

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.

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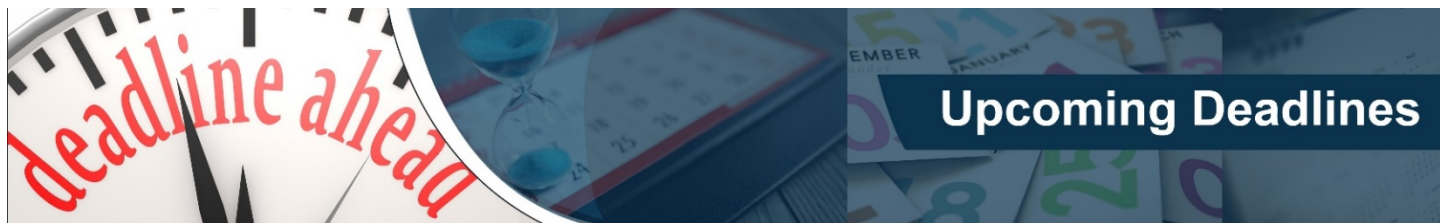
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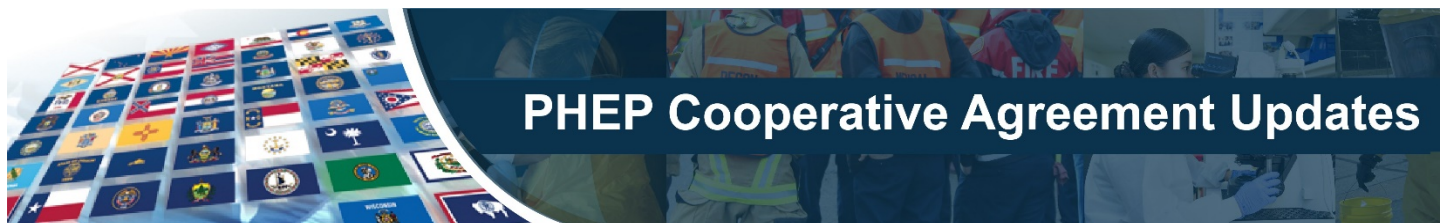
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CDC to Host Special PHEP Connects Webinar on April 21

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 21**. This special webinar is the first in a series of training sessions designed to orient PHEP recipients to CDC's PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) interim guidance. CDC presenter Christopher Reinold will provide an overview of the ORR guidance, which CDC released March 19, as well as the PHEP Budget Period 3 data submission requirements. CDC encourages PHEP recipients and local planning jurisdictions to attend this initial orientation session. Additional PHEP ORR training sessions will be held over the next several months, and CDC will provide details soon.



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.



CDC Provides COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Reporting Update

PHEP recipients awarded a no-cost extension (NCE) for their COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement are reminded that the budget and performance period end dates have been extended to March 25, 2022. Required reporting submissions will continue via the REDCap reporting system throughout the no-cost extension period, including monthly fiscal reports and quarterly progress updates. Recipients should direct any questions to their DSLR project officers or to DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov. The next reports are due April 15.



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CDC's Next RealOpt© Training to Be Held April 22

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt© training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held at **1 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 22**. 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.

CDC encourages POD and vaccination managers, local and state medical countermeasure planners, and other preparedness planners to register for a monthly training session. Registration for the RealOpt© training session is required through [CDC TRAIN](#). Registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date. Additional training sessions will be held on the following dates.

- Monday, May 10
- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, July 8



News You Can Use

CDC Currently Recruiting New CPR Director

CDC is recruiting applicants to serve as director of the [Center for Preparedness and Response](#) (CPR). The director provides leadership in developing, implementing, and maintaining an agency-wide and government-wide comprehensive, all-hazards approach to preparedness and response activities. Other responsibilities include advising senior staff members and key agency officials on all activities that affect CDC-wide preparedness and response activities, policy, programs, projects, and initiatives.

Interested candidates must apply online before **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 23**. More information is available on USAJOBS:

- Physician – RF-602: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/596265900>
- Health Scientist – RF-601: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/596265400>

2021 National Tribal Public Health Summit Abstracts Submissions Due Today

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) will host its annual summit from April 27 to April 29 for public health practitioners, researchers, and policy experts. [Abstract submissions](#) are due **Friday, March 26**. Click [here](#) to register for the national tribal public health summit.

NHCPC Now Accepting Abstract Submissions for 2021 Preparedness Conference

The 2021 National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference (NHCPC) is scheduled for November 30 to December 2. NHCPC is now accepting abstract submissions that align to the conference theme, “Evolving the Challenges of Today into the Solutions for Tomorrow.” Specifically, NHCPC is looking for presentations that will equip coalition leaders to integrate new techniques, develop best practices, and increase overall effectiveness. [Abstract submissions](#) are due April 16. Additional information can be found on the [conference website](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 26](#)
- [Counties with High COVID-19 Incidence and Relatively Large Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations — United States, April 1–December 22, 2020](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines that Require 2 Shots](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information about COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Allergies](#)
- **UPDATED** [Vaccinating Dialysis Patients and Healthcare Personnel](#)
- **UPDATED** [When Vaccine is Limited, Who Gets Vaccinated First?](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 and Animals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Real-World COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness in Healthcare Workers](#)

CDC Wants to Hear from PHEP Recipients

CDC wants to hear how PHEP jurisdictions are preparing for and responding to incidents, emergencies, and disasters, whether it's the COVID-19 pandemic, recent weather events, or other public health emergencies. Recipients can highlight their experiences in emergency preparedness, response, or recovery by emailing the State and Local Readiness mailbox at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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