

Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

April 30, 2021



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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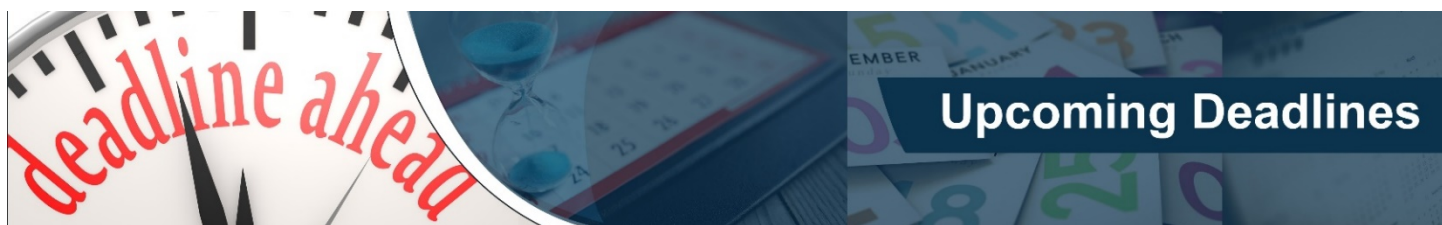
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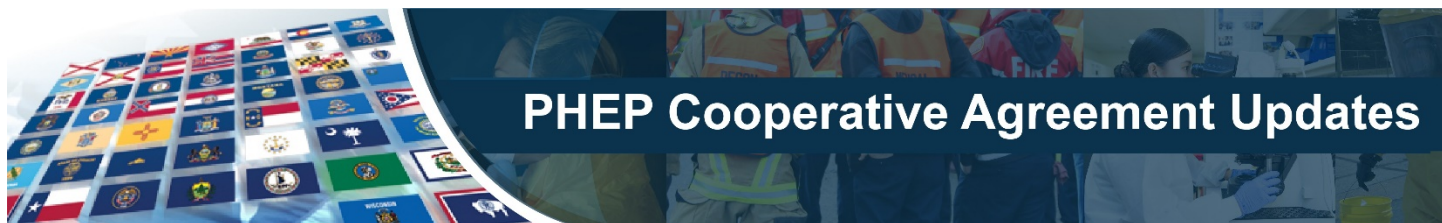
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CDC's May PHEP Connects Webinar Features Preparedness Partnerships in Tennessee

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 12**. This webinar will provide an overview of a local partnership between government and community members to strengthen preparedness for vulnerable populations in Tennessee. Speakers Jennifer Johnson, Christina Obierika; and John Walsh will share their experiences in partnering with agencies and community-based organizations to form the EARS (Emergency Awareness and Readiness Services) Consortium and nonprofit organization. EARS provides appropriate early alert and warning equipment and coordinates emergency preparedness training and emergency services for the benefit of persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing. Following is the participant information is below.



Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 1611002147

Passcode: 63665230

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611002147?pwd=QjZseVBOckdpbTJibnNRkNMV1NVZz09>

CDC Provides Guidance on CEFO Salary Costs

CDC recently announced it planned to shift from direct assistance (DA) to central funding to support one Career Epidemiology Officer (CEFO) in each PHEP jurisdiction that currently has a CEFO assignee. This change is effective July 1. Since salaries must be paid from current fiscal year 2021 funds, recipients that currently have CEFOs should note that their PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) Notices of Award (NOAs) will reflect DA costs for nine months of the fiscal year, October 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Recipients' BP3 budget

planning numbers posted in January, before the national CEFO network proposal was fully approved, were based on a full 12 months of DA costs. However, with the change in how CEFOs are funded, recipients will see in their NOAs an approximately 25% reduction in their DA costs for the last three months of the current fiscal year. Jurisdictions that have additional CEFOs will continue to pay DA for the entire fiscal year. Jurisdictions with questions regarding these changes should contact their PHEP project officers.



OMB Issues Additional COVID-19 Flexibilities for Recipients of Federal Grants

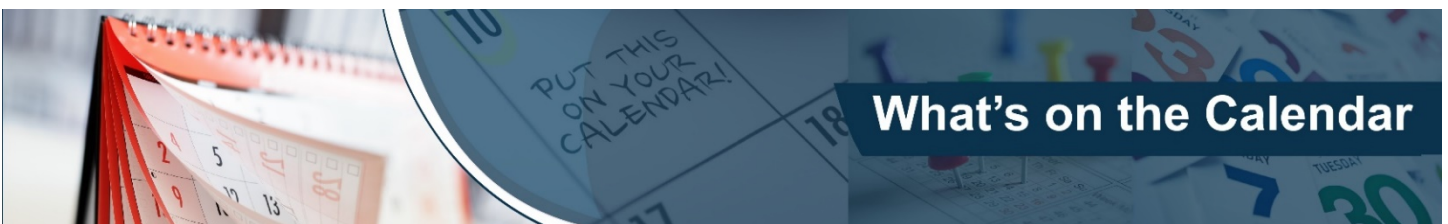
CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) has released new grant notes in GrantSolutions for PHEP and Crisis Response cooperative agreement recipients regarding prior approval flexibilities during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency response. The new grant notes are in response to changes announced March 19 by the Office of Management and Budget in its Memorandum [M021-20](#). The memorandum identifies flexibilities to help manage administrative, financial management, and audit requirements under 2 CFR Part 200. CDC's implementation of these flexibilities is outlined in its [Flexibilities Guidance for Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19](#) on the CDC website. Recipients should direct prior approval questions to their assigned project officers and grants management specialists.

