

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

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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 (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](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

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## Upcoming Deadlines

- **September 15** – Monthly COVID-19 Fiscal Reports Due



## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### CDC's Next PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for September 9

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m.**

**EDT on Wednesday, September 9.** "CDC's Frontline Defense Against Public Health Threats" will be presented by Nykiconia Precely and Aaron Otis from CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response. The presenters will discuss hurricane preparedness as outlined in [CDC's Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters](#) reference document and provide information on responding to multiple events, including sheltering during the COVID-19 pandemic. This presentation will highlight the importance of risk communication, information sharing, mass care, medical surge, and emergency operations coordination in preparation for hurricanes and similar disasters.



Participants can log onto <https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/r60oog3mlz5/> to view the webinar. To listen to the audio portion via phone line, dial 1-888-455-5125 and enter participant pass code 4495815. Registration is not required to join this webinar via Adobe Connect. Continuing education credit will not be offered for this presentation. For more information on the PHEP Connects webinar series, contact [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

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## COVID-19 Response Activities

### CDC Changes Travel Health Notices from Global Level 3 to Destination Specific Notices

Travel Health Notices (THN) inform travelers and clinicians about current health issues that impact travelers' health, like disease outbreaks, special events or gatherings, and natural disasters, in specific international destinations. In March 2020, CDC issued a global Level 3 THN. CDC has changed from a global Level 3 THN to destination specific notices. As the COVID-19 situation around the world changes, CDC is monitoring COVID-19 risk in each destination and making travel recommendations. For more information, visit CDC's website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.


### COVID-19 Weekly Vaccine Planning Webinar Presentation Now Available on On-TRAC

CDC has published the presentation slides from the vaccine planning webinar held on September 2. PHEP recipients can access the webinar slides on the [Online Technical Resources and Assistance Center \(On-TRAC\)](#). *These slides are for official use only by CDC stakeholders and should not be distributed further.* CDC will conduct its next weekly COVID-19 vaccine planning webinar on **Wednesday, September 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. EDT**. CDC will provide the participant information in a separate email.





## What's on the Calendar

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- **September 9** – PHEP Connects Webinar
  - **September 9** – COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Webinar
  - **September 10** – CDC Community of Practice Webinar
  - **September 14** – RealOpt© Training on Vaccination Planning and POD Sites
  - **September 16** – PHEP Recipient Conference Call




## Tools and Resources

### CDC Offers RealOpt© Training on Vaccination Planning and POD Sites on Sept 14

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt© training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held on **Monday, Sept. 14**. Participants will learn the basic components of RealOpt©, a computer modeling program that determines POD or vaccination site staff requirements and examines process efficiencies based on site-specific configurations. With this tool, participants will learn to manipulate existing POD and vaccine flow models and how to run and interpret the performance reports. By the end of the session, participants will have learned how to build or modify their own models to identify where staff should be allocated and how to eliminate bottlenecks and optimize processing times. Registration for the RealOpt© training session is completed through [CDC TRAIN](#). The training registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date. Additional training sessions will be held on:

- Thursday, October 15
- Monday, November 16
- Thursday, December 10

CDC encourages POD and vaccination managers, local and state medical countermeasure planners, and other preparedness planners to register for the monthly training session.



## News You Can Use

### CDC Hosts Webinar Series on Equity and Policy Preparedness during Public Health Emergencies

CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response and Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, in partnership with the National Governor's Association, and the American Bar Association will host a four-part legal preparedness series titled "Equity and Policy Preparedness during Public Health Emergencies." Kicking off in September to mark National Preparedness Month, the series is intended for public health professionals, state and territorial health officials, and public health lawyers.

- September 17: Equity in Encouraging and Enforcing Mitigation Measures
- October 22: Equitable Distribution and Uptake of Remedies and Resources
- November 19: People Experiencing Homelessness
- December 17: People Who Are Incarcerated

This four-part series will help participants ensure equity and policy preparedness before, during, and after public health emergencies. [Webinar registration links](#) are now available online with more details on each event.

### **Strategic National Stockpile Temporarily Suspends RSS Site Validation Process**

Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and response operations, the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), managed by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, has temporarily suspended all receipt, stage, and store (RSS) validations until further notice. For related questions or concerns, please contact the SNS Strategic Logistics Branch at [SNRSSHValidation@cdc.gov](mailto:SNRSSHValidation@cdc.gov).

CDC reminds PHEP recipients that the requirement for submission of RSS site survey information is waived for BP2. A full listing of updated BP2 requirements can be found on [CDC's PHEP Cooperative Agreement webpage](#).

### **CDC Announces New LEEP Online Training Program**

CDC's Public Health Law Program, within the Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS) has developed a Law and Epidemic Preparedness (LEEP) online training program. LEEP is a free, self-paced, e-learning course that helps improve understanding of the use of law during a large-scale communicable disease response. The training covers the legal underpinnings of emergency preparedness and response systems, what actions are authorized, and how to minimize legal barriers to an effective large-scale communicable disease response. CSTLTS provides more information on the LEEP training program on their [Public Health Professional Gateway web page](#). Interested participants can also learn more about the training during a webinar scheduled at **2 p.m. EDT on September 22**. Event registration and details are available [online](#).

### **NACCHO Develops Contact Tracing Resources for COVID-19 Response**

To support local health departments as they design, establish, scale up, and strengthen their contact tracing programs, The National Association for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has launched a new web hub: [Contact Tracing Tools for COVID-19 Response](#). The site highlights useful contact tracing resources from governmental public health, academia, think tanks, and nonprofits.



#### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), September 4
- [Early Release: Seroprevalence of SARS-CoV-2 Among Frontline Health Care Personnel in a Multistate Hospital Network — 13 Academic Medical Centers, April–June 2020](#), August 31
- [Primary Indicators to Systematically Monitor COVID-19 Mitigation and Response — Kentucky, May 19–July 15, 2020](#), August 28
- [COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons — 23 States, January 31–July 3, 2020](#), August 28

#### **COVID-19 Guidance and Resources**

- **NEW** [COVID-19 Information Metrics for Response Leadership's Decision Making](#)
- **NEW** [How to Make 0.1% Chlorine Solution to Disinfect Surfaces in Healthcare Settings](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)

- **UPDATED** [Cases & Deaths by County](#)
- **UPDATED** [Testing Data in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Limiting Workplace Violence Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses](#)
- **UPDATED** [Contact Tracing for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#)
- **UPDATED** [Community Mitigation \(Non-US Settings\)](#)

Other Resources

[Vital Signs: Characteristics of Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids and Stimulants — 24 States and the District of Columbia, January–June 2019, September 4](#)

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