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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](#) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.



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CDC to Reopen Crisis Response NOFO

CDC plans to reopen the 2022 Public Health Crisis Response notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), TP22-2201, in late July through Grants.gov. The NOFO will remain open for 60 days to allow for applications from local health departments or tribes that meet eligibility requirements due to population changes. The funding announcement will reopen annually during the NOFO's five-year performance period to ensure CDC maintains a current roster of eligible jurisdictions for public health emergency response funding.

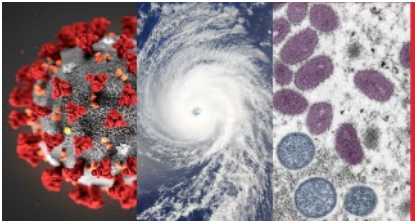
In April 2022, CDC issued approved but unfunded (ABU) notices to eligible jurisdictions who applied for the [Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement](#). The 88 jurisdictions, including all 62 PHEP recipients, that applied and were granted ABU status will remain on the ABU roster until January 31, 2027, and need **not** apply again at this time. The 88 jurisdictions include the 50 states, eight territories and freely associated states, and 30 localities. No tribal organizations submitted applications.

CDC and GSA Establish New Procurement Program

CDC and the General Services Administration (GSA) have established a new procurement program to provide emergency preparedness and medical response support services. The new Medical Support and Emergency Response and Preparedness (MSERP) program is available to state, tribal, local, and territorial jurisdictions during federally declared public health emergencies. The program consists of broad ordering agreements with five vendors to provide a variety of services. Available services will vary depending on the declared emergency and can include elements from eight different components:

- Medical Personnel
- Equipment
- Staff Wraparound Services
- Patient Wraparound Services
- Contact Tracing
- Logistical Support
- Nonmedical Personnel
- Environment Health Services

The annual agreements run through June 2023. GSA is finalizing materials to assist jurisdictions with placing orders, and CDC will provide details when they are available.



Emergency Response Activities

Additional Laboratories Now Conducting Monkeypox Testing

On June 22, [HHS announced](#) that five commercial laboratory companies would soon begin offering monkeypox testing. Since then, CDC has shipped the tests to the laboratories and their employees have been trained on their administration, among other steps.

Mayo Clinic Laboratories, Quest Diagnostics, and Aegis Sciences have begun testing for monkeypox using CDC's orthopoxvirus test, which detects most non-smallpox-related orthopoxviruses, including monkeypox. Testing at these additional laboratories will continue to increase the current capacity provided through CDC's [Laboratory Response Network \(LRN\)](#) and [Labcorp](#).

Health care providers can order monkeypox virus testing from these any of these laboratories as they normally would order other tests. These additional laboratories will electronically report results to jurisdictions as outlined in the [CDC reporting guidance](#). The latest CDC information on monkeypox is available at www.cdc.gov/monkeypox.

Following are CDC media statements along with resources for health care providers on accessing monkeypox testing from the additional laboratories.

- Mayo Clinic Laboratories – <https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/>
- Quest Diagnostics – <https://www.questdiagnostics.com/healthcare-professionals/about-our-tests/infectious-diseases/monkeypox>
- Aegis's Sciences – <https://www.aegislabs.com/our-services/monkeypox/>
- [Mayo Clinic Laboratories to Begin Monkeypox Testing Today, Increasing Nationwide Testing Capacity](#)
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New NACCHO Infographic Highlights How to Sustain Local Vector Control Improvements

Local vector control programs play a critical role in monitoring, managing, and preventing vector-borne outbreaks. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently released a [2020 Vector Control Assessment Report](#) that revealed that local mosquito control and surveillance is improving, but many programs still experience barriers to addressing ticks.

For additional information view NACCHO's new [infographic](#) and NACCHO's updated [digital communications toolkit](#).

ASTHO Provides On-Demand Webinar on Advancing Performance Improvement

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) have developed an on-demand webinar, "[Advancing Performance Improvement in the Age of COVID-19](#)," that highlights the relevance of performance improvement as health departments manage the COVID-19 pandemic response. Presenters will discuss how their state health departments have continued and modified their performance improvement work to address new community needs. This brief presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion on recent performance improvement changes, including challenges and successes.

Visit ASTHO's [eLearning website](#) for additional on-demand public health trainings.



CDC Releases Health Advisory Reports of Human Parechovirus (PeV) in the United States

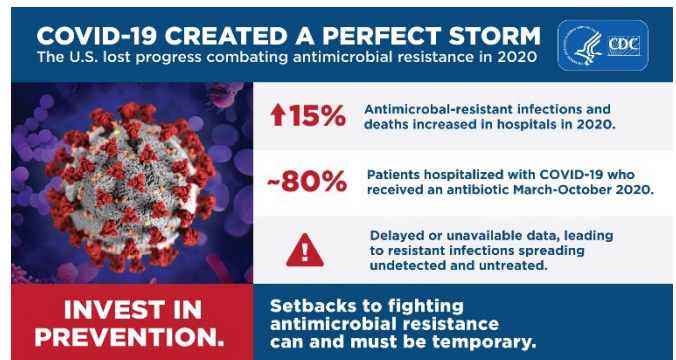
On July 12, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and public health departments that parechovirus (PeV) is currently circulating in the United States. Since May 2022, CDC has received reports from health care providers in multiple states of PeV infections in neonates and young infants. Parechoviruses are a group of viruses known to cause a spectrum of disease in humans.



The full HAN health advisory can be accessed at [Recent Reports of Human Parechovirus \(PeV\) in the United States—2022](#).

CDC Report Highlights COVID-19 Impact on U.S. Antimicrobial Resistance

CDC's recently released [COVID-19: U.S. Impact on Antimicrobial Resistance, Special Report 2022](#) concludes that the threat of antimicrobial-resistant infections is not only still present but has gotten worse. CDC analyzed the state of antimicrobial resistance in the United States immediately following the 2020 peaks of the COVID-19 pandemic. The analysis indicated that both resistant hospital-onset infections and deaths increased at least 15% during the first year of the pandemic.



For additional information, visit CDC's [COVID-19 & Antibiotic Resistance](#) webpage.

Public Health Workforce Survey Available Online

The [National Board of Public Health Examiners](#) is conducting a worldwide "We are Public Health" workforce study to determine the most common functions of the public health workforce regionally across the globe. This study will use task-based methodology to analyze the responsibilities of the global public health workforce. The survey is open to all public health professionals and organizations representing public health and allied professions. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TVVWV6F through **July 31**.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 15](#)
- [Public Health Surveillance and Reporting for Human Toxoplasmosis — Six States, 2021](#)
- [Pediatric HIV Case Identification Across 22 PEPFAR-Supported Countries during the COVID-19 Pandemic, October 2019–September 2020](#)
- [Safety Monitoring of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine First Booster Doses Among Persons Aged ≥12 Years with Presumed Immunocompromise Status — United States, January 12, 2022–March 28, 2022](#)
- [Rapid Diagnostic Testing for Response to the Monkeypox Outbreak — Laboratory Response Network, United States, May 17–June 30, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis at a Correctional Facility Using Mechanically Separated Chicken — Nebraska, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Uninsured Adults Aged 18–64 Years, by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Selected Asian Subgroups — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019–2020](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Interim Clinical Guidance for the Treatment of Monkeypox](#)
- **NEW** [Information for Veterinarians](#)
- **NEW** [Pets in the Home](#)
- **NEW** [Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration's Monkeypox Outbreak Response](#)
- **UPDATED** [Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination](#)

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