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FRIDAY UPDATE

March 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 (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 BP5 Funding Totals Corrected in PERFORMS

On Tuesday, March 21, CDC notified PHEP recipients that the PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) funding information in PERFORMS had been corrected following an unexpected formatting issue that caused the funding numbers to be displayed incorrectly. As a reminder and as noted in the March 17 DSLR Friday Update, CDC has extended the GrantSolutions and PERFORMS application deadline to **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 21**, to give recipients more time to finalize budgets and work plans and get final application approvals from their jurisdictional leadership. CDC highly encourages recipients to submit their applications before the April 21 deadline to help **expedite processing of their funding awards**. Recipients should direct any questions to their assigned project officers.

PORTS Office Hours Scheduled for March 30

DSLRL will conduct two PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) office-hour sessions from **11 a.m. to noon EDT and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT on Thursday, March 30**. The sessions will serve as an open

forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module or ORR guidance questions related to entering and submitting data. The PORTS training team and DSLR evaluation staff will facilitate the PORTS sessions. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to dslrtraining@cdc.gov. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information – 11 a.m. to Noon EDT

Dial-In: (888) 994-4478 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 294 707 705 609

Phone Conference ID: 753 293 660

Access Link: [PORTS Office Hours](#)

Participant Information – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT

Dial-In: (888) 994-4478 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 258 153 463 625

Phone Conference ID: 713 048 119

Access Link: [PORTS Office Hours](#)



CDC Launches New Mpox Funding Webpage

CDC recently launched a new [Mpox Funding](#) webpage. The new webpage includes links to CDC's [updated mpox guidance](#) issued January 31, which incorporates mpox guidance issued in December 2022 and serves as the overarching guidance for all mpox funding recipients. Other information available includes funding tables for awards issued in December 2022 and February 2023 and related webinar recordings. The mpox funding webpage is located on CDC's recently updated [Public Health Crisis Response Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) webpage.

In addition, a new mpox vaccine webpage and locator widget are now available on CDC's [mpox vaccination page](#). To use the widget, simply enter a zip code into the field to see nearby mpox vaccine sites.

CDC Provides Update on Marburg Virus

On February 13, Equatorial Guinea [declared an outbreak of Marburg virus](#), which currently consists of one confirmed case and eight probable cases. To date, no probable or confirmed cases of [Marburg virus disease](#) (MVD) have been reported in the United States or anywhere outside of Equatorial Guinea, and the risk of MVD in the United States is very low. On March 21, CDC issued a [travel health notice](#) for Marburg in Tanzania. CDC alerted state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health agencies as well as nongovernmental partners to this information in a March 21 letter. The letter also included links to MVD-related resources currently available. In addition, CDC is currently reviewing and updating, as needed, other existing Marburg and viral hemorrhagic fever resources and will make these materials available to STLT jurisdictions and partners.

CDC is working with federal and international partners to support the government of Equatorial Guinea in their efforts to contain the outbreak as soon as possible. CDC is also coordinating with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and other interagency colleagues to ensure domestic preparedness for this threat.

MVD Informational Resources

- [Marburg Disease Outbreak](#)
- [Marburg Virus Disease Information](#)
- [A Clinicians Reference Guide to Marburg Virus Disease](#)
- [EMS Guidelines for Marburg Disease](#)

Updated EMS Checklist for Ebola Now Available

CDC recently updated a checklist for emergency medical services (EMS) providers regarding the safe transport of patients with suspected or confirmed Ebola virus disease. CDC disseminated the checklist to STLT jurisdictions and nongovernmental partners earlier this week. The checklist is available at www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness-508.pdf.

White House to Host Mpox Virtual Gathering on March 31

The White House Administration is hosting an mpox virtual meeting at **9:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, March 31**, to share current research across the United States government. This live, virtual meeting will focus on four mpox research topics: vaccines and other prevention strategies, treatment, diagnostics, and surveillance. Advanced [registration](#) is required.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

ASPR Provides Updated Information on SNS Request Process

Updated information on [requesting assets from the Strategic National Stockpile \(SNS\)](#) is now available online. On this page, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response has outlined the general process for who can request the SNS, what the SNS can provide, where to direct a request, the critical information needed when a request is received, and what to expect when submitting a request. The new information updates the existing “requesting SNS assets” page that previously focused on how to request COVID-19 supplies to make it more inclusive of all SNS assets. Emergency contact information for initiating a request is also included on this web page. For questions, please contact the SNS Operations Center at sns.ops@cdc.gov.

