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FRIDAY UPDATE

May 12, 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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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for May 17

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 17**. DSLR will provide update recipients on PHEP Budget Period 5 application review activities, 2024-2029 PHEP notice of funding opportunity development, and domestic preparedness activities. 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 8 p.m. EDT the same day, using the same connection details. The full schedule of [2023 PHEP recipient calls](#) can be found online.



CDC Hosts Special PHEP Connects Webinar on May 18

CDC will present a special session PHEP Connects webinar from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 18**, featuring “This is a T.E.S.T. – A Tabletop Exercise Simulation Tool: Gamification of Tabletop Exercises.” CDC presenters Lauren Finklea and Myron Douglas will provide an overview and demonstration of a new innovative approach to tabletop exercises using the This is a T.E.S.T. board game. Participants will explore

cause and effect of incident decision-making during a radiation emergency requiring the use of a community reception center. This presentation will also provide information on how to access This is a T.E.S.T. and how to request to be a host site for the pilot evaluation being held in various locations around the country. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



Crisis Response Mpox Progress Report Data Due May 22

Monday, May 22, will be the last day for recipients of CDC's Public Health Crisis Response mpox funding to submit their performance measurement and progress report (PMPR) data for the first quarter of the period of performance. **PMPR data entry forms will be available in REDCap until 6 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 22.**

As a reminder, recipients can access all PMPR data entry forms from their Record Status Dashboard or from the left navigation menu when entering the mpox project in REDCap. Data entry forms for strategies one through three are required for all recipients, with an additional fourth form required for recipients who select any other allowable or optional activities.

Recipients should direct questions about data submission or other guidance-related questions to their DSLR project officers. Technical questions related to the data entry forms or to report any concerns or issues related to the mpox project in REDCap should be directed to DSLRIISupport@CDC.gov.

HHS Secretary Signs 11th Amendment to PREP Act for COVID-19 MCMs

On May 9, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra signed the 11th amendment to the declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act for COVID-19 medical countermeasures (MCMs). The Secretary issued this amendment to clarify that COVID-19 continues to pose a credible risk of a future public health emergency; add two new limitations on distribution; extend the time period of coverage for certain covered countermeasures and covered persons; clarify the time period of coverage for covered persons authorized under the declaration; and extend the duration of the declaration to December 31, 2024. Read full details of the amendment in the [Federal Register Notice online](#).

The end of the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration does not automatically terminate PREP Act coverage. To learn more, view the [COVID-19 PREP Act FAQs online](#).

COVID-19 Response-Related Strategies Webinar Scheduled for May 18

Innovative case investigation and contact tracing tools used during COVID-19 and other emergency responses will be the topic of a CDC response-related strategies webinar scheduled for **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 18**. During the webinar, presenters from the California, Maryland, and Tennessee health departments will discuss their innovated response strategies related to case investigation and contact tracing.

Participant Information

Dial In: 1 646-828-7666

Webinar ID: 161 148 9877

Passcode: 66625007

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611489877?pwd=Q1dKY01tVExydKfQVzRzSnJia25Fdz09>

CDC Response All-STLT Update Call to Be Held May 22

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 22**. CDC will provide information and updates on public health emergency responses and will reserve time to answer questions. A replay of the webinar will be offered at **2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 23**, using the same connection details.

The STLT update calls are intended for PHEP directors and all other STLT public health staff, as well as national and federal partners. To receive future notifications regarding CDC emergency response STLT update calls, STLT partners must subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv. For more information, contact stltresponse@cdc.gov.

Participant Information

Dial In: (646) 828-7666

Webinar ID: 161 016 7208

Passcode: 46217352

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>



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Preparedness and Response Resources

CDC Updates On-TRAC Web Address

CDC has updated the web address of the Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-TRAC). To access the site, use and save the new URL, [On-TRAC](#). CDC encourages recipients to delete all previous bookmarks they have saved to access On-TRAC.

Updated National Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities Available for Pre-Decisional Review

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is currently updating the [Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities](#) to reflect insights learned from recent disasters. The updated capabilities provide more specificity around what the entire health care delivery system can do to save lives and continue to function in advance of, during, and after a response. The updated capabilities also prioritize equity in all activities, with the goal of ensuring access to consistent levels of care in underserved and historically marginalized communities and at-risk individuals.

