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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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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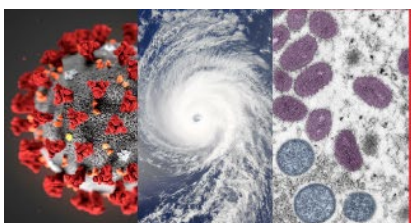
PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

CDC Cancels February PHEP Recipient Call

CDC has canceled the monthly PHEP recipient call scheduled for February 21 in lieu of the recipient webinars that will be held to discuss the new PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO webinars are tentatively scheduled for February 21 and February 22. Following are the tentative dates and times.

- **Wednesday, February 21: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST**
- **Thursday, February 22: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST**
- **Thursday, February 22: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST**

These dates and times are subject to change. CDC will provide more details when the webinars are finalized.



Emergency Response Activities

New CDC MMWR Highlights Importance of Receiving Updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine

A new [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) indicates that the updated COVID-19 vaccines were effective against COVID-19 from September 2023 to January 2024, including against the different circulating virus variants. CDC recommends everyone six months or older receive the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

Learn more at [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#).

FDA Revises EUA Letter for Paxlovid

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced that the emergency use authorization (EUA) for Paxlovid, distributed by the U.S. government, will remain authorized for use only through March 8. Additional information is available in FDA's Paxlovid [letter of authorization](#) dated January 29. The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has worked with Pfizer, the manufacturer of Paxlovid, to ensure that the federal inventory of Paxlovid is the new drug application (NDA)-labeled product.

Read the full news release [FDA Revises Letter of Authorization for the Emergency Use Authorization for Paxlovid](#).



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Preparedness and Response Resources

ASPR Launches Clinical Readiness Rounds Learning Series

ASPR and [Project ECHO](#) recently launched the HHS/ASPR Project ECHO Clinical Readiness Rounds. The first session is scheduled for **noon to 1 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 6**. The session topic is “Where Are We? Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going?” Register [here](#) to attend.

This new, virtual, learning series is designed to create peer-to-peer learning networks for clinicians. During the clinical readiness rounds, clinicians who have more experience treating patients in emergency situations will share their challenges and successes with peers across the United States and around the world. Session topics are based on new and emergent information around emergency preparedness, as well as topics requested by participants.

Registration and Abstract Submission Open for 2024 Public Health Law Practitioners Meeting

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with CDC, will host the [2024 Public Health Law Practitioners Convening](#) from **April 30 to May 2 in New Orleans**. The theme is “Empowering Public Health through Law and Policy.” The convening invites policy professionals, students, public health attorneys, and practitioners to share insights and strategies with colleagues in the field.

The deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is **Friday, February 9**. Students and fellows are invited to showcase and share research findings, best practices, tools, or other resources to a diverse audience of public health law practitioners across state, tribal, local, and territorial levels.



News You Can Use

CDC Provides Updates on Measles Cases

Between December 1, 2023 and January 23, 2024, CDC was notified of 23 confirmed U.S. [cases](#) of measles. They included seven direct importations of measles by international travelers and two outbreaks with more than five cases each. Most of these cases were among children and adolescents who had not received a measles-containing vaccine (or MMRV), even if age eligible.

Due to these recent cases, healthcare providers should be on alert for patients who have (1) febrile rash illness and [symptoms consistent with measles](#) such as cough, runny nose, or conjunctivitis and (2) have recently traveled abroad, especially to countries with ongoing measles [outbreaks](#). Infected people are contagious from four days before the rash starts through four days afterwards.

Measles cases often originate from unvaccinated or undervaccinated U.S. residents who travel internationally and then transmit the disease to people who are not vaccinated against measles. The increased number of measles importations seen in recent weeks is reflective of a rise in global measles cases and a growing [global threat](#) from the disease.

Learn more at [Stay Alert for Measles Cases](#) and [Vaccine for Measles](#).

Public Health Associate Program Host Site Application Opening Soon

CDC will soon open applications for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) host sites. PHAP will accept host site applications from **February 15 through February 29**. PHAP relies on its partnerships with public health agencies and tribal and nongovernmental organizations to serve as host sites for public health associates. These relationships are vital to the development of our nation's next generation of public health professionals. Public health associates increase host site capacity, deliver public health services, and gain hands-on experience.

Learn more about [Becoming a PHAP Host Site](#).

SNS Vaccines and Treatment Available for Use in Mpox Response

ASPR's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), in coordination with CDC, deployed vaccines and treatments to several jurisdictions affected by mpox. The expiration dates of these products are available on ASPR's [SNS Products: Vaccines and Treatment Available for Use in the Mpox Response](#) webpage, which will be updated as extensions are granted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 2](#)
- [Surveillance for Acute Flaccid Myelitis — United States, 2018–2022](#)
- [Early Estimates of Updated 2023–2024 \(Monovalent XBB.1.5\) COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Against Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection Attributable to Co-Circulating Omicron Variants Among Immunocompetent Adults — Increasing Community Access to Testing Program, United States, September 2023–January 2024](#)

- [Notes from the Field: Severe *Vibrio vulnificus* Infections During Heat Waves — Three Eastern U.S. States, July–August 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Dengue Outbreak — Peru, 2023 \(Read this report en Español\)](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Cluster of Severe Illness from Neptune’s Fix Tianeptine Linked to Synthetic Cannabinoids — New Jersey, June–November 2023](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Newborns Breastfed Between Birth and Discharge from Hospital, by Maternal Age — National Vital Statistics System, 49 States and the District of Columbia, 2021 and 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Plan for Travel](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [Flu Vaccination Coverage Update](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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