

FRIDAY UPDATE

June 24, 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](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.



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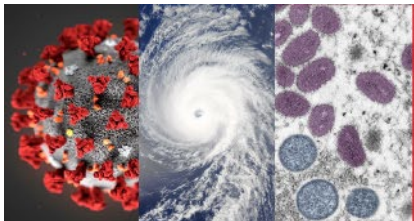
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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

PORTS FAQ Now Available

CDC recently developed a frequently asked questions (FAQ) resource document to provide recipients with answers to common questions regarding the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) and Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module. This document addresses PORTS access, entering Budget Period 3 (BP3) data in the ORR module, and resources available for PORTS users. Recipients may find the FAQ useful as they finalize their BP3 data submissions due **Thursday, June 30**. Click [here](#) to access the FAQ in On-TRAC. Users who do not have access to On-TRAC can request access by following these [instructions](#). Recipients should send additional PORTS questions to dslrtraining@cdc.gov.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Recommends Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Adolescents

On June 24, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine be used as an option for children ages 6 through 17 years, in addition to its already recommended use in children 6 months through 5 years and adults 18 years and older. This recommendation reinforces the use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine as an important tool in the pandemic and [provides another vaccine option](#) for children and adolescents. The ACIP recommendation comes after a thorough review of the scientific evidence demonstrating safety and efficacy and supports the use of the vaccine among those 6 through 17 years of age.

Read the full media statement at [CDC Recommends Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Adolescents](#).

CDC Recommends COVID-19 Vaccines for Young Children

On June 18, CDC's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP) recommended to expand COVID-19 vaccination to children younger than 5 years of age. This decision now universally recommends COVID-19 vaccination for everyone 6 months and older, paving the way for nearly 20 million children in this age group to get vaccinated and allowing providers to begin vaccinating with either the Moderna or the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as soon as possible.

Parents with questions are encouraged to talk to their child's health care provider, school nurse, or local pharmacist to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and the importance of keeping children up to date with all recommended vaccinations.

Following are resources related to the recommendation.

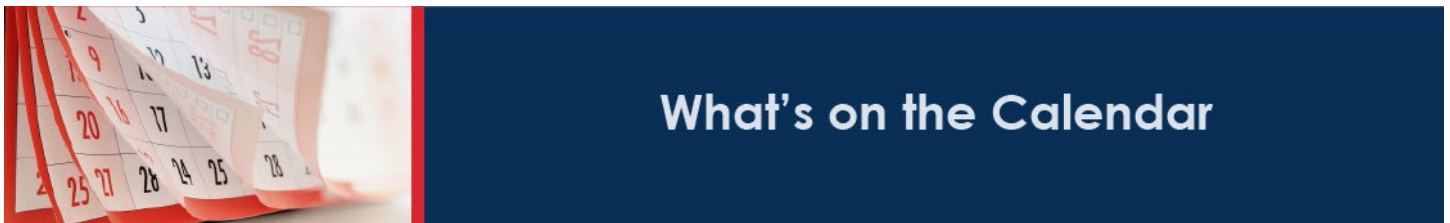
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)
- [Resources to Promote the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens](#)
- [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Pfizer Medical Updates & Immunization Site Training for All Healthcare Providers](#) (including proper use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 6 months through 4 years of age)

CDC Assists with Meningococcal Disease Outbreak Investigation in Florida

CDC continues its collaboration with the Florida Department of Health to investigate outbreaks of meningococcal disease among gay and bisexual men. At least 24 cases and seven deaths among gay and bisexual men have been reported as of June 22.

