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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**June 7, 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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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### CDC Issues FY 2024 PHEP Notices of Award

CDC has begun issuing the fiscal year (FY) 2024 PHEP Notices of Award (NoAs) for PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1), which begins July 1, 2024. CDC is issuing the awards on a rolling basis and expects to have all 62 awards issued by June 30. Total FY 2024 PHEP funding is \$653,738,609. CDC has extended the deadline for recipients to respond to conditions of award (CoAs) to **Tuesday, September 3**. NoAs issued before this decision was made indicate an earlier deadline for submitting CoA responses. However, the new deadline for all 62 recipients is September 3. CDC also plans to upload a bulk grant note for all recipients in GrantSolutions indicating the deadline change.

### CDC Releases Risk Assessment Data Elements

The 2024 PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) requires all 62 PHEP recipients to submit risk assessments and the associated risk assessment data elements by **January 31, 2025**. Following are the risk assessment data elements recipients must report to CDC.

- Participants involved in the assessment,
- Identified risks,
- A ranking of the top five risks (**new**),

- Public health consequences of the risks describing the vulnerabilities associated with prioritized risks (**new**),
- Resources used to conduct the risk assessments, such as CDC's [Social Vulnerability Index](#), CDC [PLACES](#), or HHS [emPOWER](#) data (**new**), and
- Identified expertise to provide consultation during a public health emergency associated with prioritized risks (**new**).

Recipients must also report which local jurisdictions and organizations participated in the risk assessment process. Recipients must include at a minimum their local planning jurisdictions receiving Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funding. CDC also requires jurisdictional coordination with emergency management and the Hospital Preparedness Program.

CDC requires recipients to conduct a risk assessment or equivalent process at least once every five years. If recipients plan to submit risk assessments they conducted between July 2019 and June 2024, they must review the assessments for accuracy and new variables to be addressed in the new five-year performance period that begins July 1, 2024. Recipients must submit risk assessment data elements each time they update their risk assessments.

Recipients can submit one risk assessment coordinated with their collective local jurisdictions and the associated data elements. Or they can submit multiple risk assessments and associated data elements that reflect the diversity of their coordination with various local jurisdictions.

Recipients can leverage various risk assessments if public health was represented and the risks reflect impact on public health systems and services. Preparedness programs should use their identified threats and hazards to prioritize and strengthen planning, response protocols, and capabilities and to serve as catalysts for exercise scenarios.

Collaborative and flexible risk assessments should include input from existing information sources and hazard and vulnerability analyses, including those from local planning jurisdictions, emergency managers, community partners including faith-based groups and community-based organizations, and health care coalitions.

### **June 12 PHEP Connects Webinar Addresses Strategies for Building a Strong Public Health Workforce**

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 12**, will highlight public health workforce

needs and recruitment and training initiatives. Presenter Maddie Kapur, program officer at the de Beaumont Foundation, will present data from the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS). The PHWINS survey is a crucial tool that evaluates public health workforce strengths and improvement areas. The presentation will cover the foundation's current workforce initiatives and explore opportunities to enhance funding, training, recruitment, and retention in state and local public health agencies.



In addition, presenters Cameron Goetluck and Isabella Martin from the Emory University Student Outbreak Response Team (SORT) will discuss how well-prepared and committed student volunteers can contribute to outbreak response activities. The presenters will cover the transition of SORT's engagement model from a traditional in-person setting to a hybrid environment to attract more student volunteers and enhance SORT's skills.

Lastly, CDC presenter Rebecca Parker will share effective and timely learning opportunities for nurturing the next generation of public health leaders. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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



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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.

### **FEMA Seeks Feedback on Draft Planning Considerations**

FEMA is seeking feedback on its draft “[Planning Considerations: Putting People First](#)” guide. This document is intended to assist emergency managers and planning partners at all levels in identifying and understanding the interests and needs of populations throughout their communities, particularly those that are disproportionately impacted by disasters and may have been historically underserved populations. The guide outlines an understanding of a people-first approach through application of the six-step planning process established in “[Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101](#)” (CPG 101) and discusses the importance of community engagement in maintaining strong community partnerships. Additionally, the guide includes data analysis and visualization resources and population spotlight sheets to help begin the process of how to engage and assess the needs of underserved populations.

A line-numbered version of the [draft guide](#) is provided to help identify specific areas or topics for potential revision or development. The [feedback form](#) can be used to capture any recommendations. Email feedback or questions to [NPD-Planning@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:NPD-Planning@fema.dhs.gov). The feedback period will conclude at close of business on July 10.

As part of the engagement period, FEMA will host a series of [60-minute webinars](#). These sessions will cover an overview of the content in the document and facilitate discussion to gather feedback on the content of the document. To access the document and for details on listening sessions, visit the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/plan](http://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/plan).



## News You Can Use



## New CDC Study Finds Health Care Surveillance Would Likely Detect Novel Influenza Virus Infections in People in the United States

A [new CDC modeling study](#) suggests influenza testing in health care settings in the United States can serve as an effective warning system in the event of an outbreak of a novel (non-human) influenza virus with pandemic potential. The findings point to the role health care providers play as a first line of defense by testing for flu and forwarding clinical specimens to public health laboratories.

## NACCHO's Celebrates 30th Anniversary with 30 Moments in Public Health

Throughout 2024, NACCHO is celebrating its 30th anniversary and journey in the public health field. In commemoration, NACCHO highlights 30 of the most foundational, pivotal moments that helped create and define NACCHO as it stands today.

Learn more about NACCHO's commemoration of its 30 years of service to the country's more than 3,300 local health departments on the [NACCHO 30th Anniversary](#) webpage.



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 7](#)
- [Mpox Surveillance Based on Rash Characteristics — 13 Emergency Departments, United States, June–December 2023](#)
- [Cases of Meningococcal Disease Associated with Travel to Saudi Arabia for Umrah Pilgrimage — United States, United Kingdom, and France, 2024](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Anthrax on a Sheep Farm in Winter — Texas, December 2023–January 2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥25 Years Who Met the 2018 Federal Physical Activity Guidelines for Both Muscle-Strengthening and Aerobic Physical Activity, by Educational Attainment — United States, 2022](#)

### 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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