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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**September 30, 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 (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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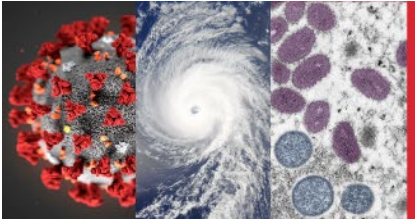
## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### ASPR, CDC Cancel October 19 HPP-PHEP Recipient Call

CDC and the HHS Office of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) have canceled the quarterly joint HPP-PHEP recipient call scheduled for October 19 due to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPDH) annual meeting. The DPHP meeting is scheduled for October 18-21 in Nashville, Tenn. As a reminder, attendance at the DPHP annual meeting is a required PHEP activity, and use of PHEP funds to cover travel expenses is an allowable expense for PHEP recipients.

### CDC PHEP Grants Management Call to Be Held October 27

DSLRL and CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) will conduct the next PHEP grants management conference call from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 27**. During the call, CDC will discuss grants management issues related to the PHEP and the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreements. CDC is finalizing the specific agenda topics and an access link will be provided in October. Please send suggestions for agenda topics to [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov). CDC encourages PHEP directors to share the call information with their business officials.



## Emergency Response Activities

### **CDC Offers Resources to Stay Safe After Hurricanes or Other Tropical Storms**

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, CDC encourages state, local, and territorial preparedness planners to review and incorporate as needed the following CDC resources into their response plans. PHEP directors should also contact their project officers with any questions or technical assistance needs.

- [Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters](#) available in English and [Spanish](#)
- [Disaster Resources](#) (including PSAs, educational materials, and social media)
  - [Educational Materials by Topic](#)
  - [Educational Materials by Language](#) (includes ASL, Haitian Creole, and other languages)
- [Hurricane Messaging Toolkit](#)
- [Public Service Announcements \(PSAs\) for Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#)
- [Staying Safe After a Hurricane or Other Tropical Storm](#)
- [Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)
  - Resources and information for teens: [Coping After a Natural Disaster](#)
  - Resources for parents & children: [Helping Children Cope with Emergencies](#)

### **CDC Updates Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Settings**

On September 23, CDC updated its infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance for U.S. healthcare settings to [reflect the high levels of vaccine- and infection-induced immunity and the availability of effective treatments and prevention tools](#). The update provides additional protection measures for patients and healthcare workers, especially in hospitals and nursing homes, where COVID-19 is more likely to spread quickly or cause severe disease if introduced.

CDC recommends healthcare facilities reference updated [community transmission](#) metrics on a weekly basis to inform facility-level actions. Community transmission remains the metric used to guide select actions in healthcare settings, which is different than the COVID-19 [community levels](#) used for other settings. Community transmission is used to allow for earlier intervention, before there is strain on the healthcare system and better protect the individuals seeking medical care in these settings.

#### CDC Resources

- [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages](#)

### **Updated Strategy for Global Response to COVID-19 Available Online**

CDC has released an updated [Strategy for Global Response to COVID-19 \(2020-2023\)](#). This updated strategy defines CDC's priorities and guides development of criteria for monitoring and evaluating public health achievements and the agency's impact on health security at home and abroad.

The strategy aligns with the goals of the U.S. government to protect the American people and to ensure the U.S. health security by mitigating the spread of infectious disease threats abroad, ending the pandemic, and building resilience and readiness for future pandemics.

For additional information view the [U.S. COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Framework](#) (White House Administration).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### New Psychological First Aid Course Available Online

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with ASPR, has developed a new psychological first aid course for leaders and teams. This free course, Building Workforce Resilience through the Practice of Psychological First Aid: A Course for Leaders and Teams, offers participants the opportunity to consider and pursue strategies for supporting colleagues and team members during a disaster response as stress levels increase for workers and organizational demands become more urgent. The goal of this course is to help individuals cope with stress at manageable levels, making it possible for them to effectively function and build resilience with each successive event they encounter. The course is available on the [TRAIN Learning Network](#) or [NACCHO University](#).

See the [Public Health Workforce Resilience Resource Library](#) for additional resources.

### NIH Announces Health Literacy Month Webinar Mini-Series in October

The National Institutes of Health's Office of Disease Prevention will host a webinar mini-series as part of its observance of health literacy month in October. The theme of the webinar mini-series is "Partners in Public Health: Healthy People 2030 and the Role of Public Libraries in Promoting Health and Health Equity." Registration is free and open to the public; however, a user account must be created on the Network of the National Library of Medicine website. Continuing education credit hours from the Medical Library Association are available.

- **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 6** - [Partners in Public Health: Healthy People 2030 and the Role of Public Libraries in Promoting Health and Health Equity - Part 1](#)  
Presenters will describe research on health literacy and the role libraries can play in improving public health, provide an overview of [Healthy People 2030](#), and demonstration of Healthy People data and resources.
- **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 13** - [Partners in Public Health: Healthy People 2030 and the Role of Public Libraries in Promoting Health and Health Equity - Part 2](#)  
Three public libraries from across the country will discuss how they impact health outcomes in their communities as Healthy People 2030 Champions. Webinar participants will also hear an overview of [Healthy People 2030](#) and a demonstration of Healthy People data and resources.
  - Sacramento Public Library (California)
  - Catawba County Library System (North Carolina)

- Akron-Summit County Public Library (Ohio)

## NACCHO Releases Three Funding Opportunities

NACCHO has released the following three funding opportunities.

