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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.

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Updates to BP4 Reporting Requirements Coming Soon

During the September 21 monthly PHEP recipient call, CDC provided an update on reporting requirements for Budget Period 4 (BP4). CDC has updated the following documents and will send them to preparedness directors via email the week of October 10. The documents also will be posted on the CDC website.

- At-a Glance: Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Budget Period 4 (BP4) Requirements
- PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) ORR Implementation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Answers
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement Budget Period 4: COVID-19 and Monkeypox Effects on PHEP Requirements

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Budget Period 4 Benchmarks and Reporting Requirements Overview – Updated October 2022

CDC Provides Instructions on Uploading and Referencing ORR Evidence in PORTS

CDC has developed [instructions](#) for uploading and referencing final evidence within the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) ORR module to meet the October 31 submission deadline. The instructions can be accessed via the Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-TRAC).

October 12 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights CDC Best Practices for Social Media

CDC’s next PHEP Connects webinar, “CDC Social Media: Best Practices, Common Questions, and Emergency Preparedness and Response,” is scheduled from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 12**. CDC presenters Kathleen Layton, senior health communication specialist in the Office of the Associate Director for Communication, and Ethan Riley, health communication specialist in the Center for Preparedness and Response, will share an overview of social media best practices and provide a snapshot of how CDC social media profiles supported the COVID-19 response. The webinar will also highlight CDC’s use of social media during emergency responses and how to use social media to promote personal and public health preparedness. Following is the participant information.



Participant Information:

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



CDC Issues Health Advisory on Outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease in Central Uganda

On October 6, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) health advisory on a recently confirmed [Outbreak of Ebola virus disease \(Sudan ebolavirus\) in central Uganda](#). The health advisory summarizes CDC’s recommendations for U.S. public health departments and clinicians, case identification and testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations.



While no suspected, probable, or confirmed EVD cases related to this outbreak have been reported in the United States, beginning at **11:59 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 10**, the United States will begin directing travelers from Uganda to the United States through five U.S. airports. They include Chicago O'Hare International Airport; Dulles International Airport in Virginia; Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport; John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City; and Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey. Approximately 140 travelers arrive in the United States from Uganda each day; about 65% are U.S. citizens.

CDC held a call October 6 with representatives from national partner organizations and jurisdictional officials to brief them on the funneling of travelers from Uganda to the five airports. Staff at CDC quarantine stations located at the five airports will conduct entry screening, including temperature checks, visual illness checks, and questions about potential exposures and symptoms. CDC will notify state health departments of travelers from Uganda whose final destinations are those jurisdictions. CDC plans to issue additional guidance to jurisdictions soon.

CDC Provides Response Resources for Hurricane-Impacted Jurisdictions

In the wake of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, CDC is prepared to provide post-hurricane support tailored to meet jurisdictional needs. On October 5, CDC provided hurricane-impacted jurisdictions with a menu of CDC support options available to them. CDC sent this information directly to state, tribal, and territorial health officials, epidemiologists, preparedness directors, and environmental health officials to ensure impacted jurisdictions are aware of these resources. The affected jurisdictions include Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

CDC response capabilities range from the support of subject matter experts in a variety of disciplines to technical consultation that can be provided in the field or virtually. CDC can also offer guidance and tools addressing building assessments, drinking water safety, worker safety and health issues, and vector control, to name a few.

CDC encourages jurisdictions to review these resources and inform CDC if any of these services or other services are needed. Jurisdictions can also request individual consultation calls with CDC to obtain more information on how CDC can support their jurisdictional needs. CDC also shared the resource information with federally recognized tribes and requested that jurisdictions let CDC know of any needs their state-recognized tribes may have.

Jurisdictions should communicate their needs, or lack thereof, to the CDC Hurricane Response team at eocevent464@cdc.gov. CDC can also offer jurisdiction-specific consultations to discuss needs further; these should be coordinated through outreach to the response at eocevent464@cdc.gov.

Clinical Guidance Available for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Following Hurricanes

CDC reminds healthcare professionals providing care for patients from areas affected by Hurricanes Fiona or Ian to maintain a high index of suspicion for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Other people who may have been exposed to the same CO source may need to be identified and evaluated. People whose homes or business have lost electrical power due to Hurricanes Fiona or Ian may turn to alternate power sources such as gasoline generators and may use propane or charcoal grills for cooking. Other sources of CO poisoning can include motor vehicles, boats, camp stoves, and gas-powered tools. If used or placed improperly, these sources can lead to CO build up inside buildings, garages, or campers, and poison the people and animals inside.

Read the full Health Alert Network (HAN) health advisory at [Hurricanes Fiona and Ian—Clinical Guidance for Carbon Monoxide \(CO\) Poisoning](#) to review clinical recommendations.

Additional Resources

- [Clinical Guidance for Carbon Monoxide \(CO\) Poisoning After a Disaster](#)
- [General Resources for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning](#)
- [Safe Practices Related to Generators](#)

October 13 COCA Call Addresses What Clinicians Need to Know about Melioidosis

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 13**. During the call, presenters will provide updates on the new and evolving epidemiology of melioidosis in the United States and discuss what clinicians need to know to prevent, diagnose, and treat melioidosis. Presenters will also address what the CDC is doing to learn more about melioidosis in the United States.

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. Free [continuing education \(CE\)](#) credits will be offered for this COCA call.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 475 8867

Passcode: 254552



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Offers CRC SimPLER 101 and 102 Trainings

CDC will offer the following live virtual trainings for CRC SimPLER (Community Reception Center Simulation Program for Leveraging and Evaluating Resources), a planning tool for public health emergencies. Health departments and emergency managers can use CRC SimPLER to present estimates about community reception center (CRC) capacity when planning and responding to radiation emergencies. The tool was developed based on user testing feedback from state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments around the country. Planners can use the easy-to-understand and interpreted estimates from the tool and the results of its scenario outputs comparison feature to discuss resource needs with decision makers.

