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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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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Upcoming Deadlines

- **August 15** – Responses to PHEP BP4 Conditions of Award



PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

Responses to PHEP BP4 Conditions of Award Due August 15

Monday, August 15, is the deadline for PHEP recipients to submit responses to budget or programmatic conditions of their Budget Period 4 (BP4) funding awards. CDC encourages PHEP recipients to closely review the terms and conditions outlined in their BP4 Notices of Awards and the technical review summaries of their funding applications for conditions of award that they must address.

Responses should be submitted 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](#). Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers with any questions.

Save the Date: Upcoming August PHEP Connects Webinars

CDC will present two additional PHEP Connects webinars in August. The webinar dates and topics include:



- **2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 18:** Environmental Health: Hurricane Safety and Preparedness
- **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 24:** Hurricane Preparedness in Mississippi

The August 18 webinar will be an encore presentation on “Environmental Health: Hurricane Safety and Preparedness.” Presenters include Vivi Siegel from CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Douglas Hilderbrand from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Weather Service. Speakers will discuss community safety strategies during hurricane season, highlight additional hurricane preparedness training opportunities, and CDC’s [Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters](#). Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)
Meeting ID: 161 241 1865
Passcode: 569595
Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>

PHEP Connects will feature “Hurricane Preparedness in Mississippi” from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 24**. This webinar will focus on Mississippi’s ever-evolving all-hazards preparedness efforts with a focus on hurricane readiness. Christy Berry, director of the Mississippi health department’s Office of Emergency Planning and Response, will share information, updates, and lessons learned from previous responses. Topics will include medical needs sheltering, emergency operations center coordination, and preparedness. Elizabeth Grey, chief of media relations with the health department’s Office of Communications, will provide best practices related to emergency preparedness and response and risk communications. Following is the participant information.

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CDC Provides Guidance on Using CDC Funding for STLT Monkeypox Response

To assist health departments with their planning and response efforts to address the 2022 monkeypox outbreak, 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 funding can be found in the May 27, 2022, issue of the DSLR Friday Update.

CDC Streamlines COVID-19 Guidance

On August 11, [CDC streamlined its COVID-19 guidance](#) to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus. COVID-19 continues to circulate globally; however, with so many tools available for reducing COVID-19 severity, there is significantly less risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death compared to earlier in the pandemic.

In support of this update CDC is:

- Continuing to promote the importance of being [up to date with vaccination](#) to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

- Updating its guidance for people who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines on what to do if exposed to someone with COVID-19. This is consistent with the existing guidance for people who are up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.
- Recommending that instead of quarantining if exposed to COVID-19, those individuals wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day five.
- Reiterating that regardless of vaccination status those with COVID-19 should isolate from others.

CDC’s recommendations will continue to be informed by the [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), which CDC launched in February. CDC will continue to focus efforts on preventing severe illness and post-COVID conditions, while ensuring everyone has the information and tools they need to lower their risk.

The MMWR article, [Summary of Guidance for Minimizing the Impact of COVID-19 on Individual Persons, Communities, and Health Care Systems — United States, August 2022](#), provides information to help people understand their risk, understand how best to prevent COVID-19, know what to do if they’re exposed to or test positive for COVID-19, and take measures to protect others at high risk of severe COVID-19.

To hear more about the updated guidance, please join the CDC COVID-19 All-STLT Update Call from **2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Monday, August 15**. Those who are already registered for the CDC COVID-19 All-STLT Update Call series do not need to register for this call. They can use their existing, personalized link to join the call. Those who are not already registered can [register here](#).



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CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings

Wrap up the summer with [CDC Learning Connection's](#) featured courses and earn free continuing education credit.

- CDC urges U.S. healthcare providers to be alert for patients who have rash illnesses [consistent with monkeypox](#). Learn about updates on monkeypox diagnosis, testing, tecovirimat (TPOXX) treatment, and vaccines with [Monkeypox Outbreak: Updates](#).
- CDC recommends the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine be used as another primary series option for adults ages 18 years and older. Review CDC’s guidance for the vaccine in [Recommendations for the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
- Learn how to recognize, diagnose, and treat tickborne diseases with the [Tickborne Disease Trainings](#).

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

New Public Health Workforce Data and Interactive Dashboard Now Available

Findings from the 2021 Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS) are now available online. Conducted by the Beaumont Foundation and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) between September 2021 and January 2022, the survey provides a unique snapshot of the state and local governmental public health workforce in the United States.