Learn How to Combat Public Health Misinformation during March 28 Webinar

Join the Public Health Communications Collaborative on March 28 for a webinar on [When and How to Respond to Public Health Misinformation](#). Panelists will discuss the differences between misinformation and disinformation, when to respond to misinformation, and approaches for responding across multiple channels. Participants will leave with actionable insights to take back to their departments and communities.

New Climate Action Toolkit Available Online for Local Health Departments

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and [Climate for Health](#) have developed a [Climate Action Toolkit](#), providing targeted climate-focused resources. With this toolkit, jurisdictions can engage their community, the public, and policymakers regarding climate solutions that help protect families and communities. The toolkit also includes an on-demand [ambassador training](#) that will equip participants with the knowledge, hands-on experience, and resources to speak on climate change and solutions. The ambassador training qualifies for three continuing education units.

Reminder: SAMS Maintenance to Affect CDC IT Systems

From 9 p.m. EDT today, Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26, CDC's Secure Access Management System (SAMS) will be offline to complete an upgrade to its production database. During this time, SAMS authentication services will be frequently unavailable as upgrade tasks are completed and tested. This will affect all systems that use SAMS authentication services such as PERFORMS, PORTS, On-TRAC, and REDCap. Recipients should make alternative plans for any work they may have scheduled during this downtime and should also log out of the systems prior to the start of the scheduled maintenance.

CDC and ATSDR Begin Next Steps in ACE Investigation in East Palestine, Ohio

CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are preparing for the next phase of the [Assessment of Chemical Exposure](#) (ACE) investigation to assess the health impacts of the February 3 train derailment that occurred in East Palestine, Ohio. CDC and ATSDR have provided technical assistance to local, state, and federal partners from the beginning of the emergency event and will continue to respond to requests for remote technical assistance for as long as needed. The ACE survey will remain online, and data collection will continue until March 31. Over the next two months, CDC and ATSDR will work with the health departments to analyze data and share results. These results can be used by the states to help inform public health recommendations and lessons learned. CDC and ATSDR will continue to support the health departments in Ohio and Pennsylvania to address the public health needs of the region. Read the full press release at [CDC and ATSDR Staff Begin Next Steps in ACE Investigation in East Palestine, Ohio](#).

U.S.-Led Global Effort Dramatically Increases Number of People Receiving Lifesaving HIV Treatment



A new [analysis](#) from CDC reveals that the number of people receiving lifesaving HIV treatment through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has increased 300 times in under 20 years, from 2004 to 2022. The number of people receiving HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART) through PEPFAR increased from 66,500 individuals in 2004, the year after PEPFAR was launched, to more than 20 million people in 2022.

Read the full media statement at [U.S.-Led Global Effort Dramatically Increases Number of People Receiving Lifesaving HIV Treatment in Less than Two Decades](#).

CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings

Spring forward with the following featured trainings on [CDC Learning Connection](#), some of which offer free continuing education credit.

- Learn how to assess and treat post-COVID conditions (PCC) in youth with [Evaluating and Supporting Children and Adolescents Presenting with PCC](#). Free continuing education credit is available.
- Community engagement improves the sustainability of public health programs and is key to achieving equity. Learn best practices to partner with and empower communities with [Community Engagement](#).

- Less than half of patients at risk for healthcare-associated blood clots receive appropriate prophylaxis. Learn how to prevent and treat blood clots with [Stop the Clot](#). Free continuing education credit is available.

[Sign up](#) to receive the CDC Learning Connection newsletter to stay informed about public health trainings from CDC and partners.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 24](#)
- [Tuberculosis — United States, 2022](#)
- [Retaining Patients with Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis on Treatment During the COVID-19 Pandemic — Dharavi, Mumbai, India, 2020–2022](#)
- [Tuberculosis Outbreak in a State Prison System — Washington, 2021–2022](#)
- [Recommendations for Use of Video Directly Observed Therapy During Tuberculosis Treatment — United States, 2023](#)
- [Vital Signs: Progress Toward Eliminating HIV as a Global Public Health Threat Through Scale-Up of Antiretroviral Therapy and Health System Strengthening Supported by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief — Worldwide, 2004–2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Serious Psychological Distress During the Past 30 Days, by Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, 2021](#)
- [Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 8 Years — Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2020](#)
- [Early Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 4 Years — Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2020](#)
- [Recommendations for Use of Video Directly Observed Therapy During Tuberculosis Treatment — United States, 2023](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [2022 U.S. Mpox Outbreak](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC](#)
- **UPDATED** [Global Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Cases by Age and Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Symptoms](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Wastewater Data](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Vaccine Administration U.S. Map](#)
- **UPDATED** [Demographics of Patients Receiving TPOXX for Treatment of Mpox](#)
- **UPDATED** [Non-Variola Orthopoxvirus and Mpox Virus Laboratory Testing Data](#)

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