

DSLRL

FRIDAY UPDATE

June 10, 2022

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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](#) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.



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HPP-PHEP Recipient Business Meeting Rescheduled for **July 13**

CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a joint HPP-PHEP recipient business meeting from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT** on **Wednesday, July 13**. Joint agenda topics include the future of preparedness and response post COVID-19. As this will be a discussion-based meeting, recipients should come prepared to discuss the challenges they're facing and how HPP and PHEP can work together to address these issues. In addition to joint topics, discussions will be held on HPP- and PHEP-specific topics. ASPR and CDC will email the final agenda to HPP and PHEP recipients. The meeting will be virtual and participant information is forthcoming.

Additional PORTS Office Hours Scheduled

CDC has scheduled additional dates to assist PHEP recipients in entering PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) data using the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). These office hours serve as an open forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module and how to submit data properly. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to dslrtraining@cdc.gov. Each PORTS office hours session will be facilitated by the PORTS instructor team and

ORR evaluation staff.

Upcoming [PORTS Office Hours](#) will be held from:

- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 13
- 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 21
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 27



CDC Releases New Study on Ventilation Improvement Strategies among K–12 Public Schools

On June 7, CDC released a [new study](#) that examines what K-12 schools are doing to improve ventilation. Among U.S. K-12 public schools, higher-cost and resource-intensive ventilation improvement strategies used to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as replacing and upgrading heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems or use of high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration systems, were less commonly reported, particularly among rural and mid-poverty schools.

With the current school year ending, summertime is an opportunity for schools to make ventilation improvements ahead of the upcoming school year. There are a variety of options schools can use to improve ventilation. These improvements can reduce SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) transmission in school settings, prevent transmission of other infectious diseases, and lead to broader improvements in the health of students and staff.

For information on improving ventilation in schools, visit the following resources:

- [Ventilation in Schools and Child Care Programs](#)
- [Interactive School Ventilation Tool](#)
- [Reducing SARS-CoV-2 in Shared Indoor Air](#) (Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Viewpoint article)

HHS Provides Update on State Antiviral Drug Stockpile

HHS is aware that some states continue to retain stockpiles of antiviral drugs as part of pandemic influenza preparedness activities. Many of the drug lots held in state stockpiles have passed the manufacturer's labeled expiration date or the extended expiration dates previously provided by HHS to states. Updated information from the FDA about additional extended expiration dating of properly stockpiled Tamiflu and Relenza products can be found in the full [State Antiviral Drug Stockpile HHS Update: April 28, 2022](#).

States may contact their PHEP project officer or email preparednesshelpdesk@cdc.gov or sns.ops@cdc.gov to confirm the newly extended dates for their antiviral drug inventories eligible for extension. To confirm extension dates, please provide the following information: drug name, NDC, strength, lot number, and original labeled expiration date. As noted above, the Tamiflu extensions do not apply to generic versions of oseltamivir.

New and Updated COVID-19 Resources Now Available

- On June 2, the [Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Operational Planning Guide](#) was updated to include details about the anticipated Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children ages 6 months through 4 years, the Moderna vaccine for children ages 6 months through 5 years, and the pre-order process and related assumptions. For more information, visit CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children](#) webpage.
- COVID Data Tracker's [Vaccine Effectiveness](#) webpage was recently updated to highlight the most current relevant studies and findings, allowing for easier interpretation. The webpage includes a summary table of CDC-authored vaccine effectiveness studies published in the previous month, as well as key findings by age group.
- CDC's [COVID Data Tracker](#) was updated to include the following:

A recording of the call will be available for viewing on the [COCA Call webpage](#) a few hours after the live event ends. The slide set will be available on the day of the call on the [COCA Call webpage](#) under Call Materials. Free [Continuing Education \(CE\)](#) will be offered for this COCA Call. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 396 0029

Passcode: 308026

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1603960029?pwd=Z0x1SE1mR3ZNUXFSK3hBckw3aFlyUT09>

Strategic National Stockpile Course Listings Available on CDC Train

CDC has made available the following Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) courses through [CDC TRAIN](#). Registration is required for each course.

- [Risk Communications for an SNS Response](#)
- [Developing MCM Response Plans](#)
- [Training, Exercise, and Evaluating Plans](#)

Centering Racial Equity in the Work to End Homelessness Webinar Scheduled for June 16

The National Alliance to End Homelessness will host a webinar entitled “Centering Racial Equity in the Work to End Homelessness: Aligning Vision with Practice at the Systems Level” from **1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 16** to discuss promoting racial equity in the homelessness system. The webinar will offer practical road maps for making sustainable change at the systems level. Participants will hear from leaders that are taking steps such as revamping coordinated entry to factor equity into new housing subsidies to statewide plans.

Register [here](#) to attend this webinar.

EPA Launches Let's Talk About Heat Challenge Competition

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and co-sponsors recently launched the Let's Talk About Heat Challenge, a national competition to identify innovative and effective communication strategies that inform people of the risks of extreme heat and offer ways to keep safe during the hottest days of the year. Extreme heat is an increasing problem for all parts of the United States, and our changing climate means more parts of the country are likely to see extreme heat days in the future. Hotter temperatures are especially hard on children, older adults, outdoor workers and athletes, overburdened groups, and those already suffering from chronic illnesses.



