

**DSLRL**

# FRIDAY UPDATE

**June 3, 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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](#) or contact us at [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).



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## CDC Finalizes BP4 Funding Awards

CDC is currently processing PHEP funding awards for Budget Period 4 (BP4), which begins July 1, and is scheduled to begin releasing Notices of Award the week of June 6. CDC will award a total of \$651,488,620 in BP4 funding to the 62 PHEP jurisdictions. This is a \$13.6 million increase over Budget Period 3 funding. The additional funds primarily support increased PHEP investments in the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), the Laboratory Response Network for Chemical Threats (LRN-C), and preparedness field staff nationwide.

However, the final BP4 funding is \$2.1 million less than what CDC had anticipated awarding when it released BP4 funding information in April. The \$2.1 million decrease reflects reduced funding available for LRN-C equipment upgrades. CDC had planned to fund 20 Level 2 LRN-C laboratories with \$300,000 each in BP4 to update gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) equipment. Instead, CDC will fund 13 jurisdictions in BP4 to update the LRN-C equipment and has notified the seven affected jurisdictions. CDC plans to support laboratory equipment replacement costs for the remaining LRN-C testing laboratories over future budget periods based on available funds.

The final BP4 funding table is available at [PHEP Budget Period 4 \(Fiscal Year 2022\) Funding](#).

## PERFORMS Program Management Module Scheduled to Open June 8

Recipients will receive their PHEP BP4 Notices of Award (NoAs) in June and are required to respond to the conditions of award (COAs) outlined in their funding application technical reviews and the NoAs. CDC plans to open the PERFORMS Program Management Module (PMM) on **Wednesday, June 8**, and has scheduled training sessions for the following week. Recipients will use PMM to respond to COAs and to submit budget and work plan revisions.

Recipients must respond to all weaknesses and required budget actions by submitting responses in PMM, and, if necessary, as grant notes in GrantSolutions. Recipients should refer to the NoA instructions on how to

submit required grant notes. Submissions in PERFORMS and GrantSolutions **must** include a cover letter noting:

- That conditions have been met or how they will be addressed,
- Resolution of conditions discussed during budget negotiations with CDC,
- Redirection requests, including a summary of proposed budget changes and corresponding budget redirection table, if applicable,
- Any NoA errors, and
- Additional required documentation or requested information.

If programmatic or budget actions require the release of an NoA restriction, recipients should submit the request in GrantSolutions using the “Release of Restrictions on NoA” amendment type. All required COA responses and budget and work plan revisions are due 45 calendar days of receipt of the NoA.

CDC will host three training sessions on the BP4 PMM module, including one evening session for the territories and freely associated states in the Pacific. All sessions will provide the same information, with recipients welcome to participate in either or all sessions. Following is the participant information.

- **11 a.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 15** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **8 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 15** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **2 p.m. EDT, Thursday, June 16** – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **ORR Friday Feature: PHEP BP3 Data Submissions Due June 30**

PHEP cooperative agreement recipients must address and comply with PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) reporting requirements, which are outlined in the [PHEP Budget Period 3 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview – April 2022](#).

CDC has significantly reduced BP3 submission requirements, allowing recipients to use their COVID-19 response activities to meet PHEP program requirements where possible. In BP3, the 62 PHEP recipients must submit documentation regarding:

- Critical contacts,
- Partner planning,
- PHEP benchmarks,
- Emergency operation center activations,
- Vaccination for Critical Workforce Groups and Disproportionately Impacted Populations (VAC), and
- Pandemic COVID-19 Incident Response (RSP).

PHEP recipients must submit required data through the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module in the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) except benchmark data. Recipients will submit benchmark data via PERFORMS.

Successful submission and CDC review of COVID-19 response data will fulfill annual requirements for the PHEP exercise (vulnerable populations) with access and functional needs partners and emergency operations center activations. COVID-19 response data will also fulfill the PHEP five-year program requirements regarding pandemic influenza functional and full-scale exercises and joint functional exercise with emergency management and health care coalitions.

Recipients must self-report ORR quantitative data by **June 30, 2022**. CDC encourages recipients to upload as much supporting evidence as possible by June 30, 2022, to substantiate the responses entered in the ORR forms. Once submitted, recipients will not have access to their BP3 forms until they are reviewed and returned to the recipients in PORTS by their PHEP project officers. Recipients will regain access to their forms no later than August 1 to resume adding supporting evidence. Recipients will have until **October 31, 2022**, to upload any additional supporting evidence necessary to substantiate their final responses.

Recipients should direct questions about the BP3 reporting requirements to their PHEP project officers.



## June 8 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Rural Preparedness Considerations



CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "The Rural Context and Public Health Emergencies," is scheduled from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 8**. Diane Hall, CDC's rural health lead, and Alana Knudson, director of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis, will discuss rural considerations in emergency planning and preparedness. This webinar will also include an overview of CDC's work in rural health, COVID-19 resources that benefit state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments, and a discussion of a rural preparedness toolkit currently in development. Following is the participant information.

### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1612411865

Passcode: 569595

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



## COVID-19 Response Activities

### **CDC Releases Updated Guidance and Resources for K-12/ Early Care and Educational Programs**

On May 27, CDC released updated [Operational Guidance for K-12 School and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning](#). This updated guidance can help K-12 schools and early care and education (ECE) program administrators support safe, in-person learning for K-12 schools and keep ECE programs open while managing the spread of COVID-19. The updated K-12 schools and ECE guidance includes recommendations for prevention strategies for everyday operations, as well as COVID-19-specific prevention strategies based on the [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) or when experiencing a school or ECE program outbreak. The updated guidance also includes considerations to inform decisions about when to add or remove prevention strategies and which ones to prioritize. Following are additional CDC resources.

