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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**\*\* The next DSLR Friday Update will be published Friday, January 6, 2023. \*\***



**December 22, 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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## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### PORTS Instructions on Submitting BP4 Forms Now Available

CDC has developed instructions on adding, editing, and submitting ORR forms in PORTS to meet Budget Period 4 (BP4) requirements. To ensure all BP4 data are captured accurately, it is critical that recipients follow these instructions. CDC provided the two-page instructions to recipients in a separate email on December 22, 2022.

PHEP BP4 reporting requirements consist of:

1. Updating the **Critical Contact Sheet form**,
2. Entering additional or updated information in the **Workforce Development and Training form**,
3. Adding and submitting the annual PHEP exercise via the **Access and Functional Needs form**,
4. Adding and submitting the **Emergency Operations Center Activation form**, and
5. Submitting **15 preparedness and response capability planning forms**.  
*(Please note that there are 15 forms, not 50 as the instructions indicate; those forms contain the 50 planning elements.)*

Recipients can access the ORR module within PORTS to complete the outlined steps for each of the forms. Users should verify their roles, jurisdictions, and the budget period designation before completing the outlined steps.

### January 11 PHEP Connects Webinar Features COPEWELL Model

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar will be held from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 11**. Presenters include Jennifer Johnson, CDC's senior preparedness field assignee in Tennessee; Tara Kirk Sell, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and assistant professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Sydney Clark, disability preparedness specialist with the Tennessee health department's emergency preparedness program. They will provide an overview of the Composite of Post-Event Well-Being (COPEWELL), an evidence-based model and collection of tools that can help foster an understanding of the complex nature of disaster-related community resilience. Participants will learn about the model's data-driven tools to assess community functioning and predict resilience, as well as action planning resources to strengthen communities. 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 Mpox Response Funding and Guidance to Recipients

CDC has awarded \$12.5 million in mpox response funding to 21 jurisdictions on the 2022 approved but unfunded (ABU) roster for CDC's Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreement. Funding is intended to expand vaccination and quickly implement other mpox response activities. CDC awarded the funding December 16 and released the mpox crisis response cooperative agreement guidance to recipients December 20 via GrantSolutions.

The 12-month period of performance for this funding is December 16, 2022, through December 15, 2023. Recipients must provide updated work plans and budgets within 45 days of receiving their notices of award, or no later than **February 23, 2023**, and submit financial reports twice a year. Quarterly progress reports are also required, with the first report due in April 2023. CDC authorizes pre-award costs dating to December 1, 2022, for allowable activities within the scope of this project. Recipients must include these costs and related activities in their updated budgets.

Recipients should direct questions regarding this funding to CDC at [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).

### HHS Increases Access to Tamiflu through Strategic National Stockpile

On December 21, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), announced that it is making additional supply of Tamiflu

available to jurisdictions to respond to an increased demand for the antiviral during this flu season, including through the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). Jurisdictions will work with their [ASPR Regional Teams](#) to evaluate any requests for Tamiflu through the SNS, ensuring that states, territories, and tribes receive the assistance they need without affecting the nation's preparedness for a future influenza pandemic. Jurisdictions that request and receive Tamiflu from the SNS must store any unused product for future pandemic preparedness through the 20-year expiry and share data on aggregate inventory and courses dispensed per HHS request.

This announcement is the latest in a set of actions that the Biden-Harris Administration and HHS have taken to reduce the burden on health care systems and keep Americans healthy this winter. Last week, ASPR extended flexibility to states to use Tamiflu in state stockpiles that was previously reserved for pandemic influenza – making millions of treatment courses available to keep people healthy this winter.

Further details on this announcement including Tamiflu expiration information can be found [here](#).

### **CDC Provides Updates on COVID-19 Therapeutics for Treatment and Prevention**

CDC [issued](#) a Health Alert Network (HAN) health update to supplement CDC HAN health advisories issued [April 25](#) and [May 24](#) regarding COVID-19 therapeutics. The December 20 update emphasizes to healthcare providers, public health departments, and the public that the majority of Omicron sublineages circulating in the United States have reduced susceptibility to the monoclonal antibody bebtelovimab and the monoclonal antibody combination cilgavimab and tixagevimab (Evusheld™).

Antiviral therapeutics for the treatment of COVID-19, ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid™), remdesivir (Veklury®), and molnupiravir (Lagevrio™), retain activity against currently circulating Omicron sublineages. These medications can prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death and are widely available but have been underused.

