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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 27, 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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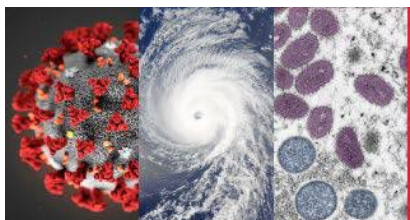
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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

2025 SAS Requests Due October 18

On Monday, October 7, PHEP project officers will begin to email Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) license renewal instructions and request forms to recipients. Recipients must sign and return completed forms to their PHEP project officers by **Friday, October 18**. The current SAS licenses will expire December 31. CDC will begin to distribute fiscal year 2025 licenses in January 2025 through March 31, 2025, from a CDC SAS License Manager. Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for additional information.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Issues HAN Update for Prevention Strategies for Mpox in US Travelers

CDC has issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Update regarding the ongoing [outbreak of clade I monkeypox virus \(MPXV\)](#) in Central and Eastern Africa. This update builds on earlier advisories, including HAN [Health Advisory 501](#) from December 2023 and HAN [Health Update 513](#) from August 2024.

MPXV transmission in endemic countries typically occurs through exposure to infected wildlife and subsequently [through close personal contact](#). During the global clade II outbreak, human-to-human transmission of mpox has been [predominantly spreading through sexual contact](#), with an infected person. In 2024, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) reported over 21,000 suspected clade I mpox cases, marking its highest annual total. Clade Ia cases primarily affect the western DRC, while Clade Ib cases are concentrated in the east, [often linked to sexual contact](#) and regional travel.

Although the United States continues to be affected by an ongoing [global outbreak of clade II mpox](#) that began in 2022, no domestic cases of clade I mpox have been identified in the United States at this time. Continue to follow CDC's [current vaccine guidance](#) to prevent clade II MPXV infection, which continues to circulate in the United States, and will also help protect against clade I MPXV.

[Read the full CDC HAN update here.](#)

CDC Updates Oropouche Virus Guidance

Oropouche is an [emerging virus in the Americas](#). The virus is spread to people by infected biting midges and some mosquito species. Some of the [common symptoms](#) include fever and chills, diarrhea, and rash. Infection during pregnancy has been associated with fetal death and possible birth defects.

From late 2023-2024, outbreaks of Oropouche virus disease have been reported in several countries in South America and the Caribbean. Travel-associated cases among U.S. residents have been reported, but local transmission has not been detected in the United States. Although the likelihood of Oropouche spreading widely in the continental United States is low due to differences in climate, types of biting midges and mosquitoes, and lifestyles (such as the use of air conditioning), some cases may occur in limited areas.

Travelers to affected areas should protect themselves from bug bites. Pregnant people should avoid non-essential travel to areas with an Oropouche virus Level 2 Travel Health Notice. Upon return, prevent bug bites for three weeks after travel to prevent spread of the virus. For more information visit: [5 things you need to know about Oropouche](#).

- Six webpages for the general public now available in Spanish: [Virus del Oropouche](#)



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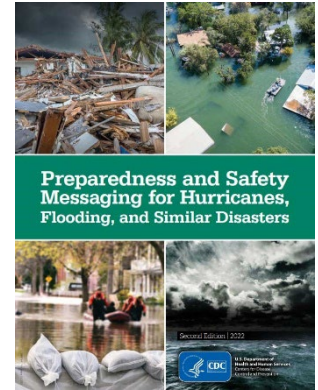
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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Preparedness and Safety Messaging Can Aid in Planning for Hurricanes and Flooding

The right message at the right time from the right person can save lives. In preparation for the current hurricane season, state, tribal, local, and territorial jurisdictions can use CDC's [Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters](#) as a resource for their communication planning. Messages can be adapted for web, press releases, media talking points, social media, fact sheets, and other communications before, during, and after a response. A Spanish version is also available at [Mensajes de preparación y seguridad respecto a huracanes, inundaciones y desastres similares](#).



This resource document includes information on disaster-related challenges including food safety, carbon monoxide poisoning, waterborne diseases, and mold. Response and recovery workers can find specific information tailored to their needs at [Hurricane Key Messages for Employers, Workers, and Volunteers](#).

October 10 COCA Call Provides Updates on Diagnostic Testing and Outpatient Treatment for COVID-19 and Influenza

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 10**. During this COCA call, subject matter experts will present an overview of COVID-19 and influenza testing and therapeutic options, including eligibility, indications, and other considerations such as drug interactions.

Materials for the call will be available on the [COCA Call webpage](#) in the call materials section. The presentation slides will be available the day of the call, and the call recording will be posted a few hours after the live event ends. Continuing education credits will be offered for this COCA call.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 131 7466

Passcode: 701844

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601317466>



Registration and Housing Are Open for the 2024 APHA Annual Meeting and Expo.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) will be hosting their Annual Meeting and Expo in Minneapolis from October 27 to October 30. [Registration to the meeting](#) and [housing registration](#) are open for the event. You can [view the program here](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 27](#)
- [COVID-19 Associated Hospitalizations and Maternal Vaccination Among Infants Aged 6 Months —](#)

[COVID-NET, 12 States, October 2022–April 2024](#)

- [Maternal Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination and Receipt of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Antibody \(Nirsevimab\) by Infants Aged 8 Months — United States, April 2024](#)
- [Decline in Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months and Vaccination Inequities Among Children Born in 2020 and 2021 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2021–2023](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born During 2017–2021 — U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands](#)

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](#)
- **NEW** [Countries and Territories with Recent or Previous Oropouche Virus Transmission](#)

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