

### June 23, 2023

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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# **PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates**

### **PORTS Office Hours Scheduled for June 26**

DSLR will conduct two PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) office-hour sessions on **Monday, June 26**. The sessions will be held from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT** and **7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT**. The sessions will serve as an open forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module or ORR guidance questions related to entering and submitting Budget Period 4 (BP4) data due June 30. The PORTS session will be facilitated by the PORTS training team and DSLR evaluation staff. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to <a href="mailto:dslrtraining@cdc.gov">dslrtraining@cdc.gov</a>. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 680 6035

Passcode: 940105

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606806035?pwd=ejA0YIRwb2IIL0JyL3FJQTICZ0ZOUT09

### PHEP BP4 Program Data Due June 30

**Friday, June 30**, is the deadline for recipients to submit PHEP BP4 program data. The BP4 reporting requirements are outlined in the PHEP Budget Period 4 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview

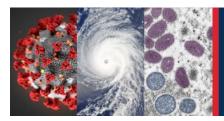
<u>– December 2022</u>. Additional details are available at <u>PHEP BP4 At-A-Glance Program Requirement Updates</u> December 2022 and PHEP-BP4 ORR-Elements August-2022.

All 62 PHEP recipients must submit by June 30 the following required data through the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module in the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS).

- 50 planning elements
- Annual PHEP exercise (AFN) data
- Critical Contact Sheet (CCS)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations
- Workforce Development and Training (WDT) data

In addition, recipients must address PHEP benchmarks related to Laboratory Response Network (LRN) requirements by June 30. However, recipients will report PHEP benchmark data in PERFORMS as part of their PHEP BP4 annual progress reports due September 30. The benchmarks include:

- LRN-B biological sample testing
- LRN-C chemical sample testing using core and additional methods
- LRN-C Lab specimen packaging and shipping exercise



## **Emergency Response Activities**

### Crisis Response COVID-19 Fiscal and Progress Reports Due in July

Recipients who received no-cost extensions (NCEs) regarding their Public Health Crisis Response COVID-19 funding awards must submit their next fiscal and progress reports in July.

- For recipients with NCEs through March 15, 2024, for COVID-19 funding initially awarded in 2020, their next quarterly fiscal and financial reports are due July 17 in REDCap. These reports should reflect activities for the period April 1 to June 30.
- For recipients with NCEs through June 30, 2024, for COVID-19 workforce development funding initially awarded in 2021, their next six-month fiscal and financial reports are due July 21 in REDCap. These reports should reflect activities for the period January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. These recipients also must submit Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) by September 30. With the extension of the budget period, an additional financial report is required. Recipients must submit a completed FFR SF-425 for the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. More details are available in the NCE Notices of Award.

CDC is updating the calendar of reporting deadlines to reflect all the NCE deadlines and will post the new calendar on the CDC website. Recipients should contact their project officers with any questions.

### CDC Releases Funding Opportunity on Preventing Mpox Resurgence

The CDC Foundation recently released a request for proposals for <a href="Preventing Mpox Resurgence by Increasing Vaccine Confidence and Community Immunity Through CBO Partnerships">Partnerships</a>. The CDC Foundation seeks to support up to 50 community-based organizations in their efforts to increase mpox vaccine coverage and subsequent community immunity. Funding will be provided to implement a wide range of innovative, culturally appropriate, and situationally sensitive mpox vaccination confidence and prevention education strategies to prevent a resurgence. <a href="Applications">Applications</a> must be submitted by **5 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 14**. For additional information, email <a href="mailto:mpoxvaccine@cdcfoundation.org">mpoxvaccine@cdcfoundation.org</a>.

The CDC Foundation will host a prospective applicant webinar to answer questions related to this opportunity at **2 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 23**. Advanced <u>registration</u> is required. After registering, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information for joining the webinar.

### CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held June 29

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 29**. CDC will provide information and updates on public health emergency responses and will reserve time to answer questions. A replay of the webinar will be offered at **2 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 30**, using the same connection details.

The STLT update calls are intended for PHEP directors and all other STLT public health staff, as well as national and federal partners. To receive notifications regarding CDC emergency response STLT update calls, STLT partners must subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv. For more information, contact stltresponse@cdc.gov.

