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FRIDAY UPDATE

October 18, 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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CDC Extends Deadline for 2025 SAS License Requests

PHEP recipients now have an additional week to submit requests for Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) licenses. Recipients must sign and return completed request forms to their PHEP project officers by **Friday, October 25**. 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.

Seven New PFAs Begin Assignments in October

On October 20, seven new CDC Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs) will begin their assignments in PHEP jurisdictions. The new host jurisdictions include Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Los Angeles County, Maryland, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C. The new assignments bring the overall PFA program staffing to 36 PFAs serving 30 states, including two in Florida; four directly funded localities; and one U.S. territory.

CDC formally established the [PFA program](#) in 2013 as a training program for new graduates of CDC's Public Health Associate Program. Since then, the program has evolved into a field service program that helps build public health preparedness and response capacity in PHEP jurisdictions. CDC matches selected PFAs with approved PHEP host sites that offer experience and mentorship to support the continued development of a knowledgeable, responsive, and effective public health workforce while strengthening and advancing the capabilities of state and local public health systems.

In 2022, CDC initiated a phased approach to strategically grow the PFA program to help more PHEP programs address preparedness priorities and fill workforce gaps. Since then, the total number of PFAs has doubled, and many PFAs are filling multiple roles and positions within their PHEP programs. The program also has added more experienced staff, with 11 Senior PFAs now supporting jurisdictions with more targeted technical assistance.

CDC will host its annual PFA in-person meeting October 29 through November 1 at CDC headquarters in Atlanta.



CDC Schedules October 21 Marburg Response Call

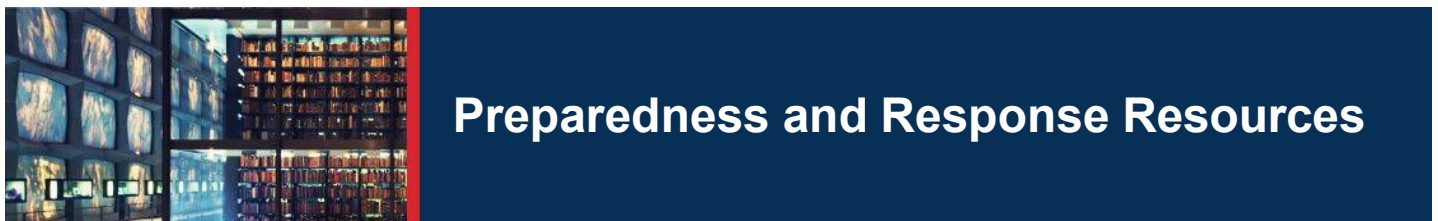
CDC has scheduled an update call for state, tribal, local, and territorial partners for **2 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 21**, to discuss CDC's Marburg response activities. CDC subject matter experts will provide a situation update on the outbreak in Rwanda followed by an update on domestic border health measures. A replay of the webinar will be offered at 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, October 22. The connection details for this call and the replay are the same.

Participant Information

- <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1616653135?pwd=QoUTLjK0tWpYUkrDoVkXk3X27R1Zfj.1>
- Passcode: P\$%Y&9jV
- To join by phone:
- Dial: (646) 828-7666
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New Oropouche Virus Resources Now Available

CDC has published new guidance on the Oropouche virus, providing critical information for the public and health care providers. This update includes resources on prevention, causes, and potential sexual transmission of the virus.

- [Preventing Oropouche | Oropouche | CDC](#) (for the general public)
- [Oropouche: Causes and How It Spreads | Oropouche | CDC](#) (for the general public)
- [Oropouche Virus and Possible Sexual Transmission | Oropouche | CDC](#) (for health care providers).

[Recent research in the *Emerging Infectious Diseases* journal](#) identified the Oropouche virus and viral RNA in a patient's semen, suggesting a possible route for sexual transmission. CDC will continue to review all available data, work closely with partners to obtain additional data regarding the likelihood of sexual transmission, and update prevention recommendations as needed. While no cases of sexual transmission have been documented, travelers to areas with a [Level 1 or 2 Travel Health Notice](#) are advised to take precautions, such as using condoms or abstaining from sexual activity during specified time frames.



TFAH Releases Report on Strengthening Public Health

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) recently released [Pathway to a Healthier America: A Blueprint for Strengthening Public Health for the Next Administration and Congress - TFAH](#). The report identifies six priority areas and policy recommendations for improving health outcomes and bolstering the nation's economic and national security. The priorities include:

Priority 1: Invest in Infrastructure and Workforce to Ensure our Public Health System Can Meet the Challenges and Opportunities of the 21st Century

Priority 2: Strengthen Prevention, Readiness, and Response to Health Security Threats

Priority 3: Promote the Health and Well-being of Individuals, Families, and Communities Across the Lifespan

Priority 4: Advance Health Equity by Addressing Structural Discrimination

Priority 5: Address the Non-Medical Drivers of Health to Improve the Nation's Health Outcomes

Priority 6: Enhance and Protect the Scientific Integrity, Effectiveness, and Accountability of the Agencies Charged with Protecting the Health of all Americans

TFAH released the report during a briefing October 8 at the National Press Club. [The recording of the event can be accessed here.](#)



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 18](#)
- [Update on Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Outbreaks — Worldwide, January 2023–June 2024](#)
- [Tobacco Product Use Among Middle and High School Students — National Youth Tobacco Survey, United States, 2024](#)
- [Coverage with Selected Vaccines and Exemption Rates Among Children in Kindergarten — United States, 2023–24 School Year](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Enhanced Surveillance for Raccoon Rabies Virus Variant and Vaccination of Wildlife for Management — Omaha, Nebraska, October 2023–July 2024 | MMWR](#)
- [QuickStats: Prevalence of Obesity and Severe Obesity Among Persons Aged 2–19 Years — United](#)

[States, 1999–2000 Through August 2021–August 2023](#)

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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