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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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 (DSL)R 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](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.



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PORTS Office Hours Scheduled for August and September

CDC has scheduled additional dates to assist PHEP recipients in entering and submitting PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) data using the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). These office hours serve as an open forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module and how to submit data properly. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to dslrtraining@cdc.gov. Each PORTS office hours session will be facilitated by the PORTS training team and ORR evaluation staff.

Upcoming [PORTS Office Hours](#) will be held from:

- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, August 29
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 12
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 19
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 29

September 14 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Long-Term Recovery Planning

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "Planning for Long-Term Recovery from Public Health Emergencies," is scheduled from 1

p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 14. This webinar will provide an overview of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Disaster Recovery Framework and next-generation long-term



recovery concepts. CDC presenters will discuss building community resilience through partnerships to address access and functional needs of the whole community.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for Adolescents

On August 22, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, signed a decision memo stating that Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine can be used as another primary series option for adolescents ages 12 through 17 years. This recommendation follows FDA's authorization of the vaccine for this age group under emergency use. Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine, which is available now, is an important tool for combating the pandemic. Having multiple types of vaccines offers more options and flexibility for the public, jurisdictions, and vaccine providers.

Read the media statement at [CDC Recommends Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine for Adolescents](#).

CDC to Host August 31 Call to Discuss Polio Investigation

CDC's 2022 New York state (NYS) polio response team will host a call with Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) vaccine-preventable disease (VPD) coordinators from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 31**. Presenters will discuss the polio investigation in New York, vaccination recommendations, and strategies for wastewater surveillance. PHEP directors are invited to participate in the call for awareness and to ensure coordination between VPD and preparedness staff. The call is intended for VPD coordinators and preparedness directors, and CDC asks invited participants not to broadly share the meeting information. A recording will be available after the call for those unable to attend.

Participant Information

Webinar Link:

<https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1615567307?pwd=ZzdPb3c4TzBXTGRobFB2eFUrekRiQT09>

Meeting ID: 161 556 7307

Passcode: R27J4.E.

Telephone: +1 646 828 7666

September 1 COCA Call Will Discuss How to Recognize and Report Polio

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call at **2 p.m. EDT on, Thursday, September 1**, to discuss the history of polio in the United States and the current New York state outbreak. They will also review clinical aspects of poliovirus infection, how to report suspected cases, and recommendations for polio vaccination in the United States.

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. Free [Continuing Education \(CE\)](#) will be offered for this COCA call.

Participant Information

Webinar Link: www.zoomgov.com/j/1617864391

Webinar ID: 161 786 4391
Passcode: 657180
Telephone: +1 669 254 5252



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Preparedness and Response Resources

National Preparedness Month #PrepYourHealth Toolkit Now Available

CDC has published a new #PrepYourHealth social media toolkit in observance of National Preparedness Month (NPM). The theme of the 2022 toolkit is “Meet People Where They Are.” The contents consider the impacts that social determinants of health can have on people’s preparedness for and response to emergencies. The toolkit also suggests ways the whole community can create opportunities for everyone to prepare and respond to emergencies to their full potential. The contents of the toolkit are free to use and available on CDC’s [Prepare Your Health website](#). Jurisdictions that plan to write and send their own tweets during NPM can include the hashtags #PrepYourHealth and/or #MeetPeopleWhereTheyAre. This will help [@CDCemergency](#) find and amplify the messages.

NIOSH Launches Initiative to Improve Mental Health of Health Workers

CDC’s National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has [launched a multiyear initiative](#) to improve the mental health and well-being of the nation’s health workforce. For many of the 20 million health workers in the United States, already challenging work conditions, including long work hours, heavy workloads, and exposure to human suffering and death, have intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic. These conditions have led to new and worsening mental health concerns, including burnout, compassion fatigue, depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, and suicidal ideation.

The new NIOSH initiative emphasizes the importance of intervening before work stress negatively impacts mental health. NIOSH Director John Howard and U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy launched the initiative with the webinar [Protecting Health Worker Mental Health: A Call-to-Action](#). Following are other resources available.

