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# FRIDAY UPDATE

March 31, 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 (DSLRL) 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 Connects Webinar Scheduled for April 12

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 12**. This webinar will

provide an overview of "Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs)." Presenters from the U.S. General Services

Administration (GSA) will introduce the newly formed BOAs and share how these acquisition mechanisms may be used to procure services and supplies for federal, state, and local communities in the preparedness, response, and recovery phases of a public health emergency. Following is the participant information.



### Participant Information

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

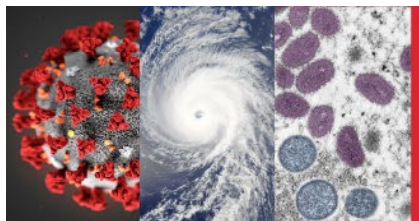
Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

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

## New and Updated PHEP ORR Documents Now Available Online

Two resources to help PHEP recipients report Budget Period 4 (BP4) data are now available on the [CDC website](#). The new [PHEP Budget Period 4 \(BP4\) ORR Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) document provides information on a variety of topics related to BP4 reporting requirements and how to submit data. The updated [Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) Operational Readiness Review \(ORR\) Reporting and Tracking System \(PORTS\) User Guide](#) provides an overview of PORTS and how to use the system to submit required BP4 data. CDC encourages recipients to email questions to [dsltrtraining@cdc.gov](mailto:dsltrtraining@cdc.gov).



## Emergency Response Activities

### New CDC Listserv Established for STLT Response Update Calls

CDC has established a new listserv that will be used to notify state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health partners about upcoming CDC response-related update calls. The more than 10,000 STLT partners who have participated in previous CDC response calls should receive an email, today, March 31, inviting them to subscribe to the CDC listserv. The email will include instructions on how to subscribe to the CDCL-STLT-RESPONSE-UPDATES listserv.

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](mailto:stltresponse@cdc.gov).



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### ASPR 2023-2026 National Health Security Strategy Available Online

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has made available online the [2023-2026 National Health Security Strategy \(NHSS\)](#). This strategy provides a whole-of-nation approach to prepare for, protect from, respond to, and recover from the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters. The NHSS promotes capability-based improvements to strengthen and adapt health care, public health, and emergency preparedness and response no matter the threat, and focuses on meeting the needs of at-risk individuals and underserved communities.

### National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters Meeting Scheduled for April 20

The next public meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters (NACIDD) is scheduled for **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 20**. During this meeting, NACIDD

members will discuss, finalize, and vote on an initial set of recommendations to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) regarding challenges, opportunities, and priorities for national public health and medical preparedness, response, and recovery, specific to the needs of people with disabilities in disasters. Members of the public and expert stakeholders are invited to virtually participate in the meeting as observers. Advanced [registration](#) is required. For additional details and meeting agenda topics, visit the [NACIDD public meeting page](#) or contact [NACIDD@hhs.gov](mailto:NACIDD@hhs.gov).

### **HHS Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit Now Available**

A new [HHS Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit](#) is now available online. The toolkit addresses the needs of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, and community resilience activities. As a companion to the [HHS Maternal-Child Health \(MCH\) Emergency Planning Toolkit](#), the new toolkit aligns with ongoing HHS objectives to ensure health equity for all children, adolescents, and CYSHCN and their families and caregivers to ensure access to high-quality care, services, and support across the emergency management cycle.

### **SAMHSA 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant Program Available**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced a notice of funding opportunity for the [2023 Rural EMS Training Grant Program](#). The goal of this SAMHSA program is to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring disorders (COD) substance use and mental disorders. Grant recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency.

SAMHSA encourages rural EMS agencies (both fire-based and others) operated by local or tribal governments, as well as rural nonprofit EMS agencies, to apply. Completed [applications](#) must be submitted by **Monday, May 1**.



### **Ohio Train Derailment: Impacts and Emerging Lessons Webinar Recording Available**

The [Collaborative for Health and Environment](#) released online a recording of its March 22 webinar, [The Ohio Train Derailment: Impacts and Emerging Lessons](#). The derailment of the Norfolk Southern train in East Palestine, Ohio, in February, and the subsequent burning of chemicals contained in the train cars, released large quantities of hazardous chemicals into the environment. Presenters discussed the short- and long-term health effects of the chemicals released, provided an overview of government and community responses to date, and explored how a transition to sustainable chemistry could help avert future disasters.

### **Save the Date: 2023 National Tribal Public Health Conference Scheduled for May 1-5**

The [National Indian Health Board](#) will host the [2023 National Tribal Public Health Conference](#) from **May 1 through May 5** in Anchorage, Alaska. This conference is a gathering for American Indian and Alaska Native health policy, public health practice, advocacy and the advancement of health equity for tribal communities.

### **SNS Seeks New Public Health Advisors**

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is recruiting three public health advisors for the new Office of State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Preparedness (OSTLTP) within the Office of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). All U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for the positions. OSTLTP's mission is to engage partners to assist with medical countermeasure logistics planning and coordinate access to SNS

training and exercise support to enhance state, tribal, local, and territorial communities' readiness to respond to public health emergencies. The closing date for the USAJOBS announcement is **April 10**. Interested individuals can learn more at [www.usajobs.gov/job/716368000](http://www.usajobs.gov/job/716368000).



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 31](#)
- [Trends in Stimulant Prescription Fills Among Commercially Insured Children and Adults — United States, 2016–2021](#)
- [Emergency Department Visits for Firearm Injuries Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, January 2019–December 2022](#)
- [Safe Listening at Venues and Events with Amplified Music — United States, 2022](#)
- [JYNNEOS Vaccination Coverage Among Persons at Risk for Mpox — United States, May 22, 2022–January 31, 2023](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Cluster of Blastomycosis Among Neighborhood Residents — St. Croix County, Wisconsin, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years in Fair or Poor Health, by Family Income and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2021](#)

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