- **[CRC SimPLER 101](#)**: “Introduction to CRC SimPLER” will be held from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 13**. This training will provide an overview of community reception centers and the CRC SimPLER tool and provide a demonstration of SimPLER with input from participants on what inputs and scenarios they would like to see and to gain experience in using CRC SimPLER.
- **[CRC SimPLER 102](#)**: “Intermediate Planning with CRC SimPLER” will be held from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 17**. This training will provide participants with opportunities to engage in hands-on activities to adapt models based on their own CRC plans. Participants are encouraged to review their CRC plans prior to the training. This training will also cover how to request custom modelling from the SimPLER team.

After registering for each session, participants will receive a confirmation email with the login information to join the training.

Those with questions prior to the training or who would like to schedule a separate session for their jurisdictions should contact simpler@cdc.gov. CRC SimPLER can be accessed at <https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/simPler/CRC/home>.

NACCHO Seeks Best Practices Surrounding Preparedness Planning for Aging Populations and Dementia

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with the [Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving](#), is seeking to highlight the work of a local health department during a webinar scheduled for **October 20**. NACCHO is seeking a health department that has done any activities, programming or planning for natural disaster preparedness and response, specifically targeted to people living with dementia and their dementia caregivers. Interested health departments should contact Lean Abdelaziz at labeledaziz@naccho.org for more information.

PHAB to Host October 20 Informational Webinar on Pathways Recognition Program

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and NACCHO will host a webinar on the PHAB Pathways Recognition Program at **1 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 20**. The webinar will discuss the Pathways Recognition program and why the program is important for health departments, and how to apply and join the first cohort of the program.

The Pathways Recognition program is designed to support performance improvement efforts, strengthen infrastructure, and facilitate public health system transformation for local, tribal, and territorial public health departments. [Register](#) to attend the webinar.

FEMA Releases Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide: Roles and Resources in Emergency Management

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently released the [Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide: Roles and Resources in Emergency Management](#). This guide provides an executive-level introduction to emergency management concepts and principles for local senior officials and identifies local senior officials' roles and responsibilities for incident emergency management before, during, and after disasters. The guide also explains how to access additional resources.

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinar sessions to provide an overview of the guide and associated quick reference guide and checklists. The sessions will include facilitated discussions with stakeholders. Advance registration is required. To register, click on the link to one of the following sessions.

- [Register](#) – **4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, October 12**
- [Register](#) – **10 a.m. EDT Tuesday, October 18**
- [Register](#) – **3 p.m. EDT Thursday, October 20**

FEMA and EDA Release New Resource to Align Community Plans and Build Resilience

FEMA and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) released a new [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Hazard Mitigation Plan Alignment Guide](#) to help align hazard mitigation plans with Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). The guide includes economic development concepts to add to hazard mitigation plans. It also encourages integration of information from risk assessments and hazard mitigation ideas to use in a CEDS.

A CEDS must include economic resilience in its strategy; a hazard mitigation plan identifies and plans for natural hazard risks to key sectors, including the economy. Aligning these means community partners can coordinate better, share priorities and actions that reduce risk, and better use funding.



2023 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity Available

[AmeriCorps](#), in partnership with CDC, launched the [2023 AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#), a \$400 million investment to engage new communities and individuals in public health, recruiting, and building a new workforce ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. Funding is open to nonprofit, faith-based, tribal, and community-based organizations; higher education institutions; and state, local, and territorial government entities, including local public health departments. Applications must be submitted by **5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. For additional guidance, contact AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov.

CDC Announces 2022-2023 Flu Vaccination Campaign Kickoff

On October 4, CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) launched the 2022-2023 flu vaccination season. CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, presented an overview of last year's flu season and reviewed the most recent flu vaccination coverage data. She also discussed the upcoming flu season, including the preferential recommendation for specific vaccines for people 65 years and older.

To learn more, visit CDC's [2022-2023 Flu Vaccination Campaign Kickoff](#) webpage.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 7](#)
- [Recommendations and Reports: Cholera Vaccine: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2022](#)
- [Surveillance for Sickle Cell Disease — Sickle Cell Data Collection Program, Two States, 2004–2018](#)
- [Respiratory Virus Surveillance Among Children with Acute Respiratory Illnesses—New Vaccine Surveillance Network, United States, 2016–2021](#)
- [Preliminary Incidence and Trends of Infections Caused by Pathogens Transmitted Commonly Through Food — Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network, 10 U.S. Sites, 2016–2021](#)
- [Increase in Acute Respiratory Illnesses Among Children and Adolescents Associated with Rhinoviruses and Enteroviruses, Including Enterovirus D68 — United States, July–September 2022](#)
- [Monkeypox Case Investigation — Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, July–August 2022](#)
- [Incidence of Monkeypox Among Unvaccinated Persons Compared with Persons Receiving \$\geq 1\$ JYNNEOS Vaccine Dose — 32 U.S. Jurisdictions, July 31–September 3, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: E-cigarette Use Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Increases in Firearm Homicide and Suicide Rates — United States, 2020–2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Coagulopathy Associated with Brodifacoum Poisoning — Florida, December 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Residential Care Communities that Offer Annual Influenza Vaccination to Residents and to Employees and Contract Staff Members, by Community Bed Size — United States, 2020](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of JYNNEOS and ACAM2000 Vaccines during the 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak](#)

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