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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 (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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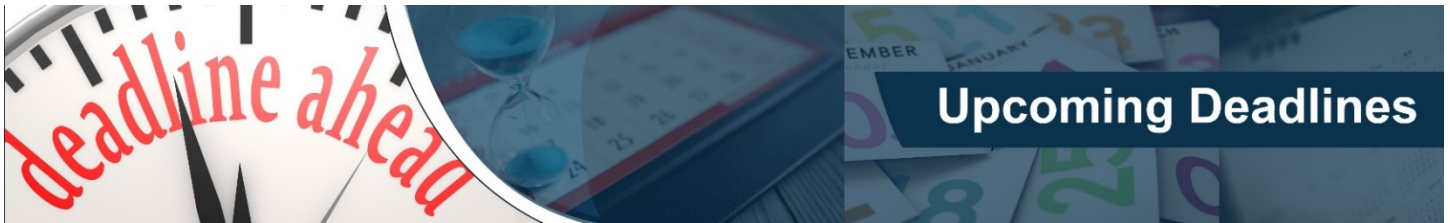- **June 16** – CDC Monthly PHEP Recipient Call

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CDC Modifies PHEP Operational Readiness Review Implementation Plan

On May 26, CDC provided information on modifications to implementation plan for the new PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) system. The system will **not** open on July 1 and roll out will occur later in Budget Period 3 (BP3). Training webinars that began April 21 and were scheduled to continue over the next few months will be placed on hold until further notice.

CDC encourages recipients to review the following documents for additional information on the PHEP ORR, requirements, and process.

- [PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) Interim Guidance](#)
- [May 26 Joint HPP-PHEP Recipient Business Meeting slides](#)
- [April 21 PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) Interim Guidance webinar](#)

CDC will continue to communicate with recipients as updates are made to the timeline for system rollout. Recipients are encouraged to contact their project officer with any questions.

CDC's Next PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for June 9

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "New Jersey's Logistical Challenges in Responding to COVID-19 and Methods to Overcome Them," is scheduled for **1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9**. This webinar will feature New Jersey's Department of Health Medical Countermeasures Bureau and its solutions to address the numerous logistical and inventory management challenges during the COVID-19 response. Marinee Temme, MCM

Bureau Chief and SNS coordinator, will discuss how the department tackled significant storage challenges in an existing warehouse, resolved a disposal issue while saving hundreds of thousands of dollars, and converted the problems into justification for major enhancements to a new facility under construction. Lawrence L. Heidenberg, MCM inventory management and technology coordinator, will then discuss the massive challenges surrounding COVID-19 inventory management and tracking, deficits under the existing system, the research into high-end technology options, and the ultimate selection that created a dynamic statewide inventory management system which provides critical real-time inventory reporting spanning all partners from state to local levels. Participant information is provided below.

Participant Information
Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)
Meeting ID: 1611002147
Passcode: 63665230
Web Link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611002147?pwd=QjZseVBOckdpbTJjbnNRekNMV1NVZz09

Recipients Reminded of PERFORMS Browser Migration to Microsoft Edge in July
CDC anticipates that PERFORMS will transition from Internet Explorer to Microsoft Edge in July. To prepare for this upcoming transition, CDC encourages all recipients using PERFORMS to work with their respective IT departments to ensure Microsoft Edge is installed on computers used to access the PERFORMS system.

On August 17, Microsoft online services will no longer support Internet Explorer. With this change, PERFORMS will **not** be accessible using Internet Explorer. Recipients should ensure the Microsoft Edge browser is installed on their computers for a smooth transition.

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CDC COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding Guidance Webinar Slides Now Available Online
CDC conducted an informational call on May 27, to discuss the CDC COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding guidance released on May 14. CDC presenters provided an overview of the guidance, including budget and work plan requirements; reporting requirements; and required diversity, equity, and inclusion metrics. Slides from the May 27 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement: COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding Guidance webinar are now available here.

CDC Provides Additional Resources on Matching Funds and Maintenance of Effort
CDC continues to receive questions regarding PHEP requirements related to matching funds and maintenance of effort to support the program. The presentation, Match and Maintenance of Effort, will be reviewed during the next Grants Management Business Officials call scheduled for **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 22**. Recipients with urgent questions on this topic should contact their project officer.

CDC Provides Updated COVID-19 Resources
CDC recently updated the Prevaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines document. The updated prevaccination screening forms are now available online and can be accessed at Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Information. The Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations has also been updated.

Translations of the checklist will be soon available in the following languages:
- Arabic
- Spanish
- French
- Korean

- Simplified Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Haitian Creole
- Portuguese (Brazil)

June 3 COCA Call Focuses on Evaluating and Caring for Patients with Post-COVID Conditions
CDC's next Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 3**. During this call, clinicians will learn about CDC's new interim guidance which provides a framework for healthcare providers in their initial assessment, evaluation, management, and follow-up of persons with possible post-COVID conditions. Post-COVID conditions refer to the wide range of physical and mental health consequences experienced by some patients that are present four or more weeks after SARS-CoV-2 infection, including by patients who had initial mild or asymptomatic acute infection. Post-COVID conditions are still being characterized and include symptoms such as cognitive difficulties, fatigue, headache, dyspnea, and palpitations. Subject matter experts, physicians, and patient representatives from across the United States collaborated to develop the new guidance. Rapid recognition by healthcare providers of patients with post-COVID conditions and multidisciplinary care using the assessments and approaches described in this guidance could improve the wellbeing and treatment of people with post-COVID conditions. Additional information regarding this call can be found here. Participant information is provided below.

