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FRIDAY UPDATE

October 4, 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 Presentation at ASTHO DPHP Annual Meeting Now Available

On September 30, CDC presented a PHEP program update during the ASTHO Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPHP) annual meeting in Rhode Island. The presentation, “Advancing Nationwide Response Readiness,” also introduced participants to the Division of Readiness and Response Science in the CDC Office of Readiness and response. PHEP recipients can access the presentation slides in the Ready CAMP Knowledge Center at <https://camp.cdc.gov/ReadyCamp/s/article/CDC-DSLIR-Presentation-at-ASTHO-DPHP-Annual-Meeting>.

The presentation included a review of PHEP program and operational updates over the past year and updates on the implementation of PHEP five-year work plan strategies and related evaluation activities. Among the updates were details regarding a new recipient work plan response reporting tool that CDC plans to release in November in SharePoint. The reporting tool will be an interim method for collecting and consolidating recipients’ program data while CDC develops additional Ready CAMP functionality.

Recipients will use the reporting tool to provide:

- Responses to Budget Period 1 work plan conditions of award,
- Updates to Budget Periods 1-5 work plans and budgets,

- Quarterly work plan progress and spend plan updates,
- Risk assessment and data elements (RADE) for PHEP Notice of Funding Opportunity Strategy 1 – All-hazards activities (AHA), and
- Evaluation and performance measurement plan data.

CDC has consolidated the reporting deadline for all these elements to **Friday, January 31, 2025**. This includes the evaluation and performance measure plan data originally due December 31, 2024. In addition, CDC reported that it plans to release in the coming weeks more detailed PHEP evaluation guidance and will host a PHEP evaluation webinar and office hours.

The PHEP presentation also provided an update on the One PHEP Community of Practice, which is slated to launch in January 2025. Initially, One PHEP will focus on risk communications and workforce topics. CDC is recruiting PHEP recipients to serve on the One PHEP subject matter expert (SME) feedback forum to help guide the community of practice in these topic areas on an as-needed basis. CDC encourages those who are interested in serving as a feedback forum member or who have suggestions for relevant One PHEP working group topics to contact CDC at dslrtraining@cdc.gov.



October 9 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Georgia’s Public Health Preparedness Data Management Platform

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, “Optimizing Public Health Preparedness: Georgia's Journey to a Centralized Data Management Platform,” will be held at **1 p.m. EDT on October 9, 2024**. The webinar will review the path that the Georgia Department of Public Health took and the challenges that it addressed to implement a robust data management solution for public health emergencies. Speakers Gwendolyn Ruppert, DSLR’s Preparedness Field Assignee in Georgia, and Austin Speers from the Georgia health department will share how a centralized, web-based data informatics platform can improve program oversight, streamline operations, and elevate accountability.

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Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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

2025 SAS License Requests Due October 18

Starting Monday, October 7, PHEP project officers will email Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) license renewal instructions and request forms to PHEP 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’s SAS License manager will distribute fiscal year 2025 licenses from January 2025 through March 31, 2025. Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers for additional information.



CDC Issues HAN for First Marburg Virus Disease Outbreak in the Republic of Rwanda

On October 3, CDC issued a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory](#) to inform clinicians and health departments about the Republic of Rwanda’s first confirmed outbreak of Marburg virus disease (MVD). A total of 36 laboratory-confirmed cases and 11 deaths have been reported as of October 2, including at least 19 cases in health care workers. The health



advisory summarizes CDC’s recommendations for public health departments and clinicians in the United States on case identification and testing and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations. No confirmed cases of MVD related to this outbreak have been reported in the United States or other countries outside of the Republic of Rwanda to date. Currently, the risk of MVD in the United States is low; however, clinicians should be aware of the potential for imported cases.

CDC Confirms New Human Cases of H5 Bird Flu in California

On October 3, [CDC confirmed two cases of H5 bird flu](#) in individuals with occupational exposure to infected dairy cows in California. While an investigation is ongoing, these cases are not unexpected and do not alter CDC's low risk assessment for the public. No known connection exists between the two cases, indicating separate instances of animal-to-human transmission.

California is actively monitoring the situation and working with CDC to mitigate risks for farm workers. This marks the first human cases of H5 in California, following reported outbreaks among dairy herds since August 2024. Nationwide, there have been 17 reported human cases of H5N1 since 2022, with six linked to infected dairy cows.

CDC emphasizes precautions for those working with potentially infected animals, including wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and avoiding contact with wild birds or sick animals. Individuals experiencing symptoms after contact with infected animals are advised to seek medical attention and testing.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDCReady Responder Training Now Available on CDC Train

CDC’s Division of Emergency Operations in the Office of Readiness and Response, updated PHEP recipients September 30 on the CDCReady Responder program during the ASTHO Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPHP) annual meeting in Rhode Island. Among the key program components is a “General Responder” training series that consists of five modules:

- Module 1: Overview of the National Incident Management System
- Module 2: CDC’s Incident Management System
- Module 3: Overview of Response Systems and Processes
- Module 4: Information Sharing in a Response
- Module 5: Responder Resilience

PHEP recipients can now request access to the General Responder training series by emailing cdcreadyresponder@cdc.gov. Recipients should note that the content is specific to CDC and should not be

used to train health department staff. Rather, recipients can use the training as a reference for developing their own specific jurisdictional training.

October 10 COCA Call Provides Updates on Diagnostic Testing and 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>



CDC Hosts October 23 Webinar on Health Equity in Emergency Preparedness and Response

CDC’s Office of Health Equity (OHE) and Office of Readiness and Response (ORR) will host a webinar **from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 23**, to share the importance of health equity in emergency and preparedness. OHE and ORR will present on its emergency response work, including the establishment of the Chief Health Equity Officer (CHEO) unit in CDC emergency responses. Additional presenters include subject matter experts from Choose Healthy Life, the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, and the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). [Register here](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 4](#)
- [Interim Effectiveness Estimates of 2024 Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccines in Preventing Influenza-Associated Hospitalization — REVELAC-i Network, Five South American Countries, March–July 2024](#)
- [COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations Among U.S. Adults Aged ≥18 Years — COVID-NET, 12 States, October 2023–April 2024](#)
- [Differences in COVID-19 Outpatient Antiviral Treatment Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years by Age Group — National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, United States, April 2022–September 2023](#)
- [Burkholderia multivorans Infections Associated with Use of Ice and Water from Ice Machines for Patient Care Activities — Four Hospitals, California and Colorado, 2020–2024](#)
- [QuickStats: Rates of Emergency Department Visits for Children and Adolescents with Acute Upper](#)

[Respiratory Infection, by Age Group — United States, 2021–2022](#)

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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