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Advance Email – Sent by ASTHO

Dear Preparedness Director/Coordinator:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) is conducting a study entitled “Evidence-Based Practice in Public Health Preparedness and Response: Barriers and Facilitators.” The purpose of the study is to examine the barriers and facilitators to evidence-based practice (EBP) in public health emergency preparedness and response (PHPR) by identifying the key organizational and contextual factors affecting EBP implementation and dissemination by the PHPR practice community. The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is providing support to NORC and CDC to conduct this study.

As part of this study, we are asking all Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement awardees to participate in a brief assessment to identify the key organizational and contextual factors affecting EBP implementation and dissemination by the PHPR practice community. The information gathered in the assessment will be used by CDC to support state, territorial, and local health department activities; better understand the PHPR practice community’s needs; inform and prioritize strategies and resources for EBP identification and dissemination; and address barriers and facilitators to EBP uptake. The assessment is intended to be completed by each health department's preparedness director/coordinator, or an appropriate designee who has direct knowledge and/or primary responsibility for preparedness activities in your health department.

The assessment will be available in an electronic format and is estimated to take 35 minutes to complete. Within the next few days, you will receive an email from NORC that contains a link to the assessment. All data from the assessment will be shared with CDC in aggregate form. Your participation is voluntary.

We encourage you to respond to the assessment. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important study.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

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