Over the last year, ASPR conducted targeted engagement with those working at all levels of health care preparedness and response, from frontline providers to state and federal operations staff, to gather input for the updated capabilities. ASPR is now sharing the [pre-decisional draft](#) for review with a wide range of partners

and will accept comments until **Friday, June 9** via the [Online Comment Matrix](#). Review the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) for additional background and clarifications.

ASPR will host five informational sessions regarding the updated capabilities. Following in the registration information for the informational sessions.

Informational Sessions:

- [Register](#) - Monday, May 15, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT
- [Register](#) - Tuesday, May 16, 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT
- [Register](#) - Friday, May 19, 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT
- [Register](#) - Monday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT
- [Register](#) - Tuesday, May 23, 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT

HHS emPOWER Provides New Data Features

HHS emPOWER now features five new combinations of data to help communities plan for disaster. The emergency planning dataset includes de-identified totals by type of electricity-dependent durable medical equipment (DME) and certain cardiac implantable devices, as well as four additional essential healthcare services. These include facility-based dialysis, home oxygen tank services, home health care services, and at-home hospice services. Public health authorities and their partners, as appropriate, can use this data to develop and enhance emergency systems, plans, and processes to support community-based at-risk populations, and to support data-driven decision-making regarding potential shelter and evacuation assistance needs, response asset and resource allocation, and power restoration prioritization. To learn more about the emPOWER dataset, visit the [HHS emPOWER Program - Emergency Response Outreach Dataset](#) webpage.

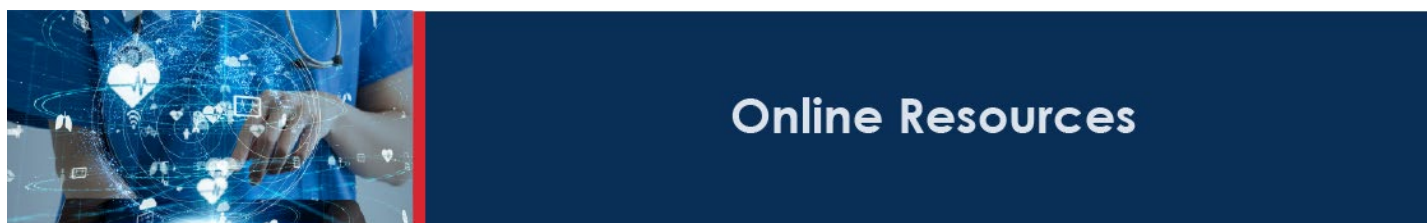


GAO SNS Survey Responses Due May 19

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is reviewing the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies, as directed by the CARES Act. As part of this work, GAO has initiated a national study of state, local, and territorial perspectives on the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). On May 3, GAO sent a survey to all 62 PHEP recipients to get input on their jurisdictions' experiences with the SNS including communicating about the inventory and requesting, receiving, and using SNS assets. GAO will report aggregate-level responses in its report to Congress and does not plan to publish or publicly disclose identifiable information. Responses are due **Friday, May 19**.

Dr. Walensky Announces Departure from CDC

On May 5, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, announced her intent to depart the agency at the end of June. Dr. Walensky has led CDC through a transition to greater normalcy across the country, after two years of COVID-19 related closures and waves of dangerous, new virus variants. She also launched Moving Forward – a wide-ranging set of reforms designed to strengthen CDC communications and response operations. Read the full press release at [Dr. Walensky Announces Departure from CDC](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 12](#)
- [Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Thompson Infections Linked to Seafood Exposure – United States, 2021](#)
- [Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication – Worldwide, January 2021-March 2023](#)
- [COVID-19 Surveillance After Expiration of the Public Health Emergency Declaration – United States, May 11, 2023](#)
- [Correlations and Timeliness of COVID-19 Surveillance Data Sources and Indicators – United States, October 1, 2020-March 22, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: First Reported U.S. Cases of Tinea Caused by *Trichophyton indotineae* – New York City, December 2021-March 2023](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [2022 U.S. Mpox Outbreak](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC](#)
- **UPDATED** [Global Map & Case Count](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Cases by Age and Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Symptoms](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mpox Vaccine Administration U.S. Map](#)
- **UPDATED** [Demographics of Patients Receiving TPOXX for Treatment of Mpox](#)

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