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# FRIDAY UPDATE

January 12, 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 (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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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for January 17

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 17**. The Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) will provide updates related to the new PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), Ready CAMP status and user onboarding, and reminders regarding Budget Period 5 reporting requirements and deadlines. Following is the participant information.

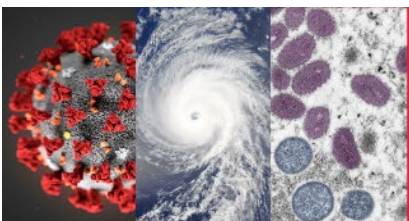
#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>



## Emergency Response Activities

### CDC Provides Updated Guidance on Use of Nirsevimab to Protect Young Children from Severe RSV

Given the recent increase in nirsevimab supply and the [manufacturers' plan to release an additional 230,000 doses in January](#), CDC advises healthcare providers to return to [recommendations](#) put forward in August 2023 by CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on use of nirsevimab in young children. Nirsevimab (Beyfortus, Sanofi and AstraZeneca) is recommended for preventing lower respiratory tract disease in young children associated with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Infants and children recommended to receive nirsevimab should be immunized as quickly as possible. Healthcare providers should not reserve nirsevimab doses for infants born later in the season when RSV circulation and risk for exposure to RSV may be lower. Following are additional resources.

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- [Updated Guidance for Healthcare Providers on Increased Supply of Nirsevimab to Protect Young Children from Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) during the 2023–2024](#)
- [Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States—Interim CDC Recommendations to Protect Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) during the 2023–2024 Respiratory Virus Season](#)



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### CDC Hosts January 17 Webinar to Highlight Laboratory Employee Onboarding Template Pilot

CDC's [OneLab Network](#) will host a webinar, "Laboratory Onboarding Template: Pilot Test by the Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL)," from **noon to 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 17**. GPHL pilot tested the CDC Laboratory Onboarding Template (LOT) to develop a new employee standard operating procedure to provide a structured and streamlined process to onboard new employees into the laboratory, explain in detail the objectives of working in a public health laboratory, and provide a road map to navigate the day-to-day activities. This presentation will provide information that all laboratory professionals should have before they begin working in the laboratory environment. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

CDC's OneLab Network is a collaborative community of public health and clinical laboratory professionals and CDC. OneLab Network connects laboratory professionals and CDC through live events and provides access to customized laboratory training resources.

### NACCHO Now Accepting Applications for 2024 Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the CDC, is currently accepting applications for the 2024 cohort of the [Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program](#). The program will match local health departments with demonstrated experience in using wastewater surveillance with local health departments seeking guidance, tools, and resources while in the early stages of developing a wastewater surveillance program. **Applications and all supporting materials must be submitted via email to [WASH@naccho.org](mailto:WASH@naccho.org) by 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, February 5**. For additional information, access the full [Request for Application](#).

NACCHO will host an optional informational webinar at **1 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 18**, to provide an overview of the application process and answer questions from potential applicants. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.



## News You Can Use



## **CDC Provides Update on High Blood Lead Levels in Children Consuming Recalled Cinnamon Applesauce**

CDC, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state and local officials are investigating a link between blood lead levels and children consuming certain apple purée and applesauce products containing cinnamon. The following brands have voluntarily recalled certain lots of the following products that were tested and found to contain high levels of lead:

- WanaBana brand apple cinnamon fruit purée pouches
- Schnucks brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches
- Weis brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

CDC and FDA continue investigations to identify individuals across the United States who may have consumed these products with high levels of lead. Updates about the investigation can be found on the FDA's website at [Investigation of Elevated Lead Levels: Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches](#).

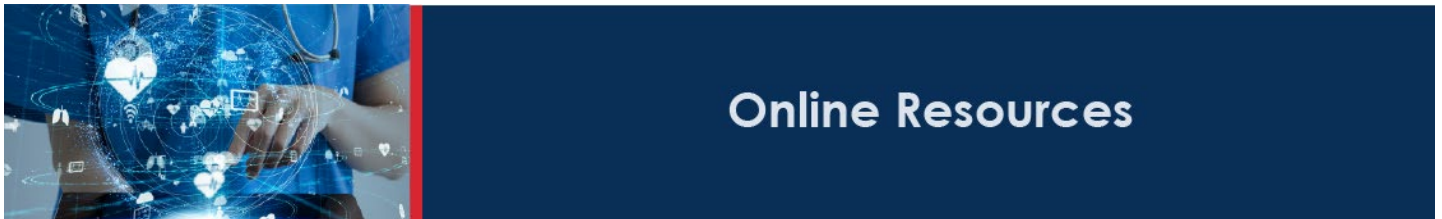
Following are additional CDC resources.

- [Lead Poisoning Outbreak Linked to Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches](#) (Updates on case identification)
- CDC [health advisory](#) published November 13, 2023 (Information for clinicians)
- [Update on High Blood Lead Levels in Children Consuming Recalled Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches and Potential Chromium Exposure](#)

## **NACCHO Commemorates 30 Years of Service to Local Public Health**

In 2024, NACCHO commemorates its 30-year journey in support of local public health. In 1965, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and other partners decided to form an association to represent the voice of local public health. The result was the National Association of County Health Officials, also known as NACHO. For two decades, the association was a volunteer-only group that worked to serve the needs of local health departments. In 1994, NACHO merged with the U.S. Conference of Local Health Officers (USCLHO) to establish the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide one national voice for local public health.

Throughout 2024, NACCHO will celebrate and commemorate its 30 years of service to the country's more than 3,300 local health departments. Learn more at the [NACCHO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary webpage](#).



## **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 12](#)
- [Topical Antifungal Prescribing for Medicare Part D Beneficiaries — United States, 2021](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger — United States, 2024](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — United States, 2024](#)
- [Effectiveness of Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines in Preventing COVID-19–Related Thromboembolic Events Among Medicare Enrollees Aged ≥65 Years and Those with End Stage Renal Disease — United States, September 2022–March 2023](#)
- [Notice to Readers: Change in Publication Date of MMWR Series](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged 5–17 Years Who Had Been the Victim of Violence or Witnessed Violence in Their Neighborhood, by Disability Status and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2022](#)

## **CDC Online Resources**

- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)

- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
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