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# FRIDAY UPDATE

June 30, 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 (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 BP4 Program Data Due Today, June 30

**Today, June 30**, is the deadline for recipients to submit PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) program data. BP4 reporting requirements are outlined in the [PHEP Budget Period 4 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview – December 2022](#). Additional details are available at [PHEP BP4 At-A-Glance Program Requirement Updates December 2022](#) and [PHEP-BP4\\_ORR-Elements\\_August-2022](#).

All 62 PHEP recipients must submit by June 30 the following required data through the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module in the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS).

- 50 planning elements
- Annual PHEP exercise data
- Critical contact sheets
- Emergency operations center activations
- Workforce development and training (WDT) data

In addition, recipients must address PHEP benchmarks related to Laboratory Response Network (LRN) requirements by June 30. However, recipients will report PHEP benchmark data in PERFORMS as part of the PHEP BP4 annual progress reports due September 30. The benchmarks include:

- LRN-B biological sample testing
- LRN-C chemical sample testing using core and additional methods
- LRN-C Lab specimen packaging and shipping exercise

### PORTS Downtime Scheduled for July 3

CDC's PORTS platform, including the ORR module, will be unavailable from **noon to 3 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 3**, to install system updates for the upcoming Budget Period (BP). CDC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and is providing this notice so recipients can make alternative plans for any work they may have scheduled during this downtime. Recipients should plan to log out of the systems prior to the scheduled downtimes indicated.



### CDC COVID-19 Response Transitions to NCIRD

On June 28, CDC's COVID-19 response transitioned to the [National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases](#) (NCIRD), which will lead the agency's efforts moving forward. This transition represents an important milestone that follows the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on May 11.

Coronavirus and Other Respiratory Viruses Division (CORVD), a new division within NCIRD, will work alongside NCIRD's Immunization Services Division (ISD) to integrate CDC's COVID-19 emergency response activities into sustainable programs and practices with a focus on pan-respiratory surveillance and prevention.

### CDC Encourages Participation in STOMP Trial for Tecovirimat (TPOXX)

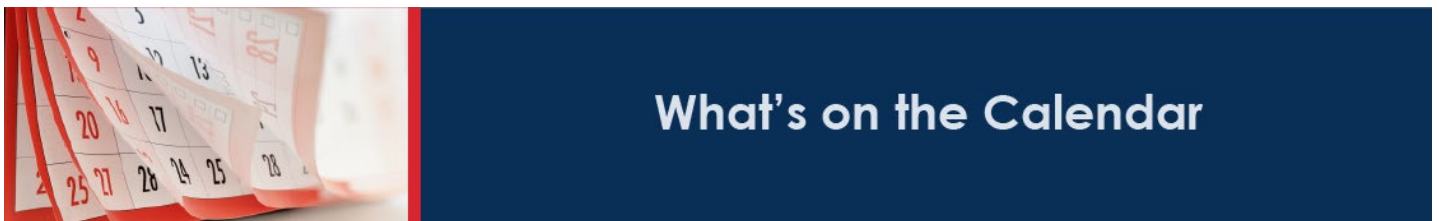
Evidence-based interventions are needed to respond to current and future mpox outbreaks within and beyond the United States. To help meet domestic and international mpox response goals, CDC encourages clinicians to inform patients with mpox about the availability of oral tecovirimat through the [STOMP](#) study. Enrollment in the study is voluntary, and patients who decline to take part, or who do not meet the criteria to participate, can still obtain tecovirimat if recommended.

Additional resources for healthcare providers:

- [Information for Healthcare Providers: Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\)](#)
- [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use](#)

### CDC Releases New FAQ Video on Mpox

CDC, in collaboration with the [KFF's Greater Than Mpox](#) campaign, recently released a [new FAQ video](#) featuring Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, Deputy Coordinator for the White House National Mpox Response. The FAQ video answers questions about who should get vaccinated, common symptoms, testing and treatment options, and more. Additional information about mpox can be found on the [CDC](#) webpage.



