

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

October 2, 2020



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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- **October 16** – COVID-19 Vaccination Plans Due
- **October 30** – PHEP FFRs Due (BP1 and BP1 Supplement)



### **Joint HPP-PHEP Recipient Conference Call Scheduled for October 21**

The next quarterly HPP-PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT** on **Wednesday, October 21**. Participants may use the following link to access the Zoom webinar or dial in using the call-in line below.

#### **Zoom Webinar**

<https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611067319?pwd=MWdVeTNXTUE3RmdWWmd2Y1Q3SWJoUT09>

**Zoom Dial in: 1 646-828-7666 Meeting ID: 161 106 7319 Passcode: 46655071**



### **COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Reports Due October 15**

The September fiscal reports and second quarterly progress reports for the COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement are due **Thursday, October 15**, in REDCap. For the second quarterly progress report, recipients should provide programmatic updates on their response activities from July 1 to September 30, focusing on successes and challenges to date. Recipients should use both the radial buttons and the text boxes to describe their progress. The September fiscal report should summarize obligations and commitments incurred through September 30. As a reminder, quarterly progress reports are due 15 days after the end of the calendar quarter, and monthly fiscal reports are due 15 days after the end of each month. In addition to the required reports, recipients can complete and submit the “TA and Unfunded Needs” form in REDCap to identify technical assistance needs and requirements for which they may not have sufficient funding under the current award. Recipients should direct any questions to their DSLR Project Officers.

### **CDC Releases Interim Guidance for Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools, IHEs**

CDC has released interim contact tracing guidance for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to assist administrators in planning a comprehensive COVID-19 response. [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education](#) and [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools](#) encourage collaboration between state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) health officials and school administrators when [investigating cases and exposures to infectious diseases, including SARS-CoV-2](#),

the virus that causes COVID-19. Prompt and coordinated actions, including case investigation and contact tracing, inform decision-making about strengthening, focusing, and relaxing [mitigation strategies](#).

### **CDC Awards \$200 Million to Jurisdictions for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness**

[CDC has awarded \\$200 million to 64 jurisdictions for COVID-19 vaccine preparedness](#). Funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) will provide critical infrastructure support to existing recipients of CDC’s Immunizations and Vaccines for Children cooperative agreement. These funds, along with the previous support CDC has provided, will help jurisdictions prepare for implementation of COVID-19 vaccination services. Preparation includes development of COVID-19 vaccination plans, which must be submitted to CDC no later than **Friday, October 16**. CDC encourages preparedness directors to work with the immunization program coordinators in their jurisdictions to develop these plans.

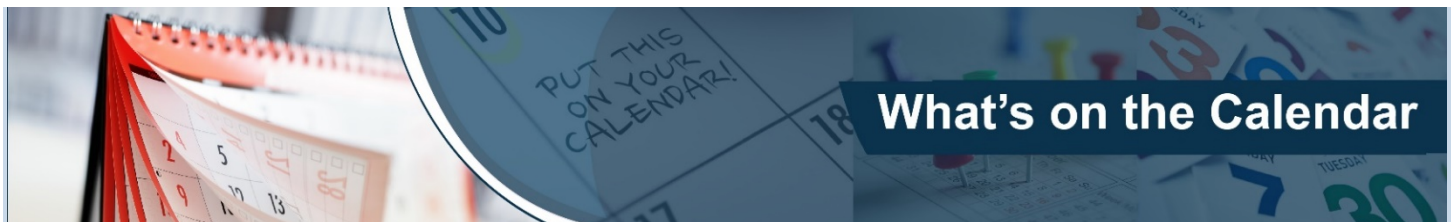
### **Cruise Ship No-Sail Order Extended through October 31, 2020**

CDC announced September 30 the extension of a [No-Sail Order](#) for cruise ships through October 31, 2020. This order continues to suspend passenger operations on cruise ships with the capacity to carry at least 250 passengers in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Cumulative surveillance data reported to CDC from March 1 through September 29, 2020, show at least 3,689 COVID-19 or COVID-like illness cases on cruise ships in U.S. waters, and at least 41 reported deaths.

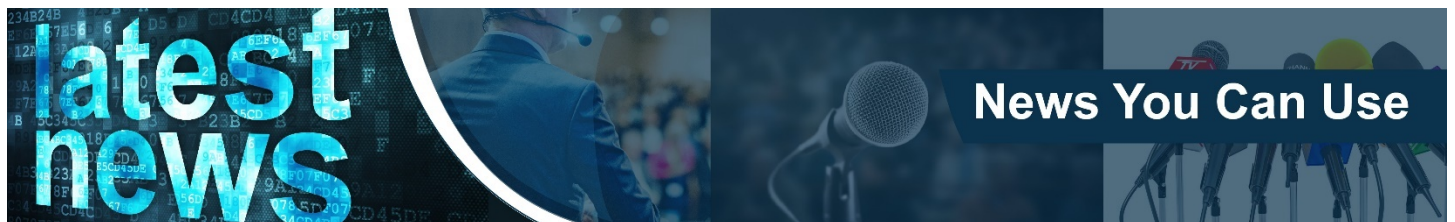
The order will remain in effect until the earliest of:

1. The expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency,
2. The CDC director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations, or
3. October 31, 2020.