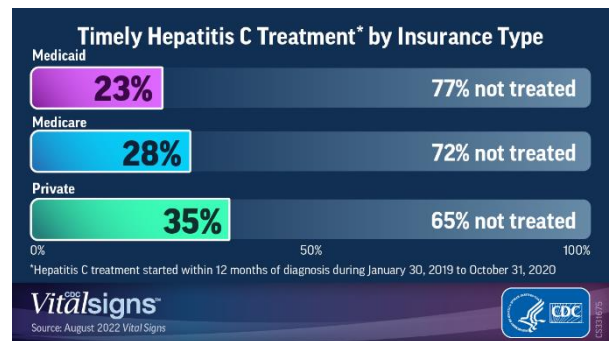
Completed by nearly 45,000 state and local governmental public health employees at all levels, findings from the survey includes interactive dashboards that allow users to explore the data by age, gender, race/ethnicity, professional level, type of health department, and other factors. The survey covers critical data on the work force, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their jobs and professional lives. Learn more about the [PH WINS](#).



New CDC Data Reveal Less Than One-Third of People Diagnosed with Hepatitis C Receive Timely Treatment

A new CDC [Vital Signs report](#) finds that too few people diagnosed with hepatitis C are being treated, despite availability of medications capable of curing this viral infection. According to CDC's estimates:

- Overall, less than one in three people with health insurance get direct-acting antiviral (DAA) [treatment](#) for hepatitis C within a year of diagnosis.
- Treatment is lowest among patients in state-administered [Medicaid](#) plans, with less than one in four Medicaid recipients (23%) being treated within a year of diagnosis.
 - Additionally, Medicaid recipients in states that restrict access to hepatitis C treatment are 23% less likely to receive treatment than Medicaid recipients in states without restrictions.



Hepatitis C is curable with well-tolerated, oral medication. Untreated, hepatitis C can cause liver disease, liver cancer, and death. In 2019, hepatitis C contributed to the deaths of more than 14,000 people in the United States. For the past several years, CDC's annual hepatitis C data have shown the [highest rates of new infection](#) among adults under age 40, indicating that treating this group is critical. However, this new analysis found adults under age 40 have the lowest treatment rates by age group. Among those under age 40, hepatitis C is most commonly spread through injection drug use.

For more information about this report, visit www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns. Read the full media statement at [New CDC Data Reveal Less Than a Third of People Diagnosed with Hepatitis C Receive Timely Treatment for the Deadly, yet Curable, Infection](#).

Federal Health Agencies Unveil National Tool to Measure Health Impacts of Environmental Burdens

On August 10, CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Environmental Justice, released the [Environmental Justice Index \(EJI\)](#). The EJI is the first national, geographic-driven tool designed to measure the cumulative impacts of environmental burden through the lenses of human health and health equity. Cumulative impacts

are the total harm to human health that occurs from the combination of environmental burden such as pollution and poor environmental conditions, pre-existing health conditions, and social factors.

Read the full press release at [Federal Health Agencies Unveil National Tool to Measure Health Impacts of Environmental Burdens](#). For more information about the EJI, visit: <https://eji.cdc.gov>.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 12](#)
- [COVID-19 Self Tests Data: Challenges and Opportunities—United States, October 31, 2021-June 11, 2022](#)
- [Vital Signs: Hepatitis C Treatment Among Insured Adults — United States, 2019–2020](#)
- [Notes from the Field: School-Based and Laboratory-Based Reporting of Positive COVID-19 Test Results Among School-Aged Children — New York, September 11, 2021–April 29, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Overdose Deaths Involving Eutylone \(Psychoactive Bath Salts\) — United States, 2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Current Hepatitis C Virus Infection, by Health Insurance Coverage — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, January 2017–March 2020](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Prevention and Treatment of Monkeypox in Persons with HIV Infection — United States, August 2022](#)
- [Epidemiologic and Clinical Characteristics of Monkeypox Cases — United States, May 17–July 22, 2022](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [JYNNEOS Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine Storage and Handling Summary](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Considerations for Reducing Monkeypox Transmission in Congregate Living Settings](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Vaccines](#)
 - **UPDATED** [ASPR: JYNNEOS Monkeypox Vaccine Distribution by Jurisdiction](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Clinical Recognition](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use Under Expanded Access Investigational New Drug Protocol during 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Cases](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Signs and Symptoms](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Isolation and Prevention Practices for People with Monkeypox](#)
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