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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 (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

CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for June 21

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2** p.m. to **3** p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June **21**. DSLR will provide updates on PHEP Budget Period 5 funding awards; DSLR preparedness field staff and the Career Epidemiology Field Officer request process; COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Response cooperative agreement funding; and the August workshop with Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the National Governors Association (NGA) on preparing for future public health emergencies. In addition, representatives from CDC's Division of Emergency Operations will provide information on the CDCReady platform. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717 Passcode: 07271150

Access Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09

CDC will conduct a replay of the recipient call at 7 p.m. EDT the same day, using the same connection details.

PORTS Office Hours Scheduled for June 26

DSLR will conduct two PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) office-hour sessions on **Monday, June 26**. The sessions will be held from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT** and **7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT**. The

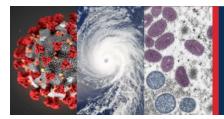
sessions will serve as an open forum where PHEP recipients can ask technical questions on using the Operational Readiness Review (ORR) module or ORR guidance questions related to entering and submitting Budget Period 4 (BP4) data due June 30. The PORTS session will be facilitated by the PORTS training team and DSLR evaluation staff. CDC encourages recipients to email questions in advance to dslrtraining@cdc.gov. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 680 6035 Passcode: 940105

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606806035?pwd=ejA0YIRwb2IIL0JyL3FJQTICZ0ZOUT09



Emergency Response Activities

NETEC Releases Situation Report on Marburg Virus Outbreak and Mpox Cases

On June 9, the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) released a <u>situation report</u> describing the end of the Marburg virus outbreak in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania. The report also provides guidance for health care providers on identifying potential mpox cases following a May 15 <u>CDC health alert</u> on the potential risk for new cases of mpox to emerge this summer.

June 20 COCA Call Addresses What Providers Need to Know about Zoonotic Influenza

CDC will conduct a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call from **2** p.m. to **3** p.m. EDT on Thursday, June **20**. During this COCA call, presenters will provide a comprehensive overview of novel influenza A viruses, with a focus on avian influenza A (H5N1) virus and variant influenza viruses. Speakers will discuss CDC's guidance for clinicians on testing, specimen collection, and antiviral treatment for people with suspected or confirmed infections. Presenters will also address patient exposure histories and review questions to ask patients to help guide clinical diagnosis and testing for novel influenza A virus infections.

Materials for the call will be available on the <u>COCA Call webpage</u> 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. Continuing education (CE) credits will be offered for this COCA call.

Participant Information

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

Webinar ID: 160 793 9030

Passcode: 134547

Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607939030



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Preparedness and Response Resources

STLT Resources Available on On-TRAC

CDC's updated Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-TRAC) platform provides a variety of resources for state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) planners, including the newly posted Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) formulary <u>list</u>. This new resource identifies items in the SNS formulary by product type based on specific threats to assist jurisdictions in their medical countermeasure planning efforts.

On-TRAC is a secured site with controlled access. Users must have a Secure Access Management Service (SAMS) account to access the SNS list and other On-TRAC resources. Following are the steps to request access to SAMS or On-TRAC.

Obtaining a CDC SAMS Account and Accessing On-TRAC

- To register for a SAMS account, complete and submit the <u>CDC SAMS registration form</u> and check the On-TRAC box when completing the form.
- Submit the CDC SAMS registration form to <u>dslritsupport@cdc.gov.</u>
- After submitting the registration form, potential users will receive an email on how to activate their SAMS account and how to log into On-TRAC at using a the new https://ontrac.cdc.gov link.
- Delete any old On-TRAC bookmarks.
- Log in from a newly opened webpage to avoid accessing the old site.
- Bookmark the new On-TRAC link.

Accessing SNS Resources in On-TRAC

- Visit https://ontrac.cdc.gov.
- Sign into SAMS.
- Hover over **Resources** on the top dropdown menu.
- Select Resource Library.
- See Guidance Documents box.
- Select SNS Formulary BY Threat and Product Type.

For more information on accessing On-TRAC or locating the SNS resource list, email DSLRTechAssist@cdc.gov.