- **Demonstration Sites for Bridging Preparedness, Infectious Disease, Maternal-Child Health, and Birth Defects within Cities and Counties Project**

This [funding opportunity](#) is designed to build community resilience and improve the lives of pregnant people and infants. NACCHO will award up to \$20,000 to a maximum of four local health departments to support them in identifying and addressing emerging infectious disease threats that impact pregnant people and their infants. [Applications](#) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 20**.

- **Addressing Needs of People with Disabilities in COVID-19 Local Preparedness Planning, Mitigation, and Recovery Efforts**

This [funding opportunity](#) is aimed at addressing the needs of people with disabilities in emergency preparedness, including COVID-19 planning, mitigation, and recovery efforts.

The main activities of the project include:

1. Embedding disability specialists, who will serve as subject matter experts, in local public health emergency preparedness planning and response programs;
2. Increasing partnerships between local health departments and local disability organizations; and
3. Updating local emergency response plans to better serve the needs of people with disabilities during outbreaks, pandemics, and other national emergencies.

NACCHO will fund up to 12, \$75,000 awards to local health departments. [Applications](#) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PT on Friday, October 21**.

An informational webinar for potential applicants will be held at **2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, October 4**. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.

- **Equipping Local Health Departments to Address Vaccine Hesitancy**

This [funding opportunity](#) is a technical assistance and capacity-building opportunity that will provide local health departments (LHDs) with resources to address vaccine hesitancy across the lifespan for routine, influenza, COVID-19, and other vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). Selected LHDs will receive training, technical assistance, and other resources to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, build partnerships with other local organizations, and identify areas of need to improve vaccine confidence and uptake.

NACCHO will select up to three LHDs to receive \$100,000 to support project activities. [Applications](#) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PT on Friday, October 24**. For full details and instructions, review the [Request for Applications](#). Interested applicants can submit questions to [immunization@naccho.org](mailto:immunization@naccho.org).

An informational webinar for potential applicants will be held at **1 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 6**. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.



## CDC Releases Data on Chronic Diseases and Related Risk Factors

Data from the 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) are now available online through CDC's web-based BRFSS [prevalence and trends tool](#). BRFSS provides a sound basis for understanding

health issues in states, assessing and maintaining public health programs, and making progress on improving health and reducing health disparities. The prevalence and trends tool offers fast access to a large portion of the 2021 data set and can be a helpful resource to public health officials and decision-makers. Data topics include health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, healthcare access, and use of preventive services.

### **CDC Announces \$90 Million in Funding to Support Pathogen Genomics Centers of Excellence**

On September 20, CDC [announced](#) five-year awards to five state public health departments to establish the Pathogen Genomics Centers of Excellence (PGCoE) network. The PGCoE network is intended to foster and improve innovation and technical capacity in pathogen genomics, molecular epidemiology, and bioinformatics to better prevent, control, and respond to microbial threats of public health importance.

The five recipients are Georgia Department of Public Health, Minnesota Department of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, and Washington State Department of Health. Each recipient is partnered with one or more academic institutions. Combined, the PGCOEs will serve as a network to perform a landscape analysis of gaps, needs and opportunities for genomics in the United States public health system; pilot and implement genomics technologies and applications for public health; and prepare for and respond to infectious disease threats.

Since early in the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC has worked with public health laboratories, academic and clinical laboratories, national organizations such as Association of Public Health Laboratories, and large private sector diagnostic networks to establish and expand a comprehensive genomic surveillance effort focused on large-scale sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and its variants.

Academic partners have mobilized scientific resources and built collaborative partnerships to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These partnerships have led to innovative applications of genomic epidemiology in public health. The PGCoE network will build on these collaborations for SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogens of public health concern in the future.



## Online Resources

### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 30](#)
- [Widespread Hepatitis A Outbreaks Associated with Person-to-Person Transmission — United States, 2016–2020](#)
- [Effectiveness of a Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Against Infection, Hospitalization, or Death Among Nursing Home Residents — 19 States, March 29–July 25, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Overdose Deaths Involving \*Para\*-fluorofentanyl — United States, July 2020–June 2021](#)
- [Vital Signs: Use of Recommended Health Care Measures to Prevent Selected Complications of Sickle Cell Anemia in Children and Adolescents — Selected U.S. States, 2019](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 69, No. SS-7](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 70, No. SS-9](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 21](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Residential Care Communities that Use Electronic Health Records, by Community Bed Size — United States, 2016 and 2020](#)

### **COVID-19 Guidance and Resources**

- **UPDATED** [Myocarditis and Pericarditis After mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

- **UPDATED** [Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the U.S. Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
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- **UPDATED** [At-a-Glance: COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for Most People](#)
- **UPDATED** [Vaccinations in the United States](#)

## Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Patient's Guide to Monkeypox Treatment with TPOXX](#)

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