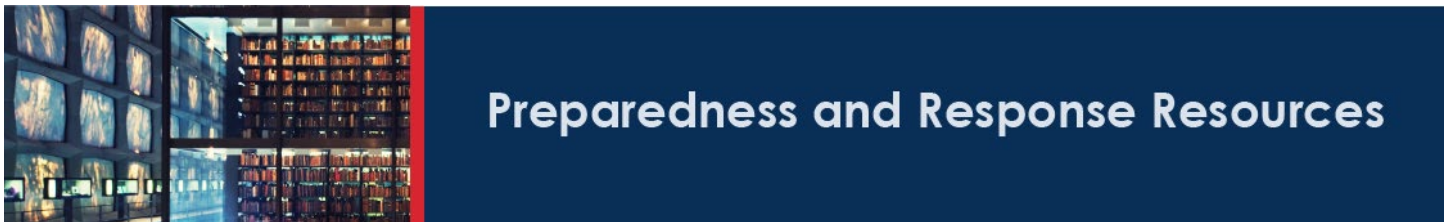
In response to this outbreak, CDC is recommending gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men get a meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) if they live in Florida or talk with their health care providers about getting vaccinated if they are traveling to Florida. CDC is also emphasizing the importance of routine MenACWY vaccination for people with HIV.

More information about the outbreak and the vaccine is available at [Meningococcal Disease in Florida, 2022](#).



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- **June 27** – [PORTS Office Hours](#) (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT)
- **July 13** – PHEP Connects Webinar **Canceled**
- **July 13** – HPP-PHEP Recipient Meeting (1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT)



Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Webinar on COVID-19 Antiviral Treatments Scheduled for June 28

The CDC Foundation in partnership with the Vaccine Equity Cooperative will host a webinar on COVID-19 antiviral treatments from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 28**. Participants in the interactive webinar, "The Who, What, Where and When of COVID-19 Treatments: Everything You Need to Know About Lifesaving Antivirals," will:

- Receive the latest information and resources available on COVID-19 antiviral drugs and the Test to Treat initiative
- Learn about clinical/community organization partnerships and ways to make it easier for individuals to access treatment and information
- Share feedback to senior officials from the CDC and White House COVID-19 response teams on the biggest barriers your communities face in accessing these treatments
- Discuss recommendations to make the oral antiviral program more equitable and effective

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

Evolving Crisis Standards of Care Workshop Series Proceedings Now Available Online

The [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine](#) Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies hosted a series of public workshops to examine staffing and workforce needs, planning and implementation of crisis standards of care (CSC) plans, and legal, ethical, and equity considerations of CSC planning. The [Evolving Crisis Standards of Care and Ongoing Lessons from COVID-19: Proceedings of a Workshop Series](#) publication summarizes the workshop presentations and discussions. CSC plans inform decisions on medical care during a large-scale crisis such as a pandemic or a natural disaster, eliminating the need to make these decisions at the bedside without protections or guidance. Numerous points throughout the COVID-19 pandemic have demonstrated the necessity of this type of crisis planning.



Health Security Journal Solicits Call for Papers

In 2023, [Health Security](#) plans to devote a supplement to global catastrophic biological risks (GCBRs) and has issued a [call for papers](#). As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and other infectious disease threats could appear at any time, there is an opportunity to integrate GCBRs into pandemic preparedness policy and practice. *Health Security* encourages submissions of original research articles, case studies, and commentaries that address lessons learned from COVID-19 or discuss key policy and technology advances that could prevent or better prepare for a more severe, globally catastrophic infectious disease pandemic in the future. All [manuscripts submissions](#) must be submitted by **October 3** for consideration.

For additional information about the supplement, contact Richard Bruns at bruns@jhu.edu.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 24](#)
- [Dispensing of Oral Antiviral Drugs for Treatment of COVID-19 by Zip Code–Level Social Vulnerability — United States, December 23, 2021–May 21, 2022](#)
- [Hospitalization and Emergency Department Encounters for COVID-19 After Paxlovid Treatment — California, December 2021–May 2022](#)
- [Anemia Among Pregnant Women Participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children — United States, 2008–2018](#)
- [HIV Testing Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2019–2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Uninsured Adults Aged 18–64 Years, by Race and Selected Hispanic Origin Subgroup — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019–2020](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Disinfection of the Home and Non-Healthcare Settings](#)
- **UPDATED** [Monkeypox Facts for People Who are Sexually Active](#)
- **UPDATED** [Preventing Monkeypox Spread in Specific Settings](#)
- **UPDATED** [Map of Global Outbreak with Case Counts](#)

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