

## January 13, 2023

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 (DSLR) 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.





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# PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

#### PHEP BP5 Guidance Scheduled to Be Released Later This Month

CDC is scheduled to release the continuation guidance for PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) the week of January 16 pending CDC clearance. The CDC Office of Grants Services will officially release the guidance, once it has been finalized, in GrantSolutions. CDC has tentatively scheduled an informational call for **3 p.m. EST on Wednesday**, **January 25.** This call will replace the joint HPP-PHEP recipient call scheduled for January 18, which will be held in February instead. CDC will provide further details once they are finalized.

# Special PHEP Connects Webinar on BP4 Requirements Scheduled for January 18 and January 19





Connects webinar, the January 18 session will highlight Budget Period 4 (BP4) program requirements and Operational Readiness Review reporting. CDC presenters Christopher Reinold and Suzette Brown will provide details on submitting required data in the BP4 ORR module in PORTS.

CDC will offer an encore presentation of this webinar at **8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday**, **January 19**. After the replay of the original webinar recording, DSLR staff will be available to answer recipient questions. While CDC has scheduled this PHEP Connects encore event for PHEP recipients in Regions 9 and 10, all PHEP recipients are invited to participate.

Following is the recipient information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: 1 646-828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 160 479 3699 Passcode: 80160491

Web Link: <a href="https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1604793699?pwd=Sm9sTnR6Sml2V1ZqUGxTcklyZjluZz09">https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1604793699?pwd=Sm9sTnR6Sml2V1ZqUGxTcklyZjluZz09</a>

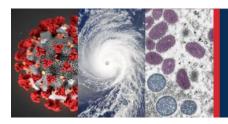
## CDC PHEP Grants Management Call to Be Held January 26

DSLR and CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) will conduct the next PHEP grants management conference call from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, January 26**. During the call, CDC will discuss grants management issues related to the PHEP and the Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreements. As CDC is finalizing the specific agenda topics, recipients can send suggestions for agenda topics to <a href="mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov">preparedness@cdc.gov</a>. CDC encourages PHEP directors and business officials to share the following participant information with other PHEP personnel as needed.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (888) 994-4478 (Audio Only) Meeting ID: 250 429 561 220 Phone Conference ID: 987 894 204

Access Link: Click here to join the meeting



# **Emergency Response Activities**

## **Ebola Outbreak Ends in Uganda**

On January 11, CDC joined the government of Uganda and the global public health community in marking the end of the Ebola outbreak in Uganda. Forty-two days, or two incubation periods, have passed since the last case of Ebola was reported marking the end of the outbreak. In addition, entry screening and public health monitoring of travelers to the United States who have been in Uganda in the prior 21 days was lifted on January 11. CDC will continue to support the Ugandan Ministry of Health in continuing surveillance, infection prevention and control, and response activities to help ensure rapid detection and response to any future cases and outbreaks.

#### HHS Releases Media Statement on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration

The COVID-19 public health emergency remains in effect. CDC will provide a 60-day notice to states before any termination or expiration. Additional information about public health emergency declarations,

including <u>frequently asked questions</u>, can be found on the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) website.

## CDC Mpox Community of Practice Call Scheduled for January 17

CDC will host a community of practice call on "Community Approaches to Increase Mpox Vaccine Uptake," from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on January 17. This call will highlight successful community approaches to increase mpox vaccine uptake. Speakers from Connecticut, Hawaii, Houston, and New York City will provide examples of successful community engagement strategies and recent projects. Speakers will also discuss how they addressed challenges and offer suggestions for other public health jurisdictions. The call will include time for participants to ask questions and share their experiences through an interactive conversation. Following is the participant information.

### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 161 148 9877 Passcode: 66625007

Access Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611489877?pwd=Q1dKY01tVExydkFQVzRzSnJia25Fdz09



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# **Preparedness and Response Resources**

# NACCHO Announces Scholarship Opportunity for Infection Control and Prevention Certification

To increase the capacity of local health departments in infection prevention and control, NACCHO, in partnership with CDC, is offering a scholarship opportunity for up to 35 local health departments (LHDs) to support staff in obtaining Certification in Infection Control (CIC) or a-IPC (Associate – Infection Prevention and Control) entry-level certification. Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed up to \$2,500 for exam fees and study materials. Scholarship recipients will be expected to provide feedback on the certification process and demonstrate the impact of certification to NACCHO to inform future project activities supporting local health departments in infection prevention and control.

The <u>Application for Certification in Infection Control Scholarship</u> must be submitted by **Friday, January 27**. NACCHO will share notice of award with applicants on a rolling basis as applications are submitted. Award notifications will be distributed no later than **Tuesday**, **February 7**, **2023**.



# **News You Can Use**

#### ASTHO Leadership Trailblazer Series Features CDC Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is showcasing the voices of remarkable public health leaders who are moving the public health workforce forward in their <u>Leadership Trailblazer</u> <u>Series</u>. ASTHO is currently featuring Jay Butler, MD, CDC's deputy director for infectious diseases and former ASTHO president, in a <u>video interview</u>. During the interview, Dr. Butler shares the leadership lessons learned throughout his career and what continues to excite him about public health work. He also outlines steps public health leaders can take to have an impact on the future of the public health workforce.



# Online Resources

## **CDC MMWR Reports**

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 13
- Cholera Outbreak Haiti, September 2022–January 2023
- Vaccination Coverage with Selected Vaccines and Exemption Rates Among Children in Kindergarten
   United States, 2021–22 School Year
- <u>Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born During 2018–2019 National Immunization Survey–Child, United States, 2019–2021</u>
- Safety Monitoring of Bivalent COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Booster Doses Among Children Aged 5–11 Years United States, October 12–January 1, 2023
- QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Have Ever Had Hepatitis, by Age Group and Sex — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021

#### **Mpox Guidance and Resources**

- UPDATED Mpox Vaccination Basics
- UPDATED U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC
- UPDATED 2022 Mpox Outbreak Global Map

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