

Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

June 4, 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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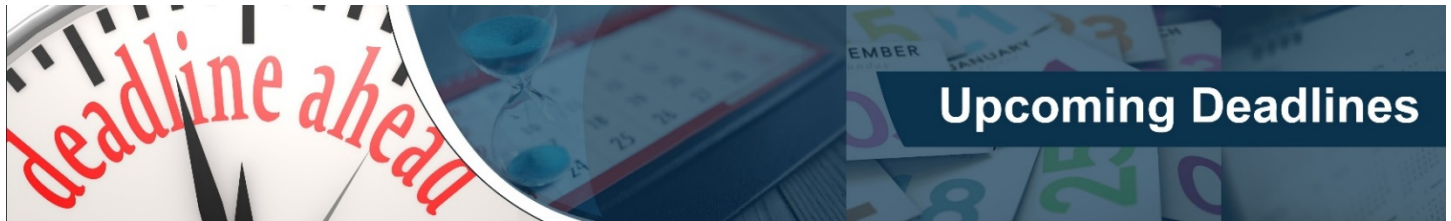
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June 9 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights New Jersey's Solutions to COVID-19 Logistical Challenges



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.**

Wednesday, June 9. This webinar will feature how the New Jersey health departments addressed numerous logistical and medical countermeasure (MCM) inventory management challenges during the COVID-19 response.

- Marinee Temme, the health department's MCM Bureau chief and Strategic National Stockpile 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 used these issues to successfully justify major enhancements to a new facility under construction.
- Lawrence L. Heidenberg, MCM inventory management and technology coordinator, will discuss the challenges surrounding COVID-19 inventory management and tracking, deficits under the existing system, and the research into high-end technology options. He'll also describe the ultimate selection that created a dynamic statewide inventory management system that provides critical real-time inventory reporting spanning all partners from state to local levels.

Following is the participant information.

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 Opens Program Management Module in PERFORMS and Schedules Training

The PERFORMS Program Management Module (PMM) is now available for PHEP recipients to use to respond to conditions of award (COAs) outlined in their Budget Period 3 (BP3) Notices of Award (NOAs). CDC is opening this module 30 days earlier than usual to provide PHEP recipients with additional time to respond to their COAs and submit revised budgets and work plans, as required.

CDC has released all 62 PHEP BP3 NOAs to recipients through GrantSolutions. Recipients must respond to all COAs noted in the NOA using the “Summary Statement/Technical Review Response to Weaknesses” amendment process in GrantSolutions. Amendments must include a cover letter noting:

- That conditions have been met or how they will be addressed,
- Resolution of conditions discussed during budget negotiations with CDC,
- Redirection requests, including a summary of proposed budget changes, if applicable,
- Any NOA errors, and
- Additional required documentation or requested information.

In addition, all recipients must revise their BP3 budgets to reflect the additional funding they received as outlined in their NOAs. The funding increases may also require revisions to recipients’ BP3 work plans. Recipients can provide all these adjustments within one GrantSolutions amendment. All required COA responses and budget and work plan revisions are due to CDC by **Tuesday, August 31**.

The PERFORMS team will host two training sessions on the BP3 PMM module. The two PERFORMS sessions will provide the same information and recipients are welcome to participate in either or both sessions. Following is the participant information.

- **2 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 9**
- **11 a.m. EDT, Thursday, June 10**

Participant Information

Dial-In: (866) 724-5153

Participant Code: 75708931

Web Link: <https://dslr-itt.adobeconnect.com/itt-performs/>

Recipients should contact their PHEP project officers with any questions.



CDC Corrects COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Development REDCap Reporting Form

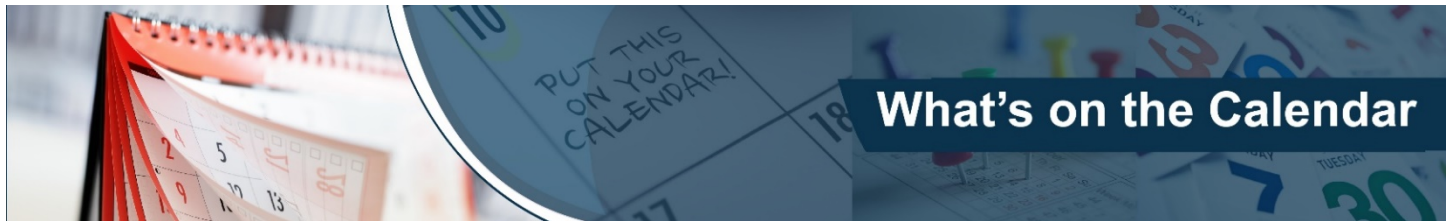
CDC has corrected an error on the recipient information form in the REDCap system for the COVID-19 public health workforce development funding project. The 2021 form inadvertently included a requirement to submit a community intervention plan. This was a requirement of the initial COVID-19 funding awards issued in March 2020 and is **not** a requirement for the public health workforce development supplemental awards. The REDCap form has been amended and no longer references this requirement. Recipients can contact their project officers for additional information.

