# **Division of State and Local Readiness** Friday Update

October 16, 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 (DSLR) 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 or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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#### **New PFAs Begin Field Assignments**

DSLR welcomes three new Preparedness Field Assignees (PFAs), who began their jurisdictional assignments this week. The new PFAs are:

- Rebecca "Star" Albert Chicago Department of Health
- Haley Farrie Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Gwendolyn Ruppert Georgia Department of Health

They join 16 other PFAs assigned to jurisdictions across the country to assist with public health preparedness planning and response efforts using the framework of the 15 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities. Since the program's inception in 2012, 62 PFAs have served in 28 states, five large metropolitan areas, and one U.S. territory.

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

The October joint HPP-PHEP recipient call will be a Zoom webinar scheduled for an earlier time slot of **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, October 21** due to the weekly COVID-19 vaccine planning call at 3:30 p.m. This meeting will include updates on the COVID-19 vaccination strategy, Strategic National Stockpile 2.0 initiative, and jurisdictional risk assessments. Participant information for this event is provided below.

<u>Join Meeting</u> <u>https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611067319?pwd=MWdVeTNXTUE3RmdWWmd2Y1Q3SWJoUT09</u> Meeting ID: 161 106 7319 Passcode: <u>.HyG@j13</u>

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#### **BP1 Supplement Closeout Materials Due October 30**

PHEP recipients who received no-cost extensions to complete their Budget Period 1 Supplement (TP17-1701) activities must submit the following closeout documents by **Friday**, **October 30**, via GrantSolutions.

- Final Performance Progress and Monitoring Reports: These reports, at a minimum, must include:
  - Statement of progress made toward the achievement of originally stated aims. (Include impact statements/success stories based on their evaluation and performance measurement plans)
  - Evaluation results, including a description of results (positive or negative) considered significant
  - $\circ$  List of publications resulting from the project, with plans, if any, for further publication
  - Performance measure data
  - Final data management plans
  - o Final equipment inventory list authorization/purchase
  - Final Tangible Personal Property Report (SF-428B)
  - Real Property Status (DF-429)
- BP1 Supplement Final Federal Financial Reports (FFRs)
  - Final PHEP FFRs (SF-425)
  - Combined HPP-PHEP FFRs (SF-425)

The following forms also must be submitted. However, if these forms do not apply, recipients should document that by indicating "NA – Not Applicable."

- Tangible Personal Property Report Supplemental Sheet (SF-428S)
- Real Property Status Report General Reporting (SF-429-A)
- Real Property Status Report Request to Acquire, Improve, or Furnish (SF-429-B)
- Real Property Status Report Disposition or Encumbrance Request (SF-429-C)

Recipients should refer to the TP17-1701 notice of funding opportunity reporting section and the terms and conditions section of their notices of award for additional information regarding each deliverable. PHEP recipients that have questions regarding the closeout process should consult with their DSLR project officers or CDC grants management specialists.

#### SAS License Requests, Renewals Due October 20

The renewal period for Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) licenses has begun, and recipients should have received renewal forms from their DSLR project officers. Recipients who have not previously purchased SAS licenses through direct assistance but want to do so in calendar year 2021 should contact their project officers as soon as possible. Recipients must complete the SAS license renewal/request forms and return them to their project officers by **Tuesday**, **October 20**.



#### COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Reports Due Now

**Thursday, October 15,** was the deadline to submit September fiscal reports and second quarterly progress reports for the COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement. Recipients that have not yet submitted their reports should do so as soon as possible. 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. The September fiscal report should summarize obligations and commitments incurred through September 30. Reports must be submitted in REDCap.

#### CDC Adds Vaccine-Specific Content to COVID-19 Website

CDC has added <u>vaccine-specific content</u> to its extensive COVID-19 website. Newly posted resources include information on vaccination planning, how vaccine safety is being ensured, and frequently asked questions. These resources are intended to clarify how COVID-19 vaccine recommendations will be made and how the vaccines will be monitored for safety to help build trust and confidence in future COVID-19 vaccines.