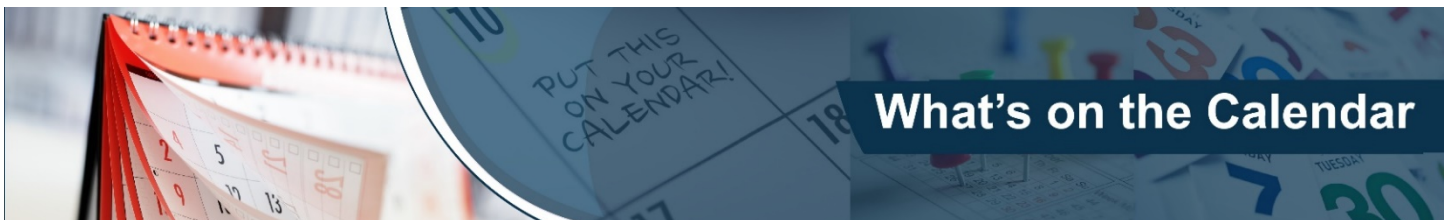Participant Information
Dial-In: (646) 828-7666
Webinar ID: 160 782 6639
Passcode: 183098
Web Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607826639?pwd=L25SbzNYUi80SVo1dUZzV1hnRi9MUT09

FDA Authorizes Additional COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), on May 26, issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for an additional investigational COVID-19 outpatient treatment. This therapy is authorized by the Food and Drug Administration for emergency use for those with mild to moderate cases of COVID-19 who are at high risk of becoming seriously ill. Monoclonal antibody therapy augments the immune system's attack on the virus and may block the virus that causes COVID-19 from attaching to human cells, making it more difficult for the virus to reproduce and cause harm. Additional information can be accessed at: https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-additional-monoclonal-antibody-treatment-covid-19.

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CDC Offers RealOpt© Training on June 10

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, June 10.** 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.
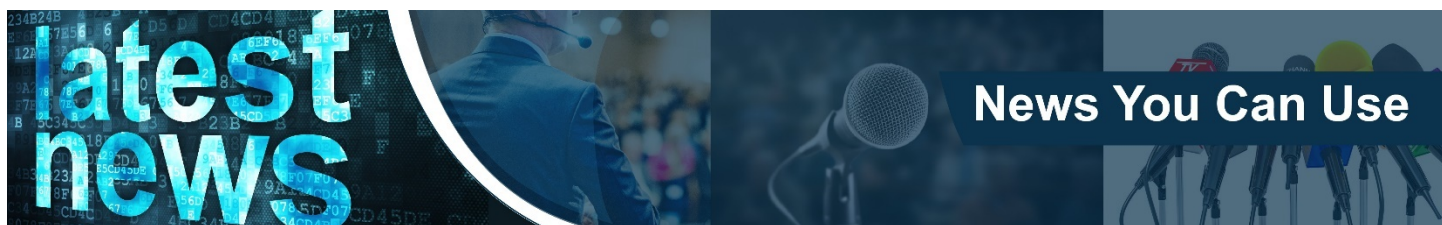
CDC encourages POD and vaccination managers, local and state medical countermeasure planners, and other preparedness planners to register for a monthly training session. Registration for the RealOpt© training session is required through CDC TRAIN. Registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date.

The last training session in this training series on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held on Thursday, July 8.

Updates to CDC Vaccine Communication Product Inventory Now Available
The CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force maintains a Communication and Education Product Inventory on the Immunization Services Division Awardee SharePoint portal in the "COVID-19 > Communication Content" folder. The product inventory is an index of key content compiled to support jurisdictional needs, organized by product category and by stakeholder. CDC updates this inventory at least weekly. Recent updates to the Communication and Education Product Inventory include:

- Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination
- Vaccines for COVID-19
- Key Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines
- Troubleshooting
- V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

CDC Provides New Guidance for Vaccinating Migrant/Migratory and Seasonal Food and Agriculture Workers
CDC released new guidance on vaccinating migrant/migratory and seasonal food and agriculture workers. This new guidance can be accessed at: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-departments/essential-workers/migrant.html.

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 28
- Impact of the COVID-19 Response on Scale-Up of HIV Viral Load Testing — PEPFAR-Supported Countries, January–June 2020
- COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections Reported to CDC — United States, January 1–April 30, 2021

- [Mask Use and Ventilation Improvements to Reduce COVID-19 Incidence in Elementary Schools — Georgia, November 16–December 11, 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing to Sustain In-Person Instruction and Extracurricular Activities in High Schools — Utah, November 2020–March 2021](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 70, No. 10 - Association of State-Issued Mask Mandates and Allowing On-Premises Restaurant Dining with County-Level COVID-19 Case and Death Growth Rates — United States, March 1–December 31, 2020](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Vaccinating Migrant/Migratory and Seasonal Food and Agriculture Workers](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines for Healthcare Personnel](#)
- **UPDATED** [Training for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Demographic Data](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training](#)

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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