

# FRIDAY UPDATE

**July 1, 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 (DSL)R 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](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).



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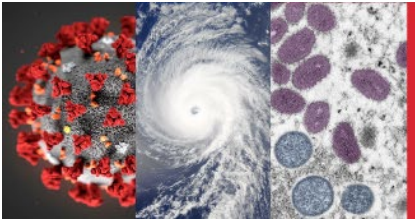
## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### Registration Now Open for July 13 HPP-PHEP Recipient Meeting

CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a virtual 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. **[Registration is required to attend this event.](#)** Upon registering, recipients will receive an email with the Zoom event link as well as a calendar placeholder. ASPR and CDC will email the final agenda to HPP and PHEP recipients.

### PHEP BP4 Begins July 1

Today, July 1, is the start of PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4), which provides a total of **[\\$651,788,620](#)** in fiscal year 2022 funding to 62 PHEP recipients. Recipients should closely review the terms and conditions outlined in their Notices of Awards. The terms and conditions of the awards and the technical review summaries of the funding applications may include budget or programmatic conditions of award that recipients must address. Recipients must respond to these conditions by **Monday, August 15**, in the PERFORMS BP4 Program Management Module and, if applicable, GrantSolutions. Details on the August 15 deadline and other BP4 reporting requirements can be found in the [PHEP BP4 operational timeline](#).



# Emergency Response Activities

## **CDC Activates Emergency Operations Center for Monkeypox Response**

On June 28, CDC activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to the monkeypox outbreak. CDC's activation of the EOC allows the agency to further increase operational support for the response to meet the outbreak's evolving challenges. This action stands up CDC's command center for monitoring and coordinating the emergency response to monkeypox and mobilizing additional CDC personnel and resources. The activation of the EOC will serve to further supplement the ongoing work of CDC staff to respond to this outbreak.

View the full media statement at [CDC Activates Emergency Operations Center for Monkeypox Response](#).

## **Guidance Now Available on Using CDC Funding for STLT Monkeypox Response**

CDC understands that jurisdictional health departments may have questions about resources or existing funds that could be used to support monkeypox response activities. To assist health departments in their planning, CDC has compiled the following short list of cooperative agreements or grants that may be options to support monkeypox activities. However, recipients should contact the appropriate project officers to discuss these options, given the jurisdiction's specific identified needs, and seek CDC approval for the use of the existing funds and any change in planned budgets or actions.

- PHEP Cooperative Agreement
- Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments Cooperative Agreement
- [Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Building for the Prevention of Emerging Infectious Disease \(ELC\) Cooperative Agreement](#)
- Community Health Workers (CHWs) for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR)

PHEP recipients must coordinate with their PHEP project officers prior to redirecting their PHEP funds to support monkeypox response activities. Additional details related to use of PHEP funds for monkeypox response activities can be found in the May 27, 2022, issue of the DSLR Friday Update.

## **New and Updated Monkeypox Resources Available Online**

CDC has provided several new and updated resources regarding the 2022 monkeypox outbreak.

- CDC slide deck from the May 24 COCA Call, [What Clinicians Need to Know about Monkeypox-6-21-2022](#), includes updated photos to assist clinicians in identifying monkeypox cases.
- Slides from the June 23 [Public Health Partner webinar](#) addressing monkeypox medical countermeasures.
- On June 23, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky sent a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) for clinicians, providing critical information regarding the monkeypox outbreak. Recipients are encouraged to share the letter with clinicians in their jurisdictions.
- CDC updated the [Clinician FAQs | Monkeypox](#) to include updated information on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
- CDC updated the [Diagnostic Process for Monkeypox Virus Testing](#) flowchart to:
  - clarify that concurrent diagnostic testing can occur while *Orthopoxvirus* (OPXV) testing is completed;
  - emphasize that public health laboratories do **not** have to seek CDC approval for OPXV testing; and to
  - include after-hours health department contacts so that clinicians can more easily connect when OPXV consultations are needed.

## WHO Releases Report on June 23 Meeting on Monkeypox Outbreak

The World Health Organization (WHO) has made available a report on the June 23 meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) Emergency Committee regarding the monkeypox outbreak in several countries. The full report can be accessed at [WHO Meeting of the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee Regarding the Multicountry Monkeypox Outbreak](#).

## HHS Provides New Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) public education campaign, [We Can Do This](#), recently launched the [Pediatricians and Family Physicians Toolkit](#) to help physicians increase confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines among their patients and in the communities they serve. Developed in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, the toolkit includes information from CDC and new, culturally tailored materials. Toolkit contents include a sample letter to parents, pediatrician talking points, and posters and flyers for offices and waiting rooms, as well as social media posts and sample text messages.

In addition to the new toolkit, HHS has released a new public service announcement in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on the new vaccine authorization for children 6 months and older. Also available is a [one-pager](#) that describes some of the most effective messages when communicating with parents about the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine. Additional resources about the new authorization can be found on the [We Can Do This](#) website.

