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# FRIDAY UPDATE

**February 17, 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 (DSL)R Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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### SNS Technical Assistance for RSS Sites Now Available

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is now available to conduct receipt, stage, and store (RSS) warehouse site reviews, validation surveys, and related technical assistance. PHEP recipients should submit requests for RSS site validations and site survey forms to [SNRSSValidation@cdc.gov](mailto:SNRSSValidation@cdc.gov). This will assist SNS with tracking requests and responding to states in a timely manner.

### CDC Hosts PHEP Grants Management Call February 23

DSLRL 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. EST on Thursday, February 23**. During the call, CDC will discuss several topics including the differences between no-cost extensions and liquidation extensions, expanded authority, writing strong budget justifications, and the Payment Management System. CDC encourages PHEP directors and business officials to share the 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](#)

### PFA Host Site Applications Due February 24

The deadline to submit applications to host Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs) is fast approaching. PHEP jurisdictions that are interested in hosting PFAs must submit PFA host site [applications](#) to [dslrpfa@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrpfa@cdc.gov) by **11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 24**. CDC is expanding the current PFA program to meet the growing preparedness and response workforce needs of PHEP jurisdictions. DSLRL encourages PHEP jurisdictions

that currently **do not** host PFAs to consider doing so. CDC funds the salaries of PFAs to develop their skills and field experience while at the same time helping to augment jurisdictions' preparedness and response capacity. For questions regarding the application submission, contact Scott Tulloch at [sdt2@cdc.gov](mailto:sdt2@cdc.gov).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### ASPR 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Available Online

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) recently released its [Strategic Plan for 2022-2026](#), which outlines the direction of the organization, prioritizes agency actions, and facilitates coordination and collaboration with partners. The development and implementation of the strategic plan reflects ASPR's continuing commitment to strengthen the country's ability to prepare, respond and recover quickly from multiple health threats.



## News You Can Use

### Center for Preparedness and Response Transitions to Office of Readiness and Response

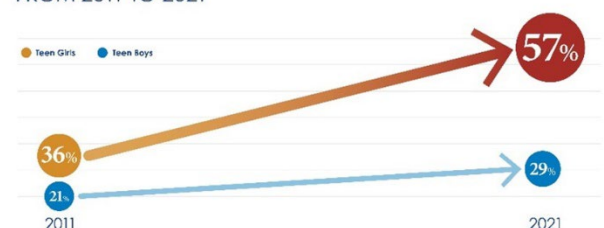
Effective Tuesday, February 21, CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response will become the **Office of Readiness and Response (ORR)**. CDC Director and ATSDR Administrator Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, announced the name change in January as part of the CDC Moving Forward initiative. In announcing the change, the CDC director said the ORR will report into the Immediate Office of the CDC Director and will serve as a centralized office that promotes accountability and excellence for all the agency's readiness and response efforts. CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics will report to the ORR director, Henry Walke, MD, MPH.

### CDC Study Finds U.S. Teen Girls Experiencing Increased Sadness and Violence

According to [new CDC data](#), nearly three in five (57%) U.S. teen girls felt persistently sad or hopeless in 2021—double that of boys, representing a nearly 60% increase and the highest level reported over the past decade.

While all teens reported increasing mental health challenges, experiences of violence, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors, girls fared worse than boys across nearly all measures. The new report also confirms ongoing and extreme distress among

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teens who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning (LGBQ+).

Read the full press release at [U.S. Teen Girls Experiencing Increased Sadness and Violence](#).

### **NACCHO 2023 Vector Control Collaborative Mentorship Program Application Closes February 27**

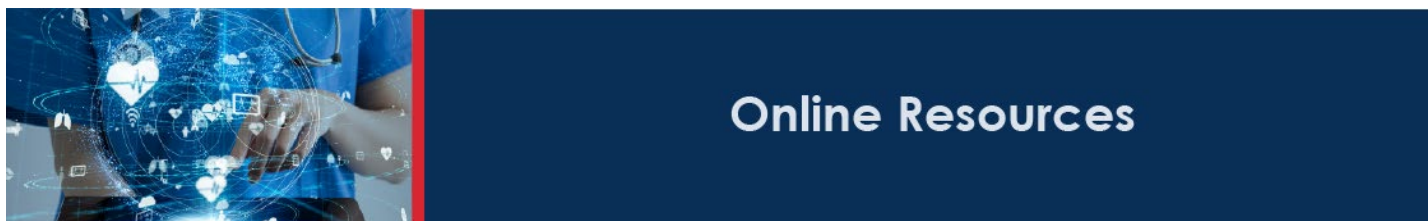
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with the support of the CDC, is currently accepting applications for the 2023 [Vector Control Collaborative \(VCC\) mentorship program](#). Newly selected programs to the VCC will be awarded up to \$10,000 in grant funding. Completed [applications](#) must be submitted to [vectorcontrol@naccho.org](mailto:vectorcontrol@naccho.org) by **11:59 p.m. PST on Monday, February 27**. For questions on the VCC or the program application, please contact [aroy@naccho.org](mailto:aroy@naccho.org) or [cphan@naccho.org](mailto:cphan@naccho.org).

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

Following are current featured trainings on [CDC Learning Connection's](#), some of which offer free continuing education credit.

- [Updates to COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for the Current SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#) provides the latest guidance regarding the emergency use authorization for tixagevimab plus cilgavimab (EVUSHELD™).
- Racism and bias impact all facets of public health, including hiring practices, data collection, and policies. Learn ways to address racism and bias with [How to be Anti-Racist in the Everyday Practice of Public Health](#). Free continuing education credit is available.
- Culturally competent, person-centered, and accessible care is key to improving the health of people with disabilities. Learn how to foster inclusion and promote wellness with [Responsive Practice](#). Free continuing education credit is available.

[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, February 17](#)
- [Fruit, Vegetable, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Intake Among Young Children, by State — United States, 2021](#)
- [Typhoid Fever Surveillance, Incidence Estimates, and Progress Toward Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Introduction — Worldwide, 2018–2022](#)
- [Preliminary Estimates of Effectiveness of Monovalent mRNA Vaccines in Preventing Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Children Aged 3–5 Years — Increasing Community Access to Testing Program, United States, July 2022–February 2023](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage and Demographic Characteristics of Infants and Children Aged 6 Months–4 Years — United States, June 20–December 31, 2022](#)
- [COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Vaccination Coverage and Intent to Receive Booster Vaccination Among Adolescents and Adults — United States, November–December 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Women Aged 50–74 Years Who Had a Mammogram Within the Preceding 2 Years, by Family Income — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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