CDC anticipates making frequent updates to this website, as well as to <u>CDC's Vaccination and Immunization</u> <u>website</u>, as more information becomes available and as vaccines become authorized or approved and recommended for use in the United States.

#### COVID-19 Supplemental Funding Crosswalk, Updated FAQs Now Available

Two new informational resources are now available to recipients of COVID-19 supplemental funding released through the Public Health Crisis Response, the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC), and the Immunization and Vaccines for Children cooperative agreements. The materials include:

- a crosswalk document that provides a descriptive summary and an at-a-glance overview of allowable costs for each of the cooperative agreements,
- an updated frequently asked questions (FAQ) document for the ELC Enhancing Detection supplemental funding.

PHEP recipients can access both documents in <u>On-TRAC</u> and should contact their DSLR project officers with any questions.

October 22 COCA Call Focuses on Drug Use, Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19 Pandemic CDC's next Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call will be held at 2 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 22. During this COCA call, subject matter experts will highlight existing resources and exceptions for clinicians who prescribe medications for opioid use disorder, increase awareness of existing community-based linkage to care resources, and discuss the outpatient telemedicine experience from a front-line provider perspective. Interested participants may use the information provided below to join the Zoom conference.

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- October 21 HPP-PHEP Recipient Call
- October 22 CDC COCA Call



#### **BP1 Performance Measure Module Now Open in PERFORMS**

The PERFORMS module recipients use to submit Budget Period 1 (BP1) performance measure data and annual progress reports is now open. BP1 reports are due **Friday**, **October 30**. Recipients requiring assistance using the PERFORMS application should contact <u>performssupport@cdc.gov</u>. Recipients with questions regarding their data submissions should contact their DSLR project officers.

In addition, recipients must submit spend plan reports for Budget Period 1 expanded authority funds for the period July 1 through September 30 (quarter 5). A template is available in the PERFORMS Resource Library in the User Support/Templates folder. Recipients should send completed reports to <u>dslrgrants@cdc.gov</u> and provide a copy to their DSLR project officers.



#### **HHS Implements New Standardized NOA Template**

Effective October 1, HHS has implemented a new standard Notice of Award (NOA) template for all discretionary award actions and amendments issued from the Grants Management Module (GMM) in GrantSolutions. The new standardized NOA cover page is part of HHS' efforts to standardize grants management processes, reduce administrative burden for recipients, and improve the grants management user experience. CDC has provided recipients of CDC discretionary awards with copies of the new NOA cover page design and updated cover page data element definitions. PHEP recipients should contact their grants management specialists with any questions.



#### CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 16
- An Outbreak of COVID-19 Associated with a Recreational Hockey Game Florida, June 2020, October 15
- Demographic Characteristics, Experiences, and Beliefs Associated with Hand Hygiene Among Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, June 24–30, 2020, October 15
- <u>Transmission Dynamics by Age Group in COVID-19 Hotspot Counties United States, April-September 2020</u>, October 15
- Factors Influencing Risk for COVID-19 Exposure Among Young Adults Aged 18–23 Years Winnebago County, Wisconsin, March–July 2020, October 15

#### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** <u>8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning</u>
- NEW Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States

- NEW Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination
- NEW 10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans
- NEW Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing
- UPDATED <u>CDC COVID Data Tracker</u>
- UPDATED <u>COVID-19 Forecasts: Hospitalizations</u>
- UPDATED COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths
- UPDATED <u>COVID By The Numbers</u>
- UPDATED <u>COVID-19</u> Travel Recommendations by Destination
- UPDATED Crew Disembarkations through Commercial Travel
- UPDATED <u>Testing in K-12 Schools</u>
- UPDATED Additional Tools & Resources
- UPDATED Institutes for Higher Education Evaluation

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