- [Frequently Asked Questions for K-12 and Early Care and Education \(ECE\) Settings: Information for School and ECE Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents](#),
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- [Interactive School Ventilation Tool](#)



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### CDC and NACCHO Provide Aquatic Resources

To promote healthy and safe swimming, CDC and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) hosted a Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) Network webinar on May 24 highlighting increased risk venues. These increased risk venues, such as spray pads, wading pools, and therapy pools, have a greater likelihood of affecting the health of its bathers than other aquatic venues. Presenters discussed what puts a venue at increased risk and how these risks can be mitigated using guidance from the MAHC. A [recording](#) of the call and the [presentation materials](#) are available for viewing. Following are additional CDC resources.

- [Healthy and Safe Swimming Week 2022 Campaign](#)
- [Healthy and Safe Swimming Week 2022 Toolkit](#)
- [Splash Pads and Healthy Swimming](#)
- [Splash Pad Operation and Management](#)
- [Factsheet: Make a Healthy Splash!](#)
- [Model Aquatic Health Code \(MAHC\)](#)
- [CDC CEFO Prevents Toxic Chlorine Gas Exposure](#)



## News You Can Use

### CDC Announces DSLR Leadership Changes

Mark Davis, DSLR's associate director for financial and management services, retires today, June 3, after 17 years of service to CDC. This includes 13 years in DSLR, where he most recently led the business affairs of the division, managing a budget of \$665 million and the administrative services for more than 140 employees. He also served as branch chief of the former Program Services Branch and has devoted numerous hours supporting several emergency responses in State Coordination Task Force (SCTF) leadership roles.



Replacing Mark is Lisa Walker, who will serve as DSLR's associate director for financial services. In her new role, Lisa will oversee the strategy behind and implementation of the PHEP and the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreements for DSLR.

Lisa spent more than nine years in DSLR, as a project officer, a team lead, and a deputy chief in the Program Services Branch. She returns to DSLR from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) where she provided leadership and strategic guidance for the planning, coordination, and execution of NCIPC's \$608 million extramural budget. There she implemented opioid overdose prevention funding mechanisms and helped to establish NCIPC's first program to directly fund tribal nations and organizations to help battle the opioid epidemic. Lisa also has extensive state experience, having worked for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and later the Florida Department of Health.

### CDC Releases Draft Cancer Cluster Guidelines for Public Comment

CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released a draft of its Guidelines for Examining Unusual Patterns of Cancer and Environmental Concerns for public comment. Comments are open through the [Federal Register](#) until July 25.

CDC and ATSDR conducted extensive scientific literature reviews and gathered comprehensive feedback from community stakeholders, subject matter experts, and state, tribal, local, and territorial partners. This feedback contributed to CDC/ATSDR:

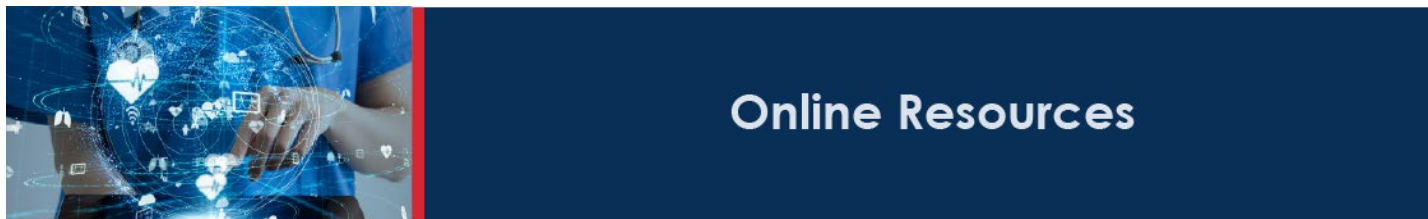
- Placing a greater emphasis on engaging and communicating with community members,
- Recommending health departments consider proactive evaluation of cancer registry data at regular intervals to look for unusual patterns of cancer,
- Replacing the steps in the 2013 Guidelines with new detailed criteria to:
  - address environmental concerns more broadly, and
  - de-emphasize statistical significance as the criterion for moving forward with evaluating potential exposures and cancer rates, and
- Identifying and developing tools and templates to support our public health partners when conducting these investigations.

For more information, visit CDC's [Cancer Cluster Guidelines](#) webpage.

### **FDA Infant Formula Webpage Now Live**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Infant Formula webpage is now live. This new landing page serves as a one-stop shop for the most current publicly available information related to infant formula. The webpage includes the latest consumer information, FDA press releases, and updates regarding infant formula supply and steps the agency is taking to address the supply shortage.

View the webpage at: [Infant Formula Information and Ongoing FDA Efforts to Increase Supply](#).



### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 3](#)
- [Monkeypox Outbreak — Nine States, May 2022](#)
- [Use of JYNNEOS \(Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Nonreplicating\) for Preexposure Vaccination of Persons at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022](#)
- [Pediatric Melatonin Ingestions — United States, 2012–2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths among American Indian or Alaska Native Persons — Alaska, 2020–2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Lead Poisoning in a Family of Five Resulting from Use of Traditional Glazed Ceramic Ware — New York City, 2017–2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Influenza A\(H3N2\) Outbreak Following a School Event — Los Angeles, California, March 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Always Use Sunscreen When Outside for >1 Hour on a Sunny Day, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020](#)
- [Seizure- or Epilepsy-Related Emergency Department Visits Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2019–2021](#)

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

- **UPDATED** [Cancer Cluster Guidelines](#)
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