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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 15, 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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The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 20**. The Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) will provide updates related to the reorganization efforts, including changes to jurisdictional points of contact. Other topics include a status update on the next five-year PHEP notice of funding opportunity, proposed modifications to Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) requirements, and an update on current Office of Inspector General and Government Accountability Office oversight activities related to preparedness and response funding. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

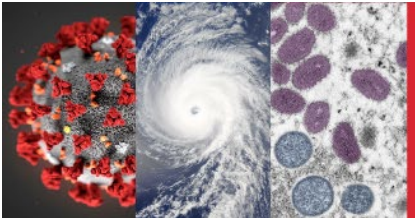
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CDC will conduct a replay of the recipient call at 7 p.m. EDT the same day, using the same connection details.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC to Host Webinar on Increasing Mpox Vaccinations on September 21

CDC will host a community of practice (CoP) webinar on “Increasing Mpox Vaccinations through a Comprehensive Public Health Approach” at **2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 21**. Representatives from three organizations will share their innovative methods, including outreach efforts, to increase demand for mpox vaccination by integrating activities with other routine health services or as part of specific events. These organizations received support through the CDC Foundation’s Reducing Disparities in Mpox Vaccinations mini-grant funding opportunity.

Participant Information

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Preparedness and Response Resources

September 19 COCA Call Addresses Recommendations for Upcoming Respiratory Virus Season

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 19**. During this COCA call, CDC presenters will provide updates about the latest recommendations and clinical considerations for administering influenza, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines to adults 60 years and older and discuss resources and communication strategies that may help facilitate older adult vaccination.

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

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NACCHO to Host Webinar on Role of Local Public Health Workforce in Healthcare IPC

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar on “The Role of Local Public Health Workforce in Healthcare IPC” from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 19**. Participants will learn about the role and needs of the local public health workforce in healthcare infection prevention and control (IPC). These IPC practices aim to prevent and control the spread of infections, including healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistant pathogens, and emerging infectious diseases, in healthcare settings. Local health departments play a critical role as frontline staff in supporting IPC in healthcare facilities.

NACCHO partners [WE Public Health](#) and [Cardea](#) will highlight the findings of a workforce environmental scan that characterized local health’s role in IPC and an assessment to identify essential skills to enhance local IPC workforce capacity and build impactful partnerships. [Register here](#) to attend the webinar.

ACF to Host Post-Disaster Housing Assistance Webinar on September 20

In observance of National Preparedness month, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will host a webinar on ACF programs that provide post-disaster housing assistance from **2:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 20**. This [webinar](#) will feature a panel discussion on a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) and [factsheet](#) on post-disaster housing assistance for disaster survivors that may be available through four ACF programs. These programs include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Human service providers, emergency managers, and all who assist disaster survivors are encouraged to attend. [Register here](#) to attend the webinar.

September 21 COCA Call Highlights Algorithms for Diagnosing Endemic Environmental Fungal Diseases

CDC will conduct a COCA call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 21**. During this COCA call, CDC presenters will discuss the endemic mycoses blastomycosis, coccidioidomycosis (Valley fever), and histoplasmosis, which are environmental fungal diseases that are frequently misdiagnosed. Participants will learn about these infections’ epidemiology and diagnostic challenges. Participants will also be introduced to new clinical diagnostic algorithms to address these challenges and improve the timely diagnosis of blastomycosis, coccidioidomycosis, and histoplasmosis.

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ACIP Approves Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation

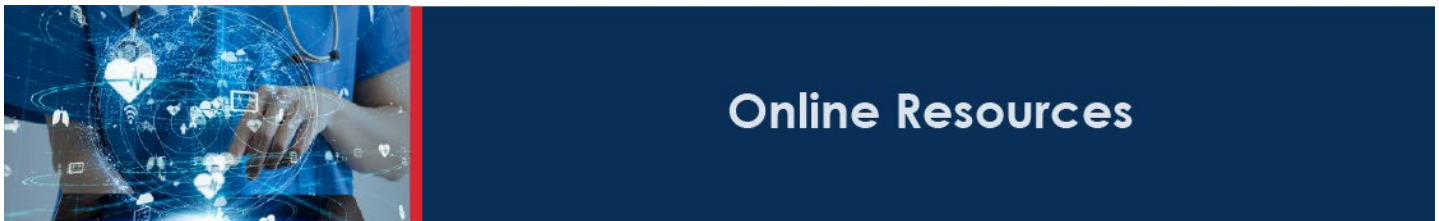
CDC has adopted the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ \(ACIP\)](#) recommendation that everyone ages six months and older get the updated COVID-19 vaccine. ACIP approved the recommendation during its

September 12 meeting. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is effective against the most commonly circulating variants, including BA.2.86, which CDC is closely monitoring. CDC expects the updated COVID-19 vaccine will be available in the United States this week and will be widely available through healthcare providers and pharmacies.

The ACIP will meet at **10 a.m. EDT on Friday, September 22**, to discuss maternal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) recommendations. Visit CDC's [Respiratory Virus Updates](#) webpage for the latest science and recommendations on this topic.

NACCHO Extends 2024 Preparedness Summit Abstracts Deadline to September 22

NACCHO has extended the 2024 Preparedness Summit [abstract submission](#) deadline to **Friday, September 22**. The 2024 summit will be held March 25-28 in Cleveland, Ohio. The 2024 theme, "Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management: Aligning to Address Cascading Challenges," will provide an opportunity to revisit pressing issues in preparedness and share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats. More information is available on the [2024 Preparedness Summit](#) website.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 15](#)
- [Suspected *Legionella* Transmission from a Single Donor to Two Lung Transplant Recipients — Pennsylvania, May 2022](#)
- [Wastewater Surveillance Data as a Complement to Emergency Department Visit Data for Tracking Incidence of Influenza A and Respiratory Syncytial Virus — Wisconsin, August 2022–March 2023](#)
- [Interim Effectiveness Estimates of 2023 Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccines in Preventing Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations — REVELAC-i Network, March–July 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Online Weight Loss Supplements Labeled as Tejocote \(*Crataegus mexicana*\) Root, Substituted with Yellow Oleander \(*Cascabela thevetia*\) — United States, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Suicide Rates, by Method of Suicide — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2001–2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [2022-2023 U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Health Departments](#)

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