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FRIDAY UPDATE

August 2, 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

PHEP BP1 CoA Response Workbook Training to Be Held August 7, August 8

CDC will conduct three training sessions the week of August 5 for PHEP recipients on how to submit their responses to their PHEP Budget Period 1 (BP1) conditions of award (CoA). After the training sessions, CDC will provide jurisdiction-specific CoA response Excel workbooks that recipients will use to respond to their CoAs. CDC will present the same information during each of the training sessions. Following are the training details.

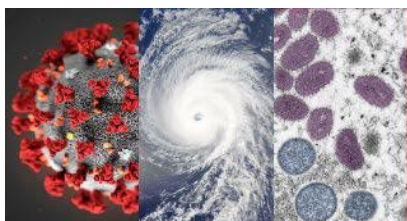
- 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT, Wednesday, August 7
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- 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT, Thursday, August 8

Participant Information

Meeting ID: 161 759 1934

Passcode: 160791

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617591934?pwd=vhtguLWT13md7RyUbas1FJLZv51Cuq.1>



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Elevates Dengue Response

On July 31, CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease (NCEZID) escalated its 2024 dengue outbreak response from a program-led response to a center-led response. As of July 23, U.S. states and territories reported 2,869 dengue cases, with nearly one-third associated with travel. In Puerto Rico, 1,918 locally transmitted cases have been reported so far this year, with 1,178 individuals already hospitalized. This intense outbreak precedes the typical dengue season that occurs from August through November.

CDC has begun preparedness efforts for potential outbreaks within the contiguous United States while supporting many response activities in Puerto Rico, including dengue surveillance, vector control, laboratory testing, and communication to the public on prevention strategies. As part of its communication efforts, CDC is sharing weekly messages with updated dengue information and resources.

[Dengue virus](#) outbreaks occur in many countries of the world, including North America, South America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. This year, more than 10.8 million cases of dengue have been reported in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean, which is double the number reported in 2023. Dengue is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. The best way to [prevent dengue](#) is to avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent, wearing loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants, and taking steps to control mosquitoes around dwellings.

Updated H5 Bird Flu Testing and Monitoring Information Available Online

CDC's [H5 bird flu current situation web page](#) now features updated information on the number of confirmed human cases of H5 bird flu in the United States and the number of people who have been monitored and tested for H5 bird flu in the United States since the current outbreaks in dairy cows and other animals began this year. In addition to overall numbers of people [monitored and tested](#), the data are broken down by exposure to dairy cows, birds, and other animals.



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CDC to Host Preparedness and Response Data Ecosystem Models Webinar on August 8

CDC, in partnership with academic regional contractors, University of Washington, University of Utah, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will host a webinar entitled "[Unlock the Power of Your Region: Data Ecosystem Models for Public Health Preparedness and Response](#)" from **1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 8**. The regional data ecosystem models are designed to coordinate and support public health emergency preparedness and response operational and research activities by:

- Establishing a network of partners to meet disaster-related data needs for population-specific communities.

- Streamlining a rapid process for data identification, collection, sharing, and use regionally.
- Identifying feasible solutions to commonly occurring challenges, including data sharing and interoperability.

Presenters will explore plans and processes supporting the development of regional data ecosystem models across U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions 4, 8, and 10. State, tribal, local, and territorial health department practitioners, data and informatics specialists, policymakers, academic and disaster researchers, non-profit organizations, and health care officials are encouraged to attend the webinar.

Register in advance to attend the webinar. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

NACCHO Provides Results from 2023 Climate Preparedness Survey of Local Health Departments

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) surveyed a sample of local health departments across the country to better understand the scope and frequency of climate-related public health activities at the local level. The 2023 version of *Are We Ready?* is the third such iteration of this survey. The 2023 survey found that lack of funding is one of the key barriers to building a climate-ready public health system. Without funding, and in the absence of trained and dedicated staff, local health departments cannot fully address the health challenges their communities face as temperatures around the country continue to climb.

Learn more and view the full report at [Are We Ready? Report 3 - Preparing for the Public Health Challenges of Climate Change](#).

Registration Now Open for 28th Biannual CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting

Registration is now open for the [28th Biannual CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee \(TAC\) meeting](#). This biannual TAC meeting will take place both in Canyonville, OR, and virtually from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT on August 7-8**. The purpose of the TAC meeting is to exchange information, provide guidance, and offer a forum for members to share information so that tribal concerns are heard. This meeting is also being held to ensure that CDC/ATSDR activities impacting tribes are appropriately addressed. The TAC meeting is open to the public, although public participation is restricted.



CDC Expands Farmworker Outreach

On July 30, CDC announced two new investments to protect the health of farmworkers at heightened risk of exposure to highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N1). CDC plans to invest \$5 million to fund partner organizations, including the National Center for Farmworker Health, to support overall outreach and education efforts focused on farmworker safety and health. CDC plans another \$5 million investment this fall to offer seasonal influenza vaccines to livestock workers to control and prevent seasonal influenza among this group. This is an enhanced effort to protect livestock workers from seasonal influenza, considering the ongoing H5N1 outbreaks.

The funding is available to jurisdictions with confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in livestock for the purpose of enhancing seasonal influenza vaccination for U.S. farmworkers:

- Colorado
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Michigan

- Minnesota
- North Carolina
- New Mexico
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Wyoming

This funding will support states in leveraging routine seasonal influenza activities and expanding partnerships and activities with a specific focus on farmworker health. Of the \$5 million investment for seasonal influenza vaccines, \$2 million will be used to purchase seasonal influenza vaccines, and \$3 million will be awarded to select states to support their planning and operations in administering these vaccines. Jurisdictions are encouraged to also provide COVID-19 vaccine through this effort using currently available vaccine. This seasonal influenza vaccine campaign for farmworkers is **tentatively scheduled to start on or around October 1**.

CDC's National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will manage the vaccine campaign. For more information, jurisdictions should contact the NCIRD Immunization Services Division (ISD) at acstechassistance@cdc.gov or their ISD project officers.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 2](#)
- [Progress Toward the Elimination of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in the Country of Georgia, April 2015–April 2024](#)
- [Lead Poisoning in a Mother and Her Four Children Using a Traditional Eye Cosmetic — New York City, 2012–2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Detection of Medetomidine Among Patients Evaluated in Emergency Departments for Suspected Opioid Overdoses — Missouri, Colorado, and Pennsylvania, September 2020–December 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adult Day Services Centers That Use Any Telehealth, by U.S. Census Bureau Region — 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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