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **SAMHSA Releases New Notice of Funding Opportunity**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently released a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the [Minority HIV/AIDS Fund: Integrated Behavioral Health and HIV Care for Unsheltered Populations Pilot Project](#). This pilot project serves populations experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This project requires the use of award resources (including funds or staff for mpox activities conducted in conjunction with SAMHSA supported work, as allowable in [SAMHSA's Mpox Dear Colleagues letter](#). Such activities include, but are not limited to, navigating people served by award funds to testing, treatment, and prevention resources identified through collaboration with local health departments and mental health support of individuals with mpox served by this award. Activities can also include referral/navigation to these services. Applications must be submitted by **Monday, July 24**.

### **FEMA Announces First Extreme Heat Campaign to Promote Preparedness and Resilience This Summer**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced its ["#SummerReady"](#) campaign to help promote preparedness and resilience against extreme heat events throughout the summer. FEMA has also launched the official [#SummerReady website](#), which provides extreme heat safety tips for individuals, as well as an [Extreme Heat Safety Social Media Toolkit](#) for media and other stakeholders.



## News You Can Use

### **Dr. Mandy Cohen Announced as New CDC Director**

On June 16, President Biden [announced](#) his intention to appoint Dr. Mandy Cohen as the new CDC Director and the 10th ATSDR Director. Dr. Cohen, an internal medicine physician, served as Secretary of North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services from 2017 through 2022, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Cohen also boasts federal experience from her time in senior positions at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Current CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky issued a [statement](#) congratulating Dr. Cohen on her appointment. Dr. Walensky will step down as CDC director on June 30.

Read the full [Statement by CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky on the Appointment of Dr. Mandy Cohen as the 20th CDC Director](#).

### **CDC Releases Report on E-cigarette Sales in the United States**

A recent CDC [study](#) found that overall e-cigarette monthly unit sales increased by 46.6%—from 15.5 million units in January of 2020, to 22.7 million units in December of 2022. During this study period, the number of brands increased by 46.2%, from 184 to 269 brands. Prefilled devices decreased, while disposable devices increased; and sales of youth-appealing flavors—such as fruit, candy, and desserts—increased.

Read the full press release at [U.S. E-cigarette Sales Climbed during 2020-2022](#).

## CDC Issues Health Advisory on Locally Acquired Malaria Cases Identified in the United States

CDC is collaborating with two U.S. state health departments in ongoing investigations of locally acquired mosquito-transmitted *Plasmodium vivax* malaria cases. On June 26, CDC [issued](#) a health advisory to share information and notify clinicians, public health authorities, and the public about the:



1. Identification of locally acquired malaria <http://www.cdc.gov/malaria> cases (*P. vivax*) in [Florida](#) and [Texas](#) within the last two months,
2. Concern for a potential rise in imported malaria cases associated with increased international travel in summer 2023, and
3. Need to plan for rapid access to IV artesunate, which is the first-line treatment for severe malaria in the U.S.



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 23](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Emergence of an Mpox Cluster Primarily Affecting Persons Previously Vaccinated Against Mpox – Chicago, Illinois, March 18-June 12, 2023](#)
- [Preliminary Incidence and Trends of Infections Caused by Pathogens Transmitted Commonly Through Food — Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network, 10 U.S. Sites, 2022](#)
- [Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences Among U.S. Adults — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2011–2020](#)
- [Hepatitis C Virus Clearance Cascade — United States, 2013–2022](#)
- [Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl-Involved Overdose Deaths with Detected Xylazine — United States, January 2019–June 2022](#)
- [Disparities in COVID-19 Disease Incidence by Income and Vaccination Coverage — 81 Communities, Los Angeles, California, July 2020–September 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Multistate Outbreak of \*Escherichia coli\* O157:H7 Infections Linked to a National Fast-Food Chain — United States, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Outbreak of Cryptosporidiosis Among Collegiate Swimmers and Evidence of Secondary Transmission — Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 2023](#)
- [Expression of Concern: Timing of Introduction of Complementary Foods — United States, 2016–2018](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Rates of Firearm-Related Homicide, by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2021](#)

### Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Protect Your Sexual Health: Tips for the LGBTQ+ Community](#)

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