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FRIDAY UPDATE

May 31, 2024

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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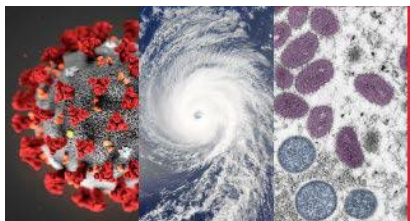
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Next PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for June 26

CDC has rescheduled the next monthly PHEP recipient call to **Wednesday, June 26**, due to the federal holiday on June 19. The call will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT, with a replay scheduled for 8 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 27. This will be last recipient call for DSLR Director Chris Kosmos, who is retiring from CDC on June 30. CDC will provide more information on the agenda topics and participant information prior to the call.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Confirms Second Human H5 Bird Flu Case in Michigan; Third Case Tied to Dairy Outbreak

On May 30, CDC [reported](#) that a second human case of [highly pathogenic avian influenza](#) (HPAI) A(H5) virus infection has been identified in Michigan. This case is the [third human case](#) associated with an ongoing multistate outbreak of A(H5N1) in U.S. dairy cows. However, it is the first human case of H5 in the United States to report more typical symptoms of acute respiratory illness associated with influenza virus infection,

including A(H5N1) viruses. The risk to members of the public who do not have exposure to infected animals remains low. CDC continues to closely monitor available data from influenza surveillance systems, particularly in affected states, and there has been no sign of unusual influenza activity in people, including no increase in emergency room visits for influenza and no increase in laboratory detection of human influenza cases. PHEP recipients should contact their DSLR health department liaison officers for more information.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

NACCHO to Host Webinar on Risk Communication for Public Health and Radiation Incidents

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar on “Risk Communication for Public Health and Radiation Incidents” from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 12**. CDC presenters will provide a basic understanding of crisis and emergency risk communication (CERC) principles and ways to incorporate CERC principles in communications regarding radiological or nuclear incidents. Presenters will also describe how to avoid confusing communication messages and identify resources for developing clear messaging in radiation incidents. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.



News You Can Use

HHS Announces Heat and Health Index Tool

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced today, May 31, that a new [Heat and Health Index](#) (HHI) tool will be available on June 4. Developed by CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), in collaboration with the HHS Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE), the HHI is the first national tool to incorporate heat-related illness data at a granular level, assessing vulnerability to heat by ZIP code.

The HHI tool is designed to help communities better understand and prepare for the health impacts of extreme heat events. The tool provides a single ranking for each ZIP code, empowering planners to identify and map areas most at risk of negative health impacts from heat. By integrating historical heat-related illness data with information on pre-existing health conditions, sociodemographic factors, and natural and built environmental factors, the HHI enables targeted interventions for the most impacted communities.

Public health officials can use this tool to prioritize areas requiring special attention during heat seasons, educate the public about local heat risks, and analyze unique factors driving heat-related illnesses to inform policy and decision-making.

CDC to Host Quarterly Rural Health Webinar on June 5

CDC will host a quarterly rural health webinar from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 5.**

Presenters from CDC and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will update participants on the five leading causes of premature death in rural America. Presenters will also provide information on national suicide prevention programs, including those designed for veterans. This webinar is intended to provide insight for CDC programs into the public health needs of rural veterans and provide a forum to inspire ideas for collaboration with VHA. Click [here](#) to access the quarterly rural health webinar.

For additional information about the webinar, email ruralhealth@cdc.gov.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 31](#)
- [Varicella Outbreak Among Recent Arrivals to New York City, 2022–2024](#)
- [West Nile Virus and Other Nationally Notifiable Arboviral Diseases — United States, 2022](#)
- [State-Specific Hepatitis C Virus Clearance Cascades – United States, 2013–2022](#)
- [Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Viruses in U.S. Dairy Cattle and Detection of Two Human Cases — United States, 2024](#)
- [Early Safety Findings Among Persons Aged ≥60 Years Who Received a Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine — United States, May 3, 2023–April 14, 2024](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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