New Infographic Now Available on How to Access GSA COVID-19 Response Support Services

The COVID-19 response has put extraordinary stress on available physical resources, including staff, supplies, equipment, and supportive services. To mitigate this, the General Services Administration (GSA) completed a COVID-19 response support package that enables state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments to enter into contracts with vendors for surge staffing and other needs. GSA has identified more than 120 vendors that can provide COVID-19 support services covering all regions of the country, tribes, territories, and freely associated states. A [new infographic](#) now available on the CDC website describes the steps needed to access GSA services.

FDA and CDC Lift Recommended Pause on Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine Use

Following a thorough safety review, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have determined that the recommended pause regarding the use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine in the United States should be lifted and use of the vaccine should resume. Additional information can be found in the April 23 [CDC press release](#).



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CDC Releases Resources for Contact Tracing in Schools and Operating Summer Camps

CDC recently released two guidance documents addressing youth and summer camps and case investigation and contact tracing in K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

- The [Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19](#) is intended for all types of youth day camps with additional guidance provided for overnight camps. The guidance outlines strategies that camp programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.
- [Considerations for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools and Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#) provides updated guidance to administrators of K-12 schools, IHEs, and health officials on how to prepare and implement COVID-19 [case investigation](#) and [contact tracing](#) efforts in educational settings. The guidance consolidates two previously published documents and highlights the importance of a well-coordinated effort between K-12 schools/IHEs and health officials. It is meant to supplement—not replace—any federal, state, tribal, local, or territorial privacy or public health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which K-12 schools and IHEs must comply. This guidance addresses implications of updated information on identifying [close contacts](#), [testing for COVID-19](#), [vaccination](#), [mask use](#), [isolation](#), and [quarantine](#) for K-12 school and IHE settings.

For more information and resources on Contact Tracing, refer to [CDC's Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#). CDC's Contact Tracing Program Support Team is available to respond to technical assistance requests and can be reached at eocevent348@cdc.gov.

CDC Updates Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People, Healthcare Settings

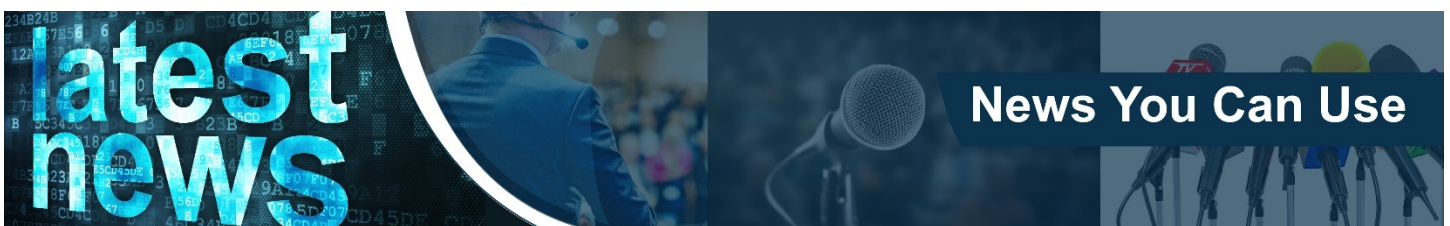
CDC has released updated information for fully vaccinated people and for healthcare settings following COVID-19 vaccination. The [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) (Non-healthcare settings), released on April 27, updates the recommendations for fully vaccinated people to incorporate the most recent studies and policies. Guiding principles for fully vaccinated people are now provided, along with updates to quarantine, isolation, and testing recommendations.

CDC's [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) includes changes to select healthcare infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Located on CDC's [Infection Control website](#), the updates include SARS-CoV-2 testing recommendations, visitation guidance for acute care facilities, and additional guidance for communal activities and dining in healthcare settings.

An additional resource is CDC's [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) web page, which provides guidance and tips for what individuals can do when fully vaccinated. This information includes the most recent updates and recommendations for travel, mask wearing, and what to do when exposed to someone with COVID-19.

NACCHO to Host COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Cases Webinar on May 4

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a webinar from **3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 4**. This webinar will cover vaccine breakthrough cases, including what is known about COVID-19 illness after vaccination and case investigations and reporting. A presenter from the Chicago Department of Health will also discuss the findings highlighted in a recent MMWR, [Postvaccination SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents and Staff Members — Chicago, Illinois, December 2020–March 2021](#). Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.



CDC Launches New Health Equity in Action Web Page

CDC has launched a new, [Health Equity in Action](#) web page for visitors to learn more about CDC's collaborative efforts to address health disparities among populations at higher risk for COVID-19. CDC and its partners are committed to reducing the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 among populations at increased risk for infection, severe illness, and death. Health Equity in Action highlights some of the multiple CDC efforts in place related to COVID-19 from across CDC's COVID-19 response and partnerships.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 30](#)
- [Updated Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of the Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Among Vaccine Recipients — United States, April 2021](#)
- [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#)
- [Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, January–March 2021](#)
- [Linked Clusters of SARS-CoV-2 Variant B.1.351 — Maryland, January–February 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Outbreak Among Farmworkers — Okanogan County, Washington, May–August 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Among Workers in the Seafood Processing Industry: Implications for Prevention Measures — Alaska, March–October 2020](#)
- [Safety Monitoring of the Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, March–April 2021](#)
- [Anxiety-Related Adverse Event Clusters After Janssen COVID-19 Vaccination — Five U.S. Mass Vaccination Sites, April 2021](#)
- [U.S. case reports of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis with thrombocytopenia after AD26.COV2.S Vaccination—March 2 to April 21, 2021](#) (JAMA Publication)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Variants of the Virus that Causes COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#)
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- **UPDATED** [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (Healthcare settings)

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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