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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**February 24, 2023**

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 (DSL)R Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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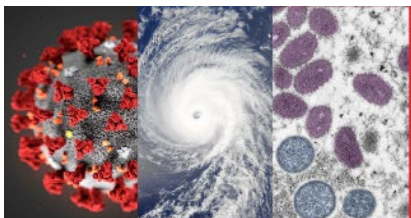
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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### PFA Host Site Applications Due Today, February 24

Today, February 24, is the deadline to submit applications to host Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs). PHEP jurisdictions that are interested in hosting PFAs must submit PFA host site [applications](#) to [dslrpfa@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrpfa@cdc.gov) by **11:59 p.m. EST today, Friday, February 24**. CDC is expanding the current PFA program to meet the growing preparedness and response workforce needs of PHEP jurisdictions. DSLR encourages PHEP jurisdictions that currently **do not** host PFAs to consider doing so. CDC funds the salaries of PFAs to develop their skills and field experience while at the same time helping to augment jurisdictions' preparedness and response capacity. For questions regarding the application submission, contact Scott Tulloch at [sdt2@cdc.gov](mailto:sdt2@cdc.gov).



## Emergency Response Activities

## **Crisis Response COVID-19 Supplemental Funding No-cost Extension Requests Due March 2**

Next Thursday, **March 2**, is the deadline to submit no-cost extension requests for the COVID-19 supplemental funding awards issued in 2020 and in 2021 through the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement. Recipients who need additional time to complete activities for either of these awards must submit no-cost extension requests to CDC via GrantSolutions no later than **Thursday, March 2**. Recipients should contact their CDC project officers for assistance in submitting these requests.

## **Updated Mpox Funding Work Plans and Budgets Due March 6**

At the end of January, CDC awarded approximately \$33.7 million in mpox funding to 52 jurisdictions through the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement. This funding is intended to assist jurisdictions in responding to remaining cases of mpox, prevent future outbreaks by increasing vaccine accessibility, demand, and uptake among recommended populations, and to strengthen capabilities to prepare for, and respond to the potential reintroduction of mpox cases.

Updated budget narratives and work plans are due in REDCap and GrantSolutions no later than **Monday, March 6**. Recipients should prioritize work plan activities that address their most urgent public health needs within the first year of the performance period. As these funds are provided as part of a public health crisis response, CDC strongly recommends recipients begin using funds and implementing activities as soon as possible. Specifically, in anticipation of upcoming social events this spring and summer, it is critically important to provide access to vaccines at low to no cost and to vaccinate those most in need.

## **February 28 COCA Call Highlights Drug-Resistant Shigellosis**

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 28**. CDC has detected an increase in [extensively drug-resistant \(XDR\) Shigella infections](#) (shigellosis) reported through national surveillance systems. During the call, subject matter experts from CDC, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the United Kingdom Health Security Agency will provide updates on the current domestic and global epidemiology of XDR shigellosis, discuss its relevance for clinicians in the United States, describe infection presentation, explain the importance of having a detailed sexual and travel history, share approaches for clinical management, and review how clinicians should test and report shigellosis.

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 (CE) credits will be offered for this COCA Call.

### Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 984 0852

Passcode: 204251

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609840852>



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### Health Affairs Journal Hosts March 8 Briefing on Public Health during COVID-19

On March 6, the Health Affairs journal will publish several research papers focused on lessons for public health policy and practice arising from the COVID-19 pandemic experience in the United States. In conjunction with the publication, Health Affairs will host a virtual briefing, “Public Health during COVID-19,” from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 8**. During the briefing, the authors will discuss their research and the broad lessons from COVID-19 for the future of public health. Speakers include Beth L. Rubenstein, a CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) assigned to the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She will discuss the findings of a study she led regarding COVID-19 vaccination rate increases among NYC municipal employees after implementation of vaccination requirements. Registration for the event is available [here](#). Online details will be shared with registrants 24 hours in advance of the event.



## News You Can Use

### NACCHO to Host March 21 Webinar on Preventive Services and Pandemic Lessons Learned

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the HHS [Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion](#) (ODPHP) will host a webinar from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 21**, on “The Importance of Preventive Services and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic.” Part of the Healthy People 2030 webinar series, the March 21 presentation will focus on preventive services and highlight progress to date on three Healthy People 2030 objectives:

- [IID-09](#): Increase the proportion of persons who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza (Leading Health Indicator)
- [MICH-08](#): Increase the proportion of pregnant women who receive early and adequate prenatal care
- [STI-04](#): Reduce congenital syphilis

NACCHO will share its work with local health departments and lessons learned about preventive services uptake during the pandemic. Participants can register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

### SOPHE to Host 2023 Annual Conference on March 21-24

The [Society for Public Health Education](#) (SOPHE) will host the 2023 Annual Conference from **March 21 to March 24** in Atlanta. The theme of the conference is “The New Age of Civil Rights, Advocacy, and Equity.” SOPHE 2023 recognizes that the health and well-being of individuals in communities are dependent on the physical, social, environmental, and economic factors present in these communities. For more information, view the [SOPHE 2023 Annual Conference](#) webpage.

### AJPH Publishes Article on Judicial Review of Trends and Implications of Public Health Powers during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The American Journal of Public Health recently published an article titled “[Judicial Review of Public Health Powers Since the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Trends and Implications](#).” The article considers the implications of several judicial decisions for public health officials and their ability to exercise public health powers.





## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 24](#)
- [Interim Estimates of 2022–23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness — Wisconsin, October 2022–February 2023](#)
- [Effect of Predeparture Testing on Postarrival SARS-CoV-2–Positive Test Results Among International Travelers — CDC Traveler-Based Genomic Surveillance Program, Four U.S. Airports, March–September 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Aircraft Wastewater Surveillance for Early Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Variants — John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, August–September 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Epidemiologic Characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 Recombinant Variant XBB.1.5 — New York City, November 1, 2022–January 4, 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Serious Psychological Distress in the Past 30 Days, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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