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FRIDAY UPDATE

October 14, 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.

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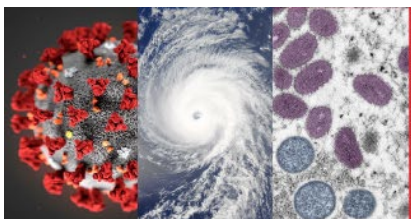
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Updated BP4 Reporting Requirement Documents Now Available

CDC has updated the following Budget Period 4 (BP4) documents, which are now 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 (PHEP BP4 Operational Timeline) - Updated October 2022



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Updates Ebola Risk Assessment and Management Guidance

On October 7, CDC updated its [Interim Guidance on Risk Assessment and Management of Persons with Potential Ebola Virus Exposure](#) to incorporate guidance issued in response to the outbreak of *Sudan ebolavirus* in Uganda for which health departments are recommended to follow-up with travelers. Specific updates include:

- Guidance for monitoring persons with no known high-risk exposures and
- Travel guidance for persons being monitored who have no known high-risk exposures.

CDC Expands Use of Updated COVID-19 Vaccines to Include Children Ages 5 Through 11

On October 12, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, approved the expanded use of updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5 years through 11 years. This decision follows the [Food and Drug Administration's \(FDA\) authorization](#) of updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech for children ages 5 years through 11 years and from Moderna for children and adolescents ages 6 years through 17 years.

Updated COVID-19 vaccines add Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 spike protein components to the current vaccine composition, helping to restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination and targeting recent Omicron variants that are more transmissible and immune-evading.

FDA's authorization of updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines for this younger age group, and CDC's recommendation for use, are critical next steps forward in the United States vaccination program, which has helped provide increased protection against severe COVID-19 disease and death.

Modifications to CDC COVID-19 Travel Health Notices Policy Now in Effect

On October 3, CDC announced that it will post COVID-19 Travel Health Notices (THN) for a country only if a situation, such as a concerning COVID-19 variant, is identified that changes CDC's travel recommendations. Fewer countries are testing for COVID-19 or reporting COVID-19 cases, limiting CDC's ability to accurately assess the COVID-19 THN levels for the majority of destinations that American travelers visit. CDC recommends that all international travelers stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and follow recommendations found on CDC's [COVID-19 International Travel](#) webpage regardless of their travel destination.

For additional information visit CDC's [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#) and [COVID-19 Prevention: How to Protect Yourself and Others](#) webpages.

Updated COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools Reflect Current Infection Control Recommendations

CDC updated recommendations for use of masks in school nurse offices in the [Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs](#) to reflect those outlined in the [Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) guidance.



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CRC SimPLER 102 Training to Be Held October 17

CDC will offer [CRC SimPLER 102: Intermediate Planning with CRC SimPLER](#) from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 17**. CRC SimPLER (Community Reception Center Simulation Program for Leveraging and Evaluating Resources) is a planning tool health departments and emergency managers can use to estimate community reception center (CRC) capacity when planning and responding to radiation emergencies. CRC SimPLER 102 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, participants will receive a confirmation email with the login information to join the training. For more information, contact simpler@cdc.gov.

SNS Formulary Update Webcast Now Available on TRAIN

A recording of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Formulary Update webcast will be available on TRAIN.org from October 14 through November 14, 2022. The SNS formulary webcast provides public health partners and stakeholders with an overview of the nation's repository of emergency medical countermeasures (MCMs), including updated information on the pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, equipment, and devices for lifesaving care currently available in the SNS as of October 2022.

With added information on COVID-19 and monkeypox MCMs, this informational webinar will help participants better understand the increasing number of SNS-held products by threat and product type and how these products can supplement MCMs needed by states, tribal nations, territories, and large metropolitan areas during public health emergencies.

The webinar is for all federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial public health and emergency response partners that represent public health and emergency response stakeholders. The webinar is provisionally available for 30 days as a password-protected course on TRAIN.org. To register for this webinar via [CDC TRAIN](#), interested participants must have a TRAIN account, which is available via <http://train.org>. To search and register for this webinar, enter the entire webinar title, Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Formulary, or the course ID number, 1101179. Please use launch code Update22 to view the webinar.



News You Can Use

ATSDR Announces Funding Opportunity for APPLETREE Program

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) recently announced a new [notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) program.

This new five-year APPLETREE cooperative agreement program will fund approximately 34 state and local health departments and/ federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments for a period of performance from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2028. Applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, December 9**.

To learn more, see [ATSDR Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for APPLETREE Program](#).

NACCHO Seeks Public Health Model Practices

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) [Model Practices Program](#) is seeking nominations for its 2023 awards. This program recognizes outstanding work of local health departments that have demonstrated creative, dynamic, and replicable responses to distinct local public health needs. The program was first created 20 years ago with the goal of health departments not having to “reinvent the wheel,” but instead recognizing and sharing best practices that health departments across the country can use.

Applications for the 2023 Model Practice Award will open **Monday, October 31**. To learn more about the Model Practices Award and the application process, NACCHO will host an informational webinar at **2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, November 3**. [Register](#) to attend the webinar. For additional information, contact membership@naccho.org.

CDC Learning Connection Highlights October Online Trainings

Don't miss [CDC Learning Connection's](#) featured courses and earn free continuing education credit. Following are the current featured trainings.

- Infectious disease transmission models can inform public health policy decisions. Learn about types of models and how to assess their usefulness with [Infectious Disease Transmission Models for Decision-Makers](#).
- Improving health literacy is key to advancing health equity. Ensure people can find, understand, and use health information and services with [Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals](#). Free continuing education credit is available.
- A population health approach allows health departments to connect practice to policy for local change. Learn key aspects of the approach with [Foundations of Population Health](#).

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



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 14](#)
- [Mortality Risk Among Patients Hospitalized Primarily for COVID-19 During the Omicron and Delta Variant Pandemic Periods — United States, April 2020–June 2022](#)
- [HIV Stigma and Health Care Discrimination Experienced by Hispanic or Latino Persons with HIV — United States, 2018–2020](#)
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Associations with Poor Mental Health and Suicidal Behaviors Among High School Students — Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey, United States, January–June 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Harmful Algal Bloom Affecting Private Drinking Water Intakes — Clear Lake, California, June– November 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Antihistamine Positivity and Involvement in Drug Overdose Deaths — 44 Jurisdictions, United States, 2019–2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Death Rates from Stroke Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years, by Race and Hispanic Origin — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2000–2020](#)

Monkeypox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [U.S. Monkeypox Case Trends Reported to CDC](#)
- **UPDATED** [Monkeypox Outbreak Global Map](#)

- **UPDATED** [U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Interim Clinical Considerations for Management of Ocular Monkeypox Virus Infection](#)
 - **UPDATED** [Clinical Considerations for Monkeypox in Children and Adolescents](#)
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