenges, gaps, and needs among rural local health departments (LHDs) as they pertain to meeting the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities established by the CDC. A key component of the needs assessment includes a review of past After-Action Reports (AARs) from rural local health departments.

This project requires submission of AARs from rural LHDs across the United States. AARs provided will be used for the intended purposes of the specified project, will not be distributed in any identifiable manner, and associated information will be destroyed at the completion of the study. To submit AARs or for inquiries concerning this project, contact Michael Meit at [meitmb@etsu.edu](mailto:meitmb@etsu.edu).

### **FEMA Updates 2022-2026 Strategic Plan**

The [2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) outlines a bold vision and three ambitious goals designed to address key challenges the agency faced during a pivotal moment in the field of emergency management. These goals position FEMA to address the increasing range and complexity of disasters, support the diversity of communities they serve, and complement the nation's growing expectations of the emergency management community.

Read the full FEMA [press release](#) to view the updates to the strategic goals.



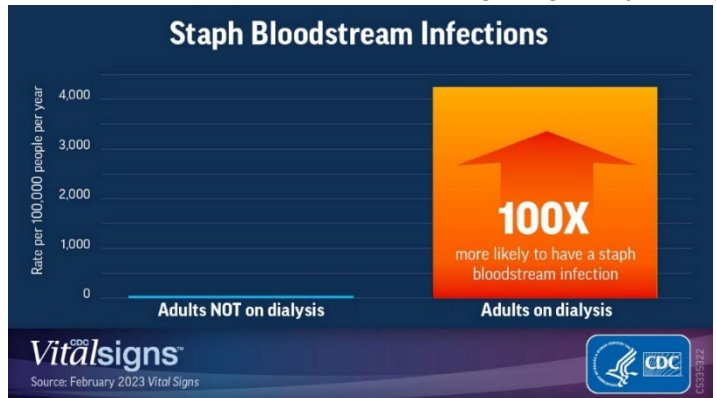
## News You Can Use

### CDC Study Finds Whooping Cough Vaccination during Pregnancy Benefits US Infants

On January 6, CDC published a [study](#) providing further evidence that Tdap vaccination during pregnancy helps protect newborns from whooping cough during their first two months of life, when they are most vulnerable to the disease.

[Whooping cough](#), or pertussis, is highly contagious and [can be especially serious for infants](#) who aren't old enough to be vaccinated. CDC scientists tracked reports of infant whooping cough cases between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2019. They found an association between reduced rates of whooping cough in newborns younger than two months old and [Tdap vaccination during pregnancy](#). These findings further support CDC's recommendation for Tdap vaccination during weeks 27–36 of each pregnancy.

Read the full CDC press release at [Whooping Cough Vaccination during Pregnancy Benefits US Infants](#).



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 10](#)
- [Vital Signs: Health Disparities in Hemodialysis-Associated \*Staphylococcus aureus\* Bloodstream Infections — United States, 2017–2020](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger — United States, 2023](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — United States, 2023](#)
- [COVID-19 Incidence and Mortality Among Unvaccinated and Vaccinated Persons Aged ≥12 Years by Receipt of Bivalent Booster Doses and Time Since Vaccination — 24 U.S. Jurisdictions, October 3, 2021–December 24, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Recent Changes in Suicide Rates, by Race and Ethnicity and Age Group — United States, 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥45 Years Who Use a Hearing Aid, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

### CDC Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Science Brief: Detection and Transmission of Mpox Virus](#)
- **UPDATED** [What's New & Updated](#)
- **UPDATED** [2022 U.S. Mpox Outbreak](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Map & Case Count](#)

- **UPDATED** [U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC](#)
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