

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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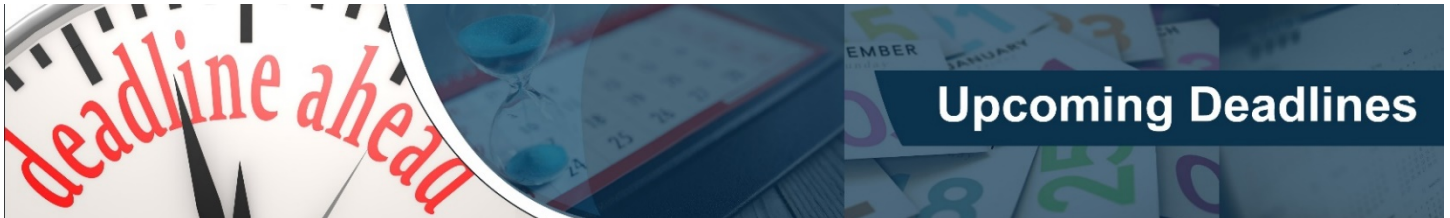
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August PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights California’s COVID-19 Responder Safety and Health Program

CDC’s next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 11**. This webinar will detail the experiences of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) while implementing a responder safety and health program to protect its staff during the COVID-19 response. Presenters will describe their approach for identifying responder safety and health gaps and implementing the Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS) framework into CDPH’s incident management structure.



The [online survey](#) evaluation of the July 14 PHEP Connects webinar is now available. DSLR encourages webinar participants to provide their feedback on the webinar, “Integrating Behavioral Health into Emergency Preparedness and Response: Lessons from Michigan,” by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 30**.



CDC’s Public Health Workforce Funding Webinar Recording Now Available

A recording of CDC’s June 29 webinar on public health workforce programs funded by the American Rescue Plan can be found on CDC’s new [Workforce Resources for Organizations](#) web page. For questions related to this webinar, contact ERIC@cdc.gov. Information on the American Rescue Plan to hire and train public health workers in response to COVID-19 can be accessed [here](#).

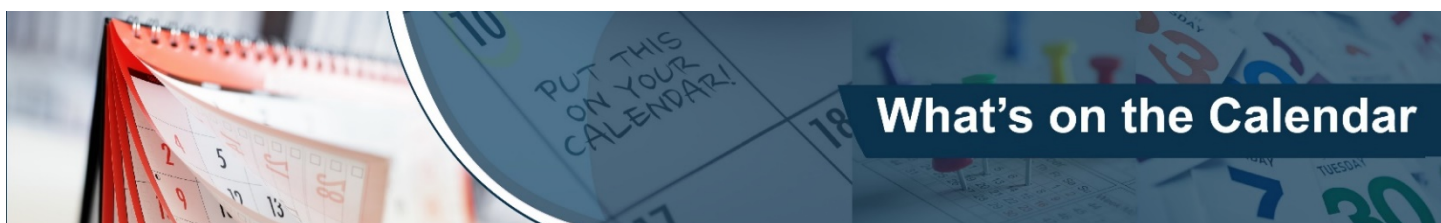
HHS Funding to Support COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation in Vulnerable Communities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will invest more than \$1.6 billion from the American Rescue Plan to support testing and mitigation measures in high-risk congregate settings to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and detect and stem potential outbreaks. As COVID-19 cases rise among unvaccinated people, this funding will expand activities to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor infections and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in homeless shelters, treatment and recovery facilities, domestic violence shelters and federal, state and local correctional facilities. Additional information is available [here](#).

CDC Updates COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

CDC has recently updated the following resources on COVID-19 vaccine equity and adverse events reported after vaccination.

- The updated [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity for Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#) web page highlights CDC's continuous vaccine equity efforts with national, state, tribal, territorial, local, and community partners to ensure that minority communities have fair and just access to COVID-19 vaccination.
- The updated [Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination](#) web page provides an overview of the reports of rare adverse events related to the three (Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Moderna) FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines.

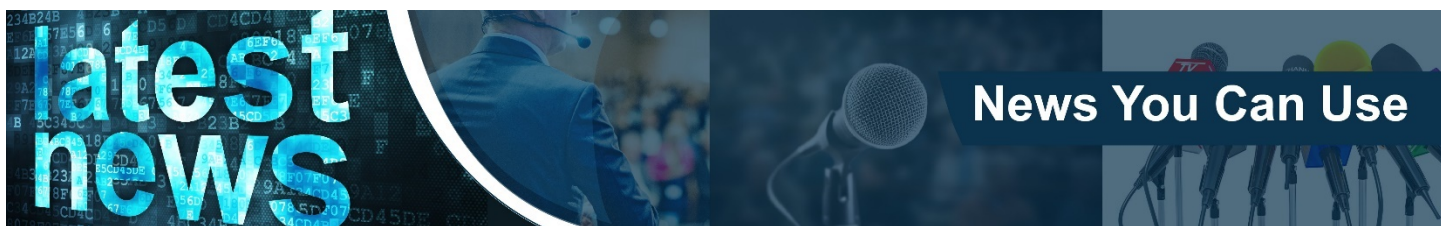


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HHS Announces Funding to Promote Vaccine Confidence in Local Communities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Promoting Vaccine Confidence in Local Communities through Partnership with HHS Regional Health Offices](#). This funding is intended to support innovative practices in local communities that increase vaccine confidence and promote uptake of vaccines that are routinely recommended for adults and children, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities, adolescents and young adults, pregnant people, residents in rural communities, and others with low vaccination coverage rates. Applications must be submitted by **6 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, August 17**.



FEMA Hosts Building Resilience through Private-Public Partnerships Conference on July 27-28

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the U.S. Northern Command, is hosting the 10th Annual Private-Public Partnership Conference. The conference will convene virtually July 27 and July 28. Discussions will address collaboration required among private, public, and nonprofit sectors to help

mitigate the effects of all disasters. The conference will focus on building resilience against all hazards while looking ahead to how to prepare for future emergencies through greater collaboration across sectors. Register [here](#) for this free conference. For additional information, contact nbeoc@max.govfor.

NIHCM Foundation's June 28 Disability Webinar Recording Available Online

A recording from the June 28 National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation webinar on "Achieving Health Equity for People with Disabilities during the Pandemic and Beyond" is now available online. The webinar discussed the impact of COVID-19 on people with disabilities and the disparities they experienced in the pandemic response. Webinar panelists explored solutions to support the health of people with disabilities, with a focus on improving data collection and accessibility, and highlighted strategies to address the diverse needs of people living with disabilities and work toward health equity. The webinar recording can be accessed [here](#) and includes closed captioning and an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 23](#)
- [Changes in Influenza and Other Respiratory Virus Activity During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2020–2021](#)
- [Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits During the Northwestern Heat Wave — United States, June 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Transmission of Pan-Resistant and Echinocandin-Resistant *Candida auris* in Health Care Facilities — Texas and the District of Columbia, January–April 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children Aged 3–17 Years Who Ever Received a Diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019](#)
- [Recommendations and Reports: Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Public School District Employees Following a District-Wide Vaccination Program — Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March 21–April 23, 2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cruise Ship Color and Commercial Travel Status](#)
- **UPDATED** [Communication Toolkit](#)
- **UPDATED** [Health Equity in Action](#)
- **UPDATED** [Toolkit for H-2A Employers, Partner Agencies, and Partner Organizations](#)

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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