New National Initiative Addresses COVID-19 Health Disparities

CDC recently announced that its Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS) has issued funding awards to [107 recipients](#) for the [National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities](#). The purpose of this new funding initiative is to address COVID-19 related health disparities and advance health equity by expanding state, local, territorial, and freely associated state health department capacity and services. The intended outcomes of this grant are to:

- Reduce COVID-19-related health disparities,
- Improve and increase testing and contact tracing among populations at high risk and that are underserved, including racial and ethnic minority groups and people living in rural communities, and
- Improve health department capacity and services to prevent and control COVID-19 infection (or transmission).

Additional information regarding this new initiative can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/partnerships/COVID-19-Health-Disparities-OT21-2103.html. The performance period begins June 1, 2021 and ends June 1, 2023.



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NEMA Conducts Workshop on Developing Mission Ready Packages

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) is hosting a series of workshops on developing mission ready packages (MRPs). MRPs are specific response or recovery capabilities that have been created to ensure the skills, capabilities and associated costs are bundled prior to an emergency or disaster for more efficient deployment. MRPs are based on National Incident Management System (NIMS) resource typing concepts but also identify specific details about the resource such as mission description and capability, estimated mission costs, resource footprint, limiting factors, and logistical support requirements. MRPs can greatly assist with the effective and timely deployment of mutual aid assets.

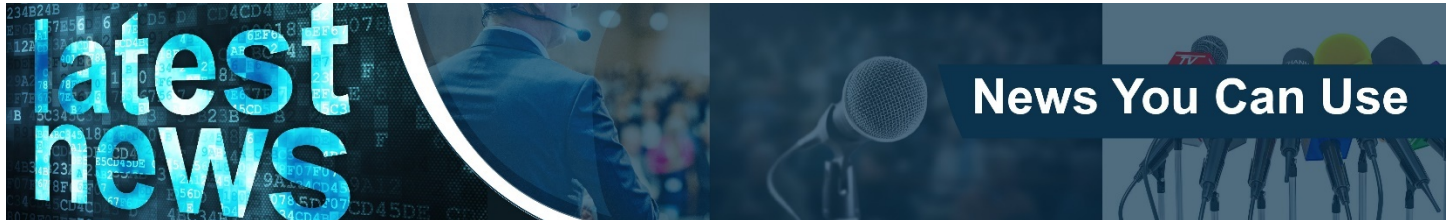
These workshop sessions are designed for resource providers. A resource provider is any organization able to deploy under the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact \(EMAC\)](#) and that has capabilities that might be needed during an emergency response.

Click on one of the following sessions to register. Previous knowledge of EMAC or MRPs is **not** required. Each session will provide the same information.

- **Thursday, June 10 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOqprTqpGNOjNwRWx0FBNGj4_RY0v-AS
- **Wednesday, June 30 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzgoGtzebLOvTF_Ey6xCNXiBO3mp
- **Thursday, July 8 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrjooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN_tIVe
- **Monday, July 19 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000>

- **Wednesday, August 25 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000>



HHS Promotes National Vaccine Month of Action

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched a month-long mobilization effort to have 70% of Americans vaccinated by July 4. The National Vaccine Month of Action is a collaborative effort with thousands of national organizations, community-based partners, and everyday Americans serving as trusted messengers, listening to individual and community concerns and helping them make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccinations. Watch President Biden’s address on the COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts [here](#). There are numerous ways to take action in person or virtually; find opportunities to participate [here](#).

NACCHO Announces New COVID-19 Resources

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently announced a new funding opportunity for local health departments, as well as a webinar on COVID-19 vaccine distribution text messaging strategies.

- NACCHO and CareMessage will host a “COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Text Messaging Strategies” webinar at **3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 8**, to discuss how safety net organizations throughout the country are using text messaging to execute their vaccine communication strategies for their underserved patients. Register for the event [here](#).
- NACCHO is offering a new [Scaling Up COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation Strategies with Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Communities](#) funding opportunity. This funding opportunity is being offered to local health departments to rapidly scale up innovative COVID-19 education, testing, contact tracing, vaccination, and other prevention and mitigation strategies with refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 4](#)
- [COVID-19 Severity and COVID-19–Associated Deaths Among Hospitalized Patients with HIV Infection — Zambia, March–December 2020](#)
- [Impact of Policy and Funding Decisions on COVID-19 Surveillance Operations and Case Reports — South Sudan, April 2020–February 2021](#)
- [Patterns in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage by Social Vulnerability and Urbanicity — United States, December 14, 2020–May 1, 2021](#)
- [Hospitalization of Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1, 2020–April 24, 2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Data Sources](#)
- **UPDATED** [V-safe COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs in Correctional and Detention Centers](#)

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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