

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

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Holiday Edition



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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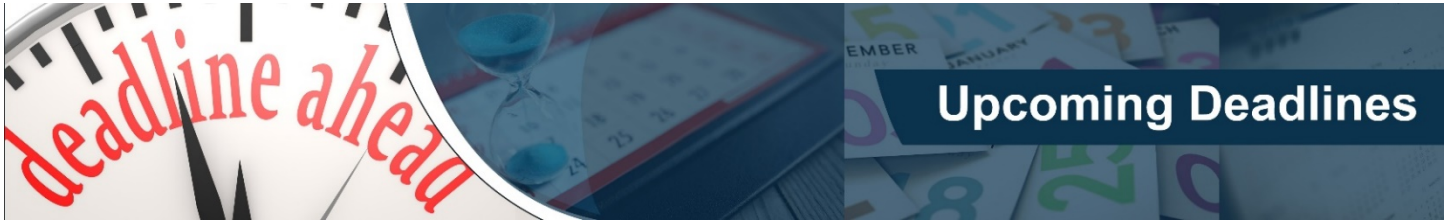
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- **December 30** – Submission of Updated ORR Critical Contact Sheets
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- **January 15** – COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement No-Cost Extension Requests Due
- **January 15** – COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Reports Due



## CDC Updates PHEP BP3 Application Process

CDC is working to make the PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) application process as simple and straightforward for recipients as possible. CDC plans to release the BP3 continuation guidance and funding table in mid-January; however, the funding amounts listed will be preliminary planning numbers only. The funding levels will be updated once CDC finalizes its fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget.

Recognizing that many planned Budget Period 2 (BP2) recipient activities will not be completed due to COVID-19 response activities, CDC anticipates that recipients likely will carry over many of those planned activities into BP3. To make this step easier for recipients, CDC plans to populate the BP3 application work plans and budgets in PERFORMS with recipients' BP2 application information. **Recipients must let their DSLR project officers know by Friday, January 8, if they want to opt out of this process.**

Following are additional details regarding the BP3 application process.

- PHEP recipients should use the 60-day application period to review and make preliminary changes to their BP3 budgets and work plans with the understanding that there will be additional time over the summer to make final adjustments. CDC will still require BP2 progress updates as part of the BP3 application process.
- While the final FY 2021 appropriation includes an increase in PHEP funding, CDC does not yet know the total PHEP funding that will be available for BP3 awards. Since final BP3 funding numbers will not be available when the guidance is released in January, CDC will use current BP2 funding levels for BP3 planning purposes. Minor differences will reflect the fact that Level 2 lab funds included in BP2 awards will not be included in BP3. In addition to the increased appropriation, CDC anticipates that population numbers, direct assistance costs, and Cities Readiness Initiative funding carve-outs will likely change for BP3. CDC will let recipients know their final funding numbers as soon as possible so they can begin to plan their adjustments.
- The PHEP Notices of Award issued by June 30 will reflect final BP3 funding amounts. Any differences will be placed into the "other" cost category as a placeholder. Recipients will have until August 31 to make adjustments accordingly and finalize their BP3 work plans and budgets.

An informational call is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 21, after the guidance is released to further explain this process. PHEP recipients should contact their DSLR project officers with any questions.

### January 13 PHEP Connects Webinar Focuses on Tribal Engagement Strategies



CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, January 13**. January's webinar will focus on "Working Effectively with Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Programs and Tribal Governments." This webinar will be presented by Gregory A. Smith, DSLR public health advisor, who will share PHEP program requirements, engagement strategies, and technical assistance resources to promote collaborative efforts between states and federally recognized tribal nations.

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 passcode 4495815. Registration is **not** required to join this webinar via Adobe Connect. This webinar will be recorded and accessible for later viewing. 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).



### COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Information Due January 15

Two important deadlines are approaching for recipients of CDC's COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement funding. **Friday, January 15**, is the deadline to submit requests for no-cost extensions and Quarter 3 fiscal and progress reports.