The Let's Talk About Heat Challenge seeks innovative solutions that show how communities of different sizes and in different parts of the country create effective communication strategies to inform and raise public awareness of health risks from extreme heat. The EPA is looking for innovative ways to reach our most at-risk communities with clear information about how to stay safe on the hottest days. This challenge will award a total of \$120,000 in prizes for up to ten of the most innovative communication strategies. Interested jurisdictions must submit their [application](#) by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 22**. For questions regarding the challenge, contact heatchallenge@epa.gov.

For additional information, view the EPA's [Let's Talk About Heat Challenge](#) webpage and [press release](#).

The EPA will host an informational webinar at **2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 22** to provide an overview and answer questions about the Let's Talk About Heat Challenge. [Registration](#) is required to attend the webinar.



News You Can Use

Next CDC All-STLT COVID-19 Partner National Call to Be Held June 21

The next CDC COVID-19 All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (STLT) biweekly update call will take place at **2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 21, due to the Juneteenth holiday** on Monday, May 20. This call series provides STLT partners with the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak and U.S. preparedness efforts. During the calls, experts from different parts of CDC's COVID-19 response provide updates on the latest scientific findings, guidance for operations, and information resources. Registration for the call series is [available at this link](#). After registering, participants will receive a **unique** participant link via email.

CDC Awards \$215 Million in Funding to Advance National Cancer Prevention and Control toward Cancer Moonshot Goals

On June 8, CDC announced first-year funding awards of \$215 million in a 5-year, \$1.1 billion investment into three national programs to prevent and control cancer. Eighty-six unique recipients from state, local, tribal, and territorial public health organizations and academic institutions received funding, representing all states, the District of Columbia, 18 tribal organizations, five U.S. territories, and three freely associated states. For information on awards, click [here](#).

This new round of funding supports progress toward CDC's cancer prevention and control goals to reduce preventable cancers; ensure all people get the right screening at the right time for the best outcomes; and improve health and wellness for cancer survivors leading to longer, healthier lives.

This will be accomplished by funding three national cancer programs:

- [The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program \(NBCCEDP\)](#) was federally mandated in 1990. It supports breast and cervical cancer screening services for women with lower incomes who are uninsured or underinsured as well as the implementation of evidence-based interventions to increase screening and improve screening practices in the clinics that serve them.
- [The National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program \(NCCCP\)](#) was established in 1998. It supports cancer coalitions that plan and implement evidence-based strategies in their comprehensive cancer control plans.
- [The National Program of Cancer Registries \(NPCR\)](#) was federally mandated in 1992. It supports population-based cancer registries to collect cancer surveillance data to measure progress, drive action, prevent cancers, and improve cancer treatment for all people.

View the full press release at [CDC Awards \\$215 Million in Funding to Advance National Cancer Prevention and Control toward Cancer Moonshot Goals](#).

NACCHO Announces Funding Opportunity: Preparing for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Emergencies Among People Experiencing Homelessness

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has announced a [funding opportunity](#) through a Request for Application (RFA) process for local health departments and other governmental agencies. With support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NACCHO will support approximately five jurisdictions in adapting and exercising their emergency preparedness plans to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness during WASH emergencies. Applicants may apply for funding awards of up to \$42,000. Applications are due by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 1**. For additional information, view the full [RFA](#).

NACCHO will host an optional informational webinar from **1:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 15** to provide an overview of the RFA and to answer questions. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

NACCHO Seeks Subject Matter Experts in Academic Detailing

NACCHO is seeking 3 to 4 individuals with experience or expertise in academic detailing to participate in a Law Enforcement and Harm Reduction Learning Collaborative. The group will meet virtually four to five times over the upcoming months to identify how the core components of academic detailing can be applied to existing training, supervision, mentorship, and accountability processes within law enforcement agencies to encourage officers to incorporate harm reduction into their practices. The subject matter experts (SMEs) selected will participate in collaborative learning calls with law enforcement from jurisdictions with pre-arrest diversion/deflection programs to identify how academic detailing can be applied to law enforcement. SMEs will also participate in developing key messaging related to harm reduction for law enforcement.

For additional information contact Audrey Eisemann at aeisemann@naccho.org.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 10](#)
- [Ventilation Improvement Strategies Among K–12 Public Schools — The National School COVID-19 Prevention Study, United States, February 14–March 27, 2022](#)
- [Characteristics of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Evaluated for Substance Use and Treatment Planning — United States, 2019](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage, by Race and Ethnicity — National Immunization Survey Adult COVID Module, United States, December 2020–November 2021](#)
- [Ventilation Improvement Strategies Among K–12 Public Schools — The National School COVID-19 Prevention Study, United States, February 14–March 27, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Initial Outbreak Response Activity Following Wild Poliovirus Type 1 Detection — Malawi, February 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Diagnosed Heart Disease, by Urbanization Level and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [CDC Awards \\$215 Million in Funding to Advance National Cancer Prevention and Control toward Cancer Moonshot Goals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Operational Planning Guide](#)
- **UPDATED** June 3 [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review Interpretative Summary](#)
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