PHEPPA Seeks Preparedness Practitioners Input on Professional Standards

The <u>Public Health Emergency Preparedness Professionals Association</u> (PHEPPA) is developing professional standards for public health emergency managers. PHEPPA is reviewing the academic literature and standards from other fields and plans to conduct focus groups and convene a biweekly advisory group over the next few months. PHEP recipients interested in contributing their knowledge and expertise can submit their contact information to pheppa@pheppa.org.

NACCHO Hosts White House National Mpox Response Situational Update on June 22

In recognition of Pride month, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a White House National Mpox Response Situational Update and Pride Month Planning webinar at 3 p. m. EDT on Thursday, June 22. During the webinar, speakers will provide updates from the White House National Mpox Response Team, as well as updates on the status of mpox, prevention strategies, and messages for a healthy pride event and festival season.

Following a question-and-answer session, speakers will discuss their mpox planning for the month of Pride and announce a call to action for health departments. Register here to attend the webinar.

Public Health AmeriCorps Hosts June 29 Webinar

ASTHO and NACCHO will host a virtual "meet and greet" webinar featuring AJ Pearlman, director of the national <u>Public Health AmeriCorps</u> (PHA) program from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 29**. The webinar will introduce the PHA program and how it can boost staff capacity and strengthen the workforce pipeline, clarify common misconceptions about the program, and share future plans. Register <u>here</u> to attend the webinar.



News You Can Use

CDC Hosts June 28 Virtual Town Hall on New Regional Preparedness and Response Centers
CDC will host a <u>virtual town hall</u> meeting from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 28, to gather public input on the creation of a network of regional preparedness and response centers. CDC is seeking public input on opportunities and challenges for designing and implementing the new network per requirements established in the <u>Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023</u>. During the town hall, members of the public can share challenges and opportunities from their own preparedness and response experiences that may help shape the new network.

Through presentations and discussions, the town hall will focus on strengths and limitations of past programs and new program priorities. Past programs include Centers for Public Health Preparedness (CPHPs), Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLCs), and Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers (PERRCs). Town hall discussions will also focus on how CDC can design and implement regional centers to best meet the needs of STLT health departments. Future CDC funding opportunities will use input from the town hall to design and implement a network of regional centers for public health preparedness and response.

Meeting resources include the <u>Federal Register Notice for Town Hall</u> and the <u>NASEM Report (2020):</u> <u>Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response</u>. For more information, contact CPROAR@cdc.gov.

NACCHO's All of Us Research Program Webinar Scheduled for June 20

NACCHO will host an introductory webinar on the <u>All of Us Research Program</u> from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on June 20**. Speakers will discuss how local health departments can ensure the inclusion of their communities in this research program, which aims to improve the health outcomes of individuals and communities. Register <u>here</u> to attend the webinar. For additional information, email <u>phinformatics@naccho.org</u>.

ASPR Awards \$50 Million from the American Rescue Plan to Strengthen MRC Network

On June 8, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (<u>ASPR</u>) announced \$50 million in awards to <u>33 states and jurisdictions</u> to strengthen the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) network, focusing on emergency preparedness, response, and health equity needs. Funding for the first-ever MRC State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC-STTRONG) grant program is from the American Rescue Plan.

View the full ASPR press release.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 16
- <u>National, State-Level, and County-Level Prevalence Estimates of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Self-Reporting a Lifetime Diagnosis of Depression United States, 2020</u>
- Genomic Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Variants: Circulation of Omicron Lineages United States, January 2022–May 2023
- <u>Interim Recommendations for Use of Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines for Persons Aged ≥6</u> Months — United States, April 2023
- <u>Notes from the Field:</u> Increase in Meningococcal Disease Among Persons with HIV United States, 2022
- Notes from the Field: Tetanus in an Unvaccinated Man from Mexico Oregon, 2022
- Notes from the Field: Comparison of COVID-19 Mortality Rates Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years
 Who Were Unvaccinated and Those Who Received a Bivalent Booster Dose Within the Preceding
 6 Months 20 U.S. Jurisdictions, September 18, 2022–April 1, 2023
- QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Death Rates, for Pedestrians Involved in a Collision with a Motor Vehicle, by Race and Hispanic Origin National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2021

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- UPDATED Mpox and Spring and Summer Events
- UPDATED 2022 Outbreak Cases and Data

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