#### No-Cost Extension Requests

The period of performance for the CDC COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement expires on March 15, 2021. CDC recognizes that funded jurisdictions may not be able to complete all of their approved activities by that date. Recipients that need more time to complete their approved activities can request up to an additional 12 months to do so. Since not all jurisdictions will likely need the full 12 months to complete the work and expend the funds, jurisdictions may request a time frame that is appropriate for their situation. Activities must be completed no later than March 15, 2022.

Recipients must submit no-cost extension requests by **January 15** via the Grants Management Module in GrantSolutions using the management amendment type for no-cost extensions. Jurisdictions may include budget adjustments as needed; no separate budget amendment is required. CDC will review requests and provide responses as quickly as possible after receipt. More information is available at [CDC Prior Approvals for Non-research Awards](#).

#### Quarter 3 Reports

Recipients must submit their December fiscal reports and third quarterly progress reports for the COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement by **January 15** in REDCap. For the third quarterly progress report, recipients should provide programmatic updates on their response activities from October 1 to December 31, focusing on successes and challenges to date. Recipients should use both the radial buttons and the text boxes to describe their progress. The December fiscal report should summarize obligations and commitments incurred through December 31. 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 or to [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).

### **CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker and Vaccine Communication Updates Available**

A new [CDC COVID-19 data tracker](#) for vaccine distribution provides updated information on COVID-19 vaccination distribution and administration in the United States. CDC plans to regularly expand and refine the views and types of vaccination data displayed on the site, with updates typically released weekly. Among the updates to be posted this week are new vaccination visualizations, which include:

- Adding a map with doses distributed and people initiating vaccination (first dose received) reported to CDC by state/territory and for four federal entities. Map data views can be toggled between doses distributed and people initiating vaccination (first dose received) and the metric can be toggled between counts and doses per 100,000 population.
- Adding the national number of doses distributed for use in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and for people initiating vaccination (first dose received) in LTCFs through the [Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care \(LTC\) Program](#).

Planned expansions under consideration include more detail on distribution and administration in long-term care facilities; data on age, race/ethnicity, sex, and vaccine manufacturer; and reports on people receiving their second vaccine dose.

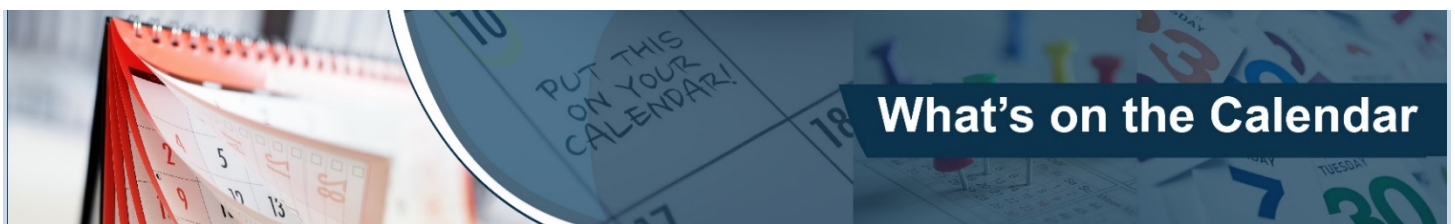
In addition, the [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#) provides medical centers, clinics, and clinicians with a variety of communications tools to inform healthcare teams and other staff. The toolkit includes fact sheets, answers to FAQs, posters, slides, sample social media materials, and additional resources, which will be regularly updated. Other newly published COVID-19 communication resource materials can be found [here](#).

### **CDC Publishes Compilation of Resources for Case Investigations and Contact Tracing**

CDC has compiled an inventory of case investigation and contact tracing resources available on the [CDC COVID-19 website](#). This site is intended to capture all case investigation and contact tracing resources in one place. Resources include guidance documents, checklists, case investigator and contact tracer scripts, training plans, fact sheets, infographics, and other communication resources.

### **New Infographics for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Tests Now Available**

CDC recently published three new infographics for the [BD Veritor™ Plus System](#), [Quidel® Sofia® and Sofia 2®](#), and [Abbott BinaxNOW™](#) antigen tests for rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2. The infographics are designed to provide helpful tips to healthcare providers performing point-of-care testing for SARS-CoV-2. To ensure accurate performance of these tests, refer to the package insert or the manufacturer's instructions for use.



