

*The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Wednesday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. *

November 18, 2022

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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2023 HHS CPG Module Now Open in PERFORMS

The 2023 HHS Capabilities Planning Guide (CPG) module opened in PERFORMS today, Friday, November 18. The CPG module provides a platform for PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients to self-assess their current programs across the CDC and ASPR preparedness and response capabilities. CPG data are intended to guide preparedness investments by helping jurisdictions to identify preparedness capability gaps.

PHEP and HPP recipients should use their CPG data to help inform their strategic priorities and Budget Period 5 work plan objectives and planned activities. **PHEP CPG data are due to CDC by January 31, 2023**; HPP CPG data are due to ASPR by February 14, 2023. However, CDC and ASPR strongly encourage early review and submission of CPG data.

Recipients should contact their project officers with questions about the CPG data submission process and the PERFORMS help desk at PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov with any system issues. CDC's PERFORMS team will present joint training sessions for PHEP and HPP recipients on the CPG module at 10 a.m. EST on Monday, December 5, and at 1:30 a.m. EST on Tuesday, December 6. A separate training will be offered for Pacific Island recipients at 7 p.m. EST on Monday, December 5. The same information will be presented at each session. Following is the participant information for all sessions.

December 5: 10 a.m. EST

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

Meeting ID: 160 188 0184

Passcode: 508611

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601880184?pwd=RXBWVm5Tdk9OSWlhS01sWnVCVWREZz09

December 5: 7 p.m. EST

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

Meeting ID: 160 195 9094

Passcode: 791387

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601959094?pwd=NFM5SVU3SIV1K1hxZUJ1bUU5b2pkQT09

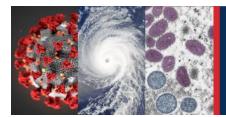
December 6: 1:30 p.m. EST

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

Meeting ID: 160 279 4666

Passcode: 886003

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602794666?pwd=NzNHTm5tZ1RVa3Bodzl3Y09LakVDZz09



Emergency Response Activities

CDC to Award Monkeypox Supplemental Funding through Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement CDC is activating CDC In activating CDC-RFA-TP22-2201 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement to support state and local public health monkeypox response efforts. CDC will award up to \$16 million to select jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded (ABU) list for CDC-RFA-TP22-2201. CDC is prioritizing funding for higher risk jurisdictions reporting the most cases. Eligible jurisdictions include states reporting 45 or more monkeypox cases and localities reporting 30 or more monkeypox cases in October 2022. CDC is in the process of contacting jurisdictions currently eligible for funding.

Funding is intended to address urgent needs and to implement monkeypox response-related activities. They include efforts to increase vaccine accessibility and uptake, case and cluster investigation, surveillance, testing, communication, education, and outreach. CDC expects jurisdictions to use these funding resources to support a coordinated response across programs such as immunization, sexually transmitted infections and HIV, communicable disease, and response programs. Recipients should submit any questions to DSLRCrisisCoAq@cdc.gov.

CDC Issues Health Update on Managing Monkeypox in Patients Receiving Therapeutics

On November 17, CDC issued a <u>health update</u> to address managing monkeypox in patients receiving therapeutics. Monkeypox cases have declined since mid-August 2022 in the United States; however, new cases—including <u>clinically severe cases</u>—continue to occur. While there are currently no treatments specifically approved for monkeypox, therapeutics developed for patients with smallpox have been deployed



during the current outbreak. This Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Update provides clinicians and public health officials with new information about managing monkeypox in patients requiring therapeutics.

New CDC Resources to Improve Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Now Available

CDC recently released three key resources for partners and public health practitioners working to address monkeypox vaccination disparities, all of which can be found on CDC's Monkeypox Website for Health
Departments.

<u>CDC's Monkeypox Vaccine Equity toolkit</u> provides strategies, actions, and resources to increase vaccination rates among populations most affected by monkeypox but less likely to be vaccinated. The toolkit also contains information about how jurisdictional health departments can request additional supply of JYNNEOS vaccine through CDC's <u>Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Pilot Program</u>.

New impact <u>stories from the monkeypox response</u> highlight innovative and nontraditional ways to help address monkeypox vaccine disparities. Barriers to vaccination include language differences, location of

vaccination sites, lack of transportation, lack of paid time off, low vaccine confidence, mistrust of government, lack of access to online scheduling technology, and fear of stigma. Non-Hispanic Black/African American men and Hispanic or Latino men continue to make up a disproportionate number of new cases, despite an overall decline in new monkeypox cases. Equity-focused vaccine projects present an opportunity to reach populations who are most affected by monkeypox but are less likely to be vaccinated.

These resources may be helpful tools for those interested in applying for grants being offered by the <u>CDC Foundation</u>, which currently is accepting funding applications for projects designed to reduce monkeypox disparities. The CDC Foundation plans to provide a maximum of 20 awards of up to \$25,000 each. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, state, territorial, local, or tribal health departments, or tribal organizations. <u>Applications</u> must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EST on Wednesday**, **November 23**.



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News You Can Use

CDC Seeks Applicants for Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics Director CDC currently is recruiting a director for its Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics. Interested candidates must apply online at USAJOBs by 11:59 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 6. More information is available at www.usajobs.gov/job/689478900.

DSLR Salutes Public Health Preparedness WorkforceResearch!America and leading public health organizations are celebrating Public Health Thank You Day 2022 on Monday, November 21. This is an opportunity to express appreciation to the public health workforce who labor tirelessly every day to protect people from disease, injury, and other health threats.
As part of the commemoration of the PHEP program's 20th



anniversary, DSLR is recognizing and celebrating the state, local, and territorial public health preparedness workforce and their contributions to the PHEP program over the past two decades.

Earlier this year, PHEP directors submitted state and local representatives from their jurisdictions who have been PHEP Trailblazers, PHEP Pathfinders, and PHEP Champions. In April, CDC, along with NACCHO, recognized more than 200 PHEP-funded preparedness professionals during the 2022 Preparedness Summit held in Atlanta. NACCHO also published a full listing of these individuals on the Preparedness Summit website.

Since then, CDC has recognized nearly 300 PHEP Trailblazers, Pathfinders, and Champions on the CDC website. Soon, feature stories highlighting nine trailblazers and pathfinders will be available online. To learn more, see the PHEP Trailblazers, Pathfinders, and Champions webpages.

For more information on Public Health Thank You Day, see the <u>Public Health Thank You Day 2022 Toolkit</u> and <u>register</u> to attend the Research!America Alliance Discussion webinar at **2:30 p.m. EST on November 21**.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 18
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine (PRIORIX): Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices United States, 2022
- Perception of Local COVID-19 Transmission and Use of Preventive Behaviors Among Adults with Recent SARS-CoV-2 Infection — Illinois and Michigan, June 1–July 31, 2022
- <u>Sociodemographic Variation in Early Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccine and Parental Intent and Attitudes Toward Vaccination of Children Aged 6 Months-4 Years United States, July 1–29, 2022</u>
- QuickStats: Death Rates for Drug Overdose Among Persons Aged 25–44 Years, by Race and Ethnicity — United States, 2000–2020

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** Stories from the Monkeypox Response
- **UPDATED** CDC Monkeypox Website for Health Departments
- UPDATED CDC Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Toolkit
- UPDATED Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Pilot Program

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