- [Healthcare Workers: Work Stress & Mental Health](#)—Why health workers are more likely to experience mental health problems
- [Healthcare Workers: Work Stress & Mental Health Resources](#)—Resources for stress, fatigue, burnout, substance use and suicide

NACCHO Hosts September 1 Webinar on Reducing Staff Burnout

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and affiliate partner [CuraPatient](#) will host a webinar at **3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 1**, on reducing staff burnout. The presentation will highlight CuraPatient's Othena vaccination story in Orange County, Calif. Pulitzer Prize winning oncologist Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee and CuraPatient co-founder Charles Rockefeller will discuss how jurisdictions can use this technology to make the most of CDC grant funds designed to strengthen public health infrastructure, workforce, and data systems. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.



ASPR Announces New NOFO for Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC) Cooperative Agreement

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced a new [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for the Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center \(RESPTC\) Cooperative Agreement](#). RESPTCs are hospitals that are able to rapidly receive a confirmed special pathogen patient from their region, across the United States, or medically evacuated from outside of the United States, as necessary. These hospitals have enhanced capability and capacity to care for highly infectious diseases like COVID-19 and serve as regional hubs for the [National Special Pathogen System](#), part of [ASPR's Health Care Readiness Portfolio](#).

The NOFO is intended to sustain and improve health care system preparedness for emerging special pathogens through implementation of the [National Special Pathogen System of Care Strategy](#) (NSPS of Care Strategy) and to expand the regional hospital network within the NSPS. Prior to the development of the NSPS, RESPTCs were previously called Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Centers. To reflect their role as regional hubs for special pathogen readiness, RESPTCs are now Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Centers. RESPTCs are resources for patient care and clinical operations among the region's health care organizations, and they mitigate surges of patients at health care facilities by supporting patient distribution across the region.

ASPR received fiscal year 2022 funding to sustain the 10 existing RESPTCs and add three new sites, expanding the total number of RESPTCs from 10 to 13. In consideration of these changes, ASPR will close out the existing Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities project period and expand the RESPTC program through a new, two-part NOFO. Part A provides awards to the existing 10 RESPTCs, and Part B, through a competitive award process, provides funding for three new sites. The NOFO and application package are available on www.grants.gov. The funding opportunity number is EP-U3R-22-002.

Applications are due in Grants.gov at **5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 22**. ASPR will conduct a technical assistance call at **3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 1**. ASPR will update the NOFO with the call information.

FEMA Releases 2022-2026 National Tribal Strategy

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently released the [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#). The tribal strategy is a culmination of tribal perspective shared with FEMA over many years. The National Tribal Strategy specifically reflects voices of 135 representatives of 78 tribal nations who contributed critical feedback during tribal consultations in 2022.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 26](#)
- [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022–23 Influenza Season](#)
- [Patient-Level and County-Level Trends in Nonfatal Opioid-Involved Overdose Emergency Medical Services Encounters — 491 Counties, United States, January 2018–March 2022](#)
- [Review of CDC’s Suspension of and Advance Written Approval Process for Dogs Entering the United States from Egypt — May 2019–December 2020](#)
- [Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations Among Adults During SARS-CoV-2 Omicron BA.2 Variant Predominance — COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network, 14 States, June 20, 2021–May 31, 2022](#)
- [High-Contact Object and Surface Contamination in a Household of Persons with *Monkeypox Virus* Infection — Utah, June 2022](#)
- [Notes From the Field: Coccidioidomycosis Outbreak Among Wildland Firefighters — California, 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Deaths Involving Exposure to Excessive Heat, by Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 1999–2020](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** CDC [Travel Recommendations](#) for Domestic and International Travelers
- **UPDATED** CDC [COVID-19 Travel Health Notices](#) **NEW** [CDC Fall COVID-19 Vaccination Operational Planning Guide](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Schools, Early Care and Education Programs, and Other Settings Serving Children or Adolescents](#)
- **NEW** [FACT SHEET: White House Announces New Actions to Combat Monkeypox Outbreak](#)
- **NEW** [Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings](#)
- **NEW** [Seven Questions on Monkeypox Vaccines with Dr. Daskalakis](#)
- **NEW** [Vaccine Administration Errors and Deviations](#)
- **NEW** [FDA: Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheet](#)
- **NEW** [Preparation and Collection of Specimens](#)
- **NEW** [Testing Patients for Monkeypox \(print resource\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Monkeypox Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- **UPDATED** [Obtaining and Using TPOXX \(Tecovirimat\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Clinical Considerations for Treatment and Prophylaxis of Monkeypox Virus Infection in People with HIV](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
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