- **January 13** – PHEP Connects Webinar
- **January 21** – PHEP BP3 Continuation Guidance Informational Call (tentative)

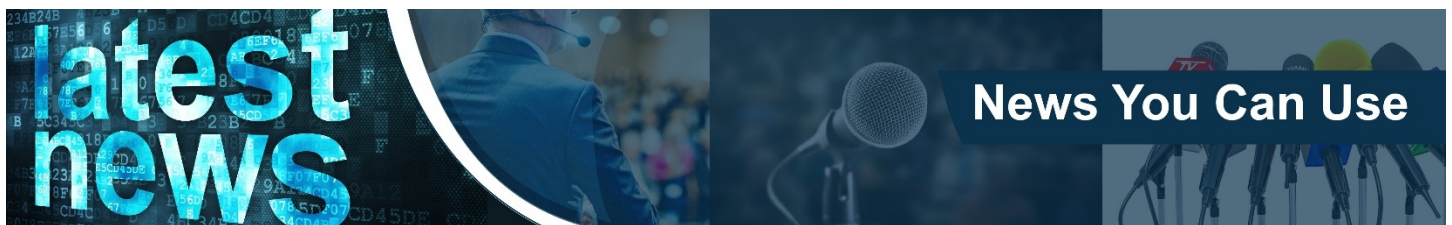


## HHS Announces emPOWER Program Platform

The HHS emPOWER Program Platform is a new, mobile-ready technical assistance platform for information about [HHS emPOWER Program](#) data and tools, [training](#), practical uses of [emPOWER in Action](#), and [resources](#) to help communities across the nation protect the health and save the lives of at-risk individuals.



All public health and emergency management organizations, health care providers and coalitions, first responders, volunteer and community organizations, and others can quickly access the information needed to integrate HHS emPOWER Program data and tools into their preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities, including new fact sheets, job aids, use cases, trainings, helpful resources and links, and more. The program has also relaunched the new, mobile-ready [HHS emPOWER Map](#) to provide partners and health care coalitions with advanced cross-jurisdictional data aggregation and data downloading capabilities, as well as access to historical HHS emPOWER Map de-identified datasets. For more information, review the [HHS emPOWER Program Platform Fact Sheet](#) or visit the [HHS emPOWER Program Platform](#).



## EIS Host Site Application Period Now Open

CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) is currently accepting host site applications from interested organizations. EIS officers are physicians, scientists, veterinarians, and other health professionals serving on the front lines of public health while training under the guidance of experienced supervisors. During this two-year applied epidemiology training program, officers are assigned to positions at CDC headquarters or in state and local health departments. Prospective host sites must be able to host an associate from July 2021 to June 2023.

EIS officers can extend the reach of CDC programs while providing vital workforce support to public health agencies. The [EIS website](#) contains helpful program information. The EIS Host Site Application Portal can be accessed at <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/cdc-efms-eis-hostsite-application>.

The application deadline is **February 5**. For additional information about EIS or the application process, interested jurisdictions can email [EIS@cdc.gov](mailto:EIS@cdc.gov).



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020](#)
- [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020](#)

## COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Vaccination Implementation Strategies to Consider for Populations Recommended to Receive Initial Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine \(Persons included in Phases 1a-1c\)](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Resources for Healthcare Professionals](#)

- **NEW** [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Vaccines and Severe Allergic Reactions](#)
- **NEW** [Vaccination Considerations for People who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)
- **NEW** [At-Home Testing](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- **NEW** [Moderna's Vaccine and Resources for Providers](#)
- **NEW** [FRN: Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test for Air Passengers Arriving from the UK](#)
- **NEW** [Slides and Recordings from ACIP Meeting Material](#)
- **NEW** [Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Multi-Language Factsheets](#)
- **NEW** [Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants | CDC](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 By the Numbers](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities](#)
- **UPDATED** [Wastewater Surveillance in Low-Resource Waste Systems](#)
- **UPDATED** [Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and Caring for Newborns](#)
- **UPDATED** [The Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Published Science and Research](#)
- **UPDATED** [Science Briefs](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim: Implications of the Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variant VOC 202012/01](#)

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