This HAN health update provides health care professionals, public health officials, and the public with guidance on improving use of therapeutics for treatment of COVID-19 and strategies to prevent serious outcomes of COVID-19.

### **CDC Provides Pediatric Surge Resources**

The following CDC resources have been developed to help address the current response to the pediatric surge in viral respiratory illnesses impacting hospital capacity since the fall of 2022. View the following CDC webpages for the most current Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), influenza, and COVID-19 surveillance information.

- [Increase In Pediatric Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections](#)
- [RSV Research and Surveillance](#)
- [Seasonal Flu Surveillance](#)
- [COVID Data Tracker: Pediatric Data](#)



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **NACCHO Releases Flu Season 2022-2023 Webinar Recording**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has released online a [recording](#) from the December 15 webinar “Preparing for Flu Season 2022-2023: Early Surveillance and Vaccine Uptake Data from the CDC.” Presenters discussed the 2022 flu season surveillance and vaccination coverage data and provided an update on antiviral treatment options. Their presentation slides are also available: [Lynnette Brammer's presentation](#), [Shikha Garg's presentation](#), and [Suchita Patel's presentation](#).

Following are additional CDC resources.

- [CDC Digital Media Toolkit: 2022-2023 Flu Season](#)
- [Disease Burden of Flu](#)
- [Weekly Flu Vaccination Dashboard](#)

### **2023 AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grants Funding Opportunity Closes January 4**

Public Health AmeriCorps, launched in partnership with CDC, is a \$400 million American Rescue Plan investment to engage new communities and individuals in public health, as well as recruiting and building a new workforce ready to respond to the nation’s public health needs. This 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 for 2023 state and national grants must be submitted by **5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. For more information view the full RFA at [FY 2023 AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#).

### **New Public Health Workforce Calculator Now Available**

The new [Public Health Workforce Calculator](#) is intended to help local health departments with their workforce planning needs. Using information submitted by the user, the online tool estimates the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) needed to ensure the provision of foundational public health services. The calculator was developed by the Public Health National Center for Innovation, the deBeaumont Foundation, the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, and CDC.



## News You Can Use

### **Alzheimer's Association's Healthy Brain Initiative Seeks Health Department Success Stories**

The Alzheimer’s Association and CDC jointly developed the [Healthy Brain Initiative State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map](#) to help public health leaders chart a course to prepare all communities for Alzheimer’s and other dementias. This guidebook leads state and local public health agencies through 25 actions to act quickly and strategically to stimulate positive changes in policies, systems, and environments. A companion guide — the [Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map for Indian Country](#) — helps American Indian and Alaska Native leaders begin addressing dementia in their communities.

The Alzheimer's Association and CDC are currently developing the next [Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map](#). Recipients can share success stories of state and local health departments implementing the Road Map via this [Success Story Proposal Form](#). Submissions will be accepted until **January 13**. For additional information, send inquiries to [publichealth@alz.org](mailto:publichealth@alz.org).

### **CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings**

Wrap up 2022 with [CDC Learning Connection's](#) featured courses and earn free continuing education credit. Following are the current featured trainings.

- Seasonal flu activity is high and continues to increase across the United States. Learn about CDC's clinical guidance with [2022-2023 Seasonal Influenza Testing and Treatment During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Free continuing education credit is available.
- In every disaster, communities need health data to make decisions, allocate resources, and provide situational awareness. Learn methods and tools to protect health during emergencies with [Disaster Epidemiology](#). Free continuing education credit is available.
- Learn about the strategic planning process and review example plans from health departments in [Introduction to Strategic Planning](#).

[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, December 16](#)
- [Early Estimates of Bivalent mRNA Vaccine Effectiveness in Preventing COVID-19–Associated Emergency Department or Urgent Care Encounters and Hospitalizations Among Immunocompetent Adults — VISION Network, Nine States, September–November 2022](#)
- [Early Estimates of Bivalent mRNA Vaccine Effectiveness in Preventing COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Among Immunocompetent Adults Aged ≥65 Years — IVY Network, 18 States, September 8–November 30, 2022](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID-19 Treatments and Medications](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

### Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [2022 Mpox Outbreak Global Map](#)
- **UPDATED** [2022 U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [Videos](#)
- **UPDATED** [Safer Sex, Social Gatherings, and Mpox](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC](#)

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