### Participant Information

Dial In: (646) 828-7666 Webinar ID: 161 016 7208 Passcode: 46217352

Webinar Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09



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# Preparedness and Response Resources

### Public Health AmeriCorps Webinar Scheduled for June 29

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a virtual "meet and greet" webinar featuring AJ Pearlman, director of the national Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) program from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 29**. The webinar will introduce the PHA program and how it can boost staff capacity and strengthen the workforce pipeline, clarify common misconceptions about the program, and share future plans. Register <a href="here">here</a> to attend the webinar.



News You Can Use

CDC Hosts June 28 Virtual Town Hall on New Regional Preparedness and Response Centers CDC will host a <u>virtual town hall</u> meeting from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 28, to gather public input on the creation of a network of regional preparedness and response centers. CDC is seeking public input on opportunities and challenges for designing and implementing the new network per requirements established in the <u>Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023</u>. During the town hall, members of the public can share challenges and opportunities from their own preparedness and response experiences that may help shape the new network.

Through presentations and discussions, the town hall will focus on strengths and limitations of past programs and new program priorities. Past programs include Centers for Public Health Preparedness (CPHPs), Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLCs), and Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers (PERRCs). Town hall discussions will also focus on how CDC can design and implement regional centers to best meet the needs of STLT health departments. Future CDC funding opportunities will use input from the town hall to design and implement a network of regional centers for public health preparedness and response.

Advanced <u>registration</u> is required. After registering, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information for joining the webinar. Meeting resources include the <u>Federal Register Notice for Town Hall</u> and the <u>NASEM Report (2020): Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response.</u> For more information, contact CPROAR@cdc.gov.

### **CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings**

Registration is now available for the following featured trainings on CDC Learning Connection.

- CDC, the Mexican Ministry of Health, and U.S. state and local health departments are responding to a
  multinational outbreak of fungal meningitis among patients who had procedures under epidural
  anesthesia in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Learn the latest with <a href="Interim Recommendations for Diagnosing and Managing Suspected Fungal Meningitis">Interim Recommendations for Diagnosing and Managing Suspected Fungal Meningitis</a>.
- Wildfire smoke impacts large portions of the United States. Learn steps patients can take to reduce exposure with Wildfire and Your Patients' Health. Free continuing education credit is available.
- Most cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF), a potentially fatal tickborne disease, occur in the summer. Learn how to recognize, treat, and prevent the disease with <u>RMSF: Clinical Diagnosis and</u> <u>Treatment</u>. Free continuing education credit is available.
- Learn how to conduct surveys and focus groups, analyze data, and share findings with the <u>Community Assessment Series</u>.
- Cause-of-death data impact health policy decisions. Learn how to complete death certificates and
  ensure data quality with <a href="Improving Cause-of-Death Reporting">Improving Cause-of-Death Reporting</a>. Free continuing education credit is
  available.

<u>Sign up</u> to receive the CDC Learning Connection newsletter to stay informed about public health trainings from CDC and partners.



### **Online Resources**

### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 23
- E-cigarette Unit Sales by Product and Flavor Type, and Top-Selling Brands, United States, 2020–2022
- Progress Toward Rubella Elimination World Health Organization South-East Asia Region, 2013–2021

- <u>Trends in Laboratory-Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Reinfections and Associated Hospitalizations and</u>
  Deaths Among Adults Aged ≥18 Years 18 U.S. Jurisdictions, September 2021–December 2022
- Effectiveness of Up-to-Date COVID-19 Vaccination in Preventing SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Nursing Home Residents United States, November 20, 2022–January 8, 2023
- Notes from the Field: E-Cigarette-Associated Cases Reported to Poison Centers United States, April 1, 2022–March 31, 2023
- Notes from the Field: Emergence of an Mpox Cluster Primarily Affecting Persons Previously Vaccinated Against Mpox — Chicago, Illinois, March 18–June 12, 2023
- QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged 50–75 Years Who Received the Recommended Colorectal Cancer Screening, by Sex and Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021

### **Mpox Guidance and Resources**

- UPDATED Protect Your Sexual Health: Tips for the LGBTQ+ Community
- UPDATED FAQs for the Interim Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination
- **UPDATED** Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States
- **UPDATED** Administration of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines

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