## Updated COVID-19 Resources Available Online

Following are updated resources on the shelf-life extension of specific COVID-19 therapeutics.

- On June 28, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the authorization of a shelf-life extension—from 18 months to 24 months—for specific lots of the refrigerated AstraZeneca monoclonal antibody, Evusheld (tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab). Evusheld is currently authorized for emergency use for pre-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19 in certain adults and pediatric individuals. For more information, visit [Shelf-Life Extension of Evusheld under Emergency Use Authorization](#).
- On June 27, the FDA authorized a shelf-life extension—from 24 months to 30 months—for specific lots of the refrigerated Regeneron monoclonal antibodies, casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together or REGEN-COV. For more information, visit [FDA Authorizes Shelf-Life Extension for REGEN-COV From 24 months to 30 Months](#).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### NACCHO Hosts July 6 Webinar on Using Research to Inform Local Public Health Programs and Policy

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and its partners will host a webinar at **2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 6**, to discuss how NACCHO research data are used to inform local public health. Panelists will share key findings from the [2019 National Profile of Local Health Departments](#) and [2020 Forces of Change](#), which describe local health department capacity before and during COVID-19. The webinar will describe how research data can inform local public health programming, support community health

improvement activities, and provide greater understanding of the pandemic's transition into an epidemic. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.

### **NACCHO Releases Health Equity Research Brief**

NACCHO, in partnership with [Esri](#), recently release a joint research brief entitled [Opportunities for Systemic Change: How Local Health Departments are Advancing Health Equity Through GIS](#) about how health departments can leverage Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to advance health equity in their jurisdictions. This brief explores and uncovers these disparities and provides actionable examples of how local health departments across the country have used GIS to address health inequities.

For more information, contact [NACCHO-ABP@naccho.org](mailto:NACCHO-ABP@naccho.org).



### **TFAH Releases Emergency Funding Webinar Recording**

The [Trust for America's Health](#) (TFAH) has released online a recording of its June 22 webinar, "[Beyond Emergency Funding: Sustaining Public Health Funding in the Post-COVID Landscape](#)." Panelists included experts from several nongovernmental organizations who discussed why emergency funding alone is not enough to build a strong sustainable public health ecosystem that will be resilient in the face of the next public health emergency or pandemic. Speakers also discussed why robust and sustainable federal funding is necessary to continuously protect the health of Americans.

### **NACCHO360 Conference Scheduled for July 19-21**

Registration is now open for the [2022 NACCHO360 Conference](#), to be held virtually and in person on July 19-21 in Atlanta. The annual NACCHO360 conference bridges traditional public health practices and disciplines with health informatics, information technology, and surveillance.

The 2022 theme, "Looking to the Future: Reshaping the Public Health System", will explore how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward in the midst of an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to restructure a system built to protect the health of communities nationwide.

### **FEMA Seeks Feedback on National Continuous Improvement Guidance**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) seeks input on the draft "National Continuous Improvement Guidance," including edits and suggestions for additional resources and real-world examples that can be incorporated into the guidance. The guidance provides a consistent and rigorous framework to conduct continuous improvement initiatives before, during, and after real-world incidents for the whole community, including state, local, tribal and territorial partners, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, and emergency management organizations. The input period **closes at 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 31**.

To download and review the draft guidance, visit <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/cip-citap/events>. Feedback should be submitted to [FEMA-CITAP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CITAP@fema.dhs.gov).

Additionally, FEMA will host a series of five 60-minute webinar sessions to provide an overview of the draft guidance and to gather feedback from community partners. To register for a webinar, visit <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/cip-citap/events>.

- Noon. to 1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 6
- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT on Friday, July 15
- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 20
- 11 a.m. to Noon EDT on Monday, July 25 (Spanish-speaking session)
- 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 27



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 1](#)
- [Interim Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines in Children Aged 6 Months–5 Years — United States, June 2022](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths — United States and 28 Other High-Income Countries, 2015 and 2019](#)
- [Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guideline for Testing of Transplant Candidates Aged <12 Years for Infection with HIV, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus — United States, 2022](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Availability and Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 5–11 Years — United States, November 1, 2021–April 25, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Adjusted Death Rates for Motor Vehicle Traffic Injury, by Race and Hispanic Origin — United States, 2019 and 2020](#)
- [Interim Analysis of Acute Hepatitis of Unknown Etiology in Children Aged <10 Years — United States, October 2021–June 2022](#)

### Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Dear Colleague Letter](#)
- **NEW** [CDC Activates Emergency Operations Center for Monkeypox Response](#)
- **UPDATED** [Clinician FAQs | Monkeypox](#)
- **UPDATED** [Diagnostic Process for Monkeypox Virus Testing](#) flowchart

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