For more information about COVID-19 and cruise ships, visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/cruise-ship/what-cdc-is-doing.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/cruise-ship/what-cdc-is-doing.html). To view the No-Sail Order, go to [www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise](http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise).



- **October 21** – HPP-PHEP Recipient Call



### **CDC Publishes 2019 FSAP Annual Report**





The [2019 Annual Report of the Federal Select Agent Program](#) summarizes 2019 program data for the Federal Select Agent Program (FSAP), which regulates the possession, use and transfer of biological select agents and toxins so that important work with potentially dangerous and deadly pathogens can be conducted as safely and securely as possible. FSAP is a partnership between CDC's Division of Select Agents and Toxins and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The report, released in September 2020, provides the American public with insight into the regulatory activities of the program. The contents include a look at both the regulatory functions of the program, as well as compliance with the select agent regulations at laboratories across the nation. In addition, the report highlights FSAP's efforts to engage with the regulated community throughout the year to help ensure regulatory compliance.

### **2021 Preparedness Summit Abstracts Due October 31**

The 2021 Preparedness Summit is scheduled for April 12-15 in Atlanta. The [abstract submission](#) period is open through **11:59 p.m. PT, October 31**. The 2021 theme, *When Crisis is Commonplace: Transforming Your Community's Public Health Preparedness Practices*, will focus on how to adapt preparedness and response infrastructure to this reality and will highlight tools, resources, and policies that enable public health professionals meet the many challenges encountered every day.

This year's Summit Planning Committee invites public health, health care, disaster relief, emergency management, and other professionals nationwide to showcase and share their research findings, best practice training models, tools, or other resources that advance the field of public health and healthcare preparedness and response. The committee seeks sessions that are:

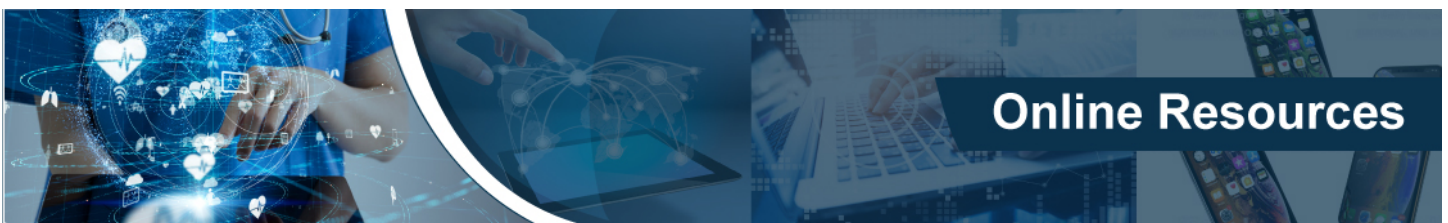
- Evidence-based;
- Highlight programs or model practices that have proven effective in building and sustaining public health and healthcare preparedness at the local, state, tribal, or national level; and
- Demonstrate tools and resources that are replicable and scalable at the local, state, tribal, or national level.

More information about the event is available on the [2021 Preparedness Summit](#) website.

### **CDC and NFID Launch 2020-2021 Seasonal Flu Vaccine Campaign**

CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID), along with other public health and medical partners, launched the 2020-2021 seasonal influenza vaccination season, emphasizing the added importance of vaccination this season during a [virtual press conference](#). Participants, including director of CDC's Influenza Division, Dr. Dan Jernigan, and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Anthony Fauci, urged the public and healthcare professionals to follow the CDC recommendation that everyone six months and older get vaccinated against flu annually.

CDC also released multiple reports on the 2019-2020 flu season, including influenza vaccination coverage estimates among the U.S. public, health care providers and pregnant women. The agency also released updated preliminary estimates on the burden of flu last season, and for the first time, estimates for the burden of flu averted by vaccination last season.



### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), October 2
- [Early Release: Multiple COVID-19 Clusters on a University Campus — North Carolina, August 2020](#), September 29

- [Early Release: Recent Increase in COVID-19 Cases Reported Among Adults Aged 18–22 Years — United States, May 31–September 5, 2020](#), September 29
- [Early Release: COVID-19 Trends Among School-Aged Children — United States, March 1–September 19, 2020](#), September 28

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#)
- **NEW** [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths](#)
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- **UPDATED** [COVID By the Numbers](#)
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- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)
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