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FRIDAY UPDATE

April 26, 2024

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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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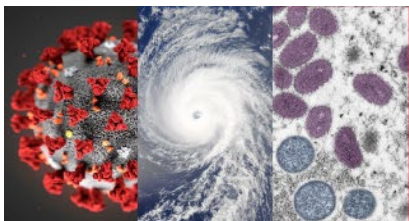
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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

PHEP Recipients Meet April 24 Application Deadline

All 62 PHEP recipients successfully submitted their fiscal year 2024 PHEP funding applications in Grants.gov by the April 24 deadlines. CDC thanks recipients for their flexibility and agility in learning and using the new Ready CAMP system to develop the necessary application components for submission to Grants.gov. DSLR and the Office of Grants Services are currently conducting technical reviews of the applications and plan to conduct budget discussions with recipients as needed in May. CDC will issue notices of award in June prior to the start of the new budget period on July 1.



Emergency Response Activities

CDC Schedules Webinar on PHCR Workforce Funding

CDC will conduct a 30-minute webinar at **2:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 30**, to provide updates and technical assistance to recipients of Public Health Crisis Response (PHCR) COVID-19 workforce development funding. During the webinar, DSLR and Office of Grants Services will provide updates on how recipients can use their COVID-19 funds to also support activities that control other infectious diseases. Following are the participant details.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 214 3294

Passcode: 75316277

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1602143294?pwd=Z2c2ZVZtQUgrWHY1K3MyRIJFRUdhdz09>

New CDC Webpage Consolidates Influenza A(H5N1) Data

On April 24, CDC launched a new [influenza A\(H5N1\) webpage](#) that shows how CDC is actively assessing multiple indicators during the current avian influenza A(H5N1) situation to monitor for spread of the virus to or among people in jurisdictions where influenza A(H5N1) has been identified in humans or animals. The new webpage consolidates existing data already publicly available on other CDC sites. Data that is displayed on this site include:

- jurisdictions that report an influenza A(H5N1) virus infection in 2024,
- national and regional results of public health laboratory testing,
- national and regional percentages of specimens tested that are positive for influenza A viruses, and
- national, state, and local level (where available) National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) emergency department visits associated with influenza diagnoses and symptoms potentially related to influenza infections.

Learn more about how CDC is responding to the public health challenge posed by the current avian influenza A(H5N1) situation at [Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) U.S. Situation Update and CDC Activities](#).

FDA Authorizes Pemgarda to Help Prevent COVID-19 in Immunocompromised People

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has [authorized](#) a monoclonal antibody to help prevent COVID-19 in people who are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#), ages 12 years and older, and weighing at least 88 pounds. In addition to vaccination, [Pemgarda](#) may provide another layer of protection against COVID-19 and can be given at least two weeks after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Learn more at [COVID-19 Treatment and Preventive Medication](#).



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Membership Applications Available for NACCHO Preparedness Work Groups

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is now accepting membership [applications](#) for its [2024-2025 preparedness work groups](#). NACCHO work group members serve an advisory role in developing programs and policy that are representative of the needs of local health departments. The full list of advisory work groups, including the Preparedness Policy Advisory Group (PPAG) and the Medical Countermeasures work group, is available [here](#).

[Applications](#) must be submitted by **Tuesday, April 30**. Terms will begin July 1. For more information about preparedness work groups, contact preparedness@naccho.org.

Registration Now Open for 2024 National Tribal Health Conference

The National Indian Health Board National Tribal Health Conference is a week-long event for American Indian and Alaska Native tribes focusing on behavioral and public health. The conference will be held **May 20 through May 23 in Rapid City, SD**, and will showcase the interconnectedness of policy, advocacy, and Indian health best practices. [Learn more and register](#) for the conference.



CDC Releases Health Advisory on Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections

CDC recently issued a health [advisory](#) to alert clinicians about risks of counterfeit or mishandled botulinum toxin injections. CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state and local partners are investigating clusters of 22 people in 11 U.S. states reporting adverse effects after receiving injections with counterfeit botulinum toxin or injections administered by unlicensed or untrained individuals or in non-healthcare settings, such as homes or spas. When botulinum toxin diffuses around the injection site, it can result in adverse effects.

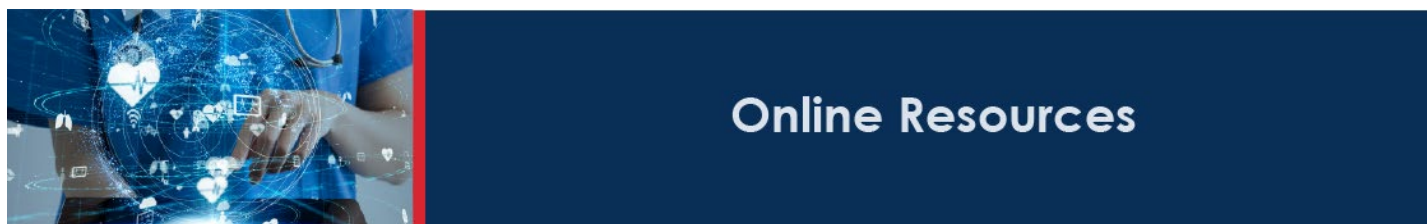


Botulism is the disease caused by botulinum toxin circulating in the blood and producing effects remotely from the injection site. Clinicians and health departments should consider the possibility of adverse effects from botulinum toxin injections in patients presenting with localized paralysis. Clinicians should immediately contact their state, tribal, local, or territorial health department if they suspect botulism.

FEMA Commemorates 45 Years of Emergency Management

This year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is commemorating 45 years of helping people before, during and after disasters. FEMA was established by President Jimmy Carter through an executive order signed on April 1, 1979. He charged the agency with the dual mission of civil defense and disaster response and recovery. His dedication and legacy of public service continues to guide FEMA's workforce.

Learn more at [FEMA Commemorates 45 Years of Emergency Management](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 26](#)
- [Use of Ebola Vaccines — Worldwide, 2021–2023](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Viral Shedding and Rapid Antigen Test Performance — Respiratory Virus Transmission Network, November 2022–May 2023](#)
- [Investigation of Presumptive HIV Transmission Associated with Receipt of Platelet-Rich Plasma Microneedling Facials at a Spa Among Former Spa Clients — New Mexico, 2018–2023](#)
- [Use of an Additional Updated 2023–2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Dose for Adults Aged ≥65 Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2024](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Group A *Streptococcus* Bacteremia in Persons Who Inject Drugs — Northern Vermont, January 2020–October 2023](#)

- [QuickStats: Percentage of Employed Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Slept <7 Hours per 24-Hour Period, by Sex and Number of Working Hours per Week — United States, 2022](#)

CDC Online Resources

- **UPDATED** [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC Respiratory Virus Updates](#)
- **UPDATED** [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- **UPDATED** [RSV VaxView](#)

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