

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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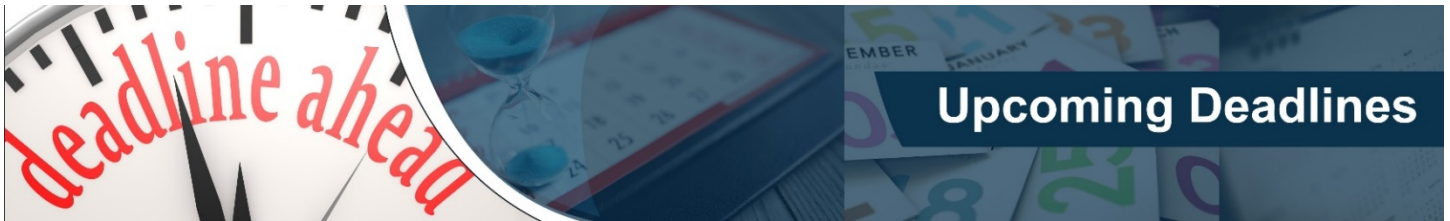
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CDC Releases CEFO Program Video

CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) recently released a new video to increase awareness of the Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) program. [Building the Nation's Frontline COVID-19 Disease Detectives](#) features Georgia CEFO Laura Edison and DSLR Director Christine Kosmos who discuss CDC's CEFO program and efforts to increase Georgia's public health capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic. PHEP-funded CEFOs are frontline field staff who help states, tribes, localities, and territories prepare and respond to routine and even dire public health emergencies.

Applications Due Today, August 20, for BP3 CRI Supplemental Funding

Today, August 20, is the deadline to submit the documents required to apply for the additional \$1 million in fiscal year 2021 funding available to support Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) activities. To officially apply for these new funds, **recipients must submit SF-424 and SF-424A documents and brief budget narratives in Grant Solutions by close of business today**. Recipients do not need to submit their CRI application documents in PERFORMS.

CDC's Office of Grants Services will issue the funds as an administrative supplement to the PHEP BP3 cooperative agreements with the 50 states and four directly funded localities that receive CRI funding. The funding is intended to provide additional resources to supplement BP3 planning efforts within the CRI local planning jurisdictions. OGS expects to award the additional funds by **Friday, September 10**.

If applying for this CRI supplement causes a delay in meeting the August 31 deadline to respond to PHEP BP3 conditions of award, CDC recipients should contact their PHEP project officers and OGS grants management specialists to request a deadline extension.



HHS Announces Plan for COVID-19 Booster Shots

On August 18, public health and medical experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a joint [statement](#) recommending booster shots for most Americans eight months after receiving a second dose of an mRNA vaccine, starting September 20. The booster plan is subject to the Food and Drug Administration conducting an independent evaluation and determination of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose of the of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices issuing booster dose recommendations based on a thorough review of the evidence.

CDC is now recommending that people whose immune systems are compromised moderately to severely should receive an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after the initial two doses. More information is available at [COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People](#).

CDC Updates COVID-19 Response Funding Incentives Guidelines

CDC has updated its [general guidance](#) on using federal funds to provide incentives to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination per the White House's new incentive initiative. Recipients are reminded to also review the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) as it summarizes CDC responses to a variety of questions related to the \$2 billion in funding CDC awarded to support COVID-19 workforce development in 65 jurisdictions. Both documents can be found on the CDC website.

New CDC Resources Now Available

CDC has updated the following COVID-19 vaccination and community resources.

- CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response has developed and released a health equity video, [Promoting Health Equity and Community Resilience to Combat Health Disparities in the COVID-19 Response](#). In this video, CDC's first chief health equity officer, Dr. Leandris Liburd, and Dr. Jeannette Kowalik from Trust for America's Health (TFAH) discuss CDC's capacity to leverage its diverse workforce and engage stakeholders to promote health equity and support community resilience during the COVID-19 response.
- The [Communication Toolkit for Migrants, Refugees, and Other Limited-English-Proficient Populations](#) is designed to help public health professionals, health departments, community organizations, and health care systems and providers reach populations who may need COVID-19 prevention messaging in their native languages.
- [Guidance and Tips for Tribal Community Living during COVID-19](#) includes guidance for preparing families and household for COVID-19, recommendations and tips for multigenerational tribal households, and social distancing and coping mechanisms during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The [What You Should Know About the Possibility of COVID-19 Illness after Vaccination](#) web page explains more about "vaccine breakthrough cases" and why a small percentage of people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will still develop COVID-19 illness if exposed SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes it.



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CDC Learning Connection Highlights Online Trainings

The [CDC Learning Connection](#) website helps public health and health care professionals stay informed about trainings from CDC, other federal agencies, and federally funded partners. The website can help users locate courses via CDC TRAIN and other public health training websites and find continuing education (CE) opportunities and available fellowships and internships. Following are two featured trainings.

- [Working with Schools 101](#) - Learn how to apply public health practice to a school setting in. For the latest on COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools, see CDC's [guidance](#).
- [Key Aspects of Financial Management](#) - Learn more about financial management and the budget process and cost analyses.

[Sign up](#) to receive the CDC Learning Connection newsletter to stay informed about public health trainings from CDC and partners.

HHS Maternal-Child Health Emergency Planning Toolkit Available Online

The [HHS Maternal-Child Health Emergency Planning Toolkit](#) is now available online along with an [At a Glance fact sheet](#). This toolkit provides information on addressing the needs of pregnant, postpartum, and/or lactating women and infants and young children in emergencies.



News You Can Use

ASPR Announces New NOFO for Partnership for Disaster Health Response

The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Response (ASPR) has released a new [notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\) for the Partnership for Disaster Health Response](#). The funding will support a demonstration project to improve the clinical specialty and medical surge capabilities necessary in response through the establishment and maturation of a Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS). The application deadline is **11:59 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 20**.

This NOFO seeks to fund one new RDHRS demonstration site that will advance the vision for a nationwide, regional response system and also help identify issues, develop leading practices, and demonstrate the

potential effectiveness and viability of this concept. The new award will focus primarily on building and maturing the partnerships that are required to effectively prepare for and respond to the management of patients in disasters, including those that facilitate rapid expansion of medical surge capacity of the existing health care system, coordination of patient and resource movement to support the response, and the swift involvement of specific clinical specialists. This opportunity will build on lessons learned from the three active demonstration sites established in 2018 and 2020. For more information about RDHRS, please visit the [RDHRS page](#) on PHE.gov.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 20](#)
- [Use of Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Remote Communities — Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Alaska, September 15, 2020–March 1, 2021](#)
- [Protracted, Intermittent Outbreak of *Salmonella* Mbandaka Linked to a Restaurant — Michigan, 2008–2019](#)
- [Disparities in Excess Mortality Associated with COVID-19 — United States, 2020](#)
- [Use of Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Remote Communities — Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region, Alaska, September 15, 2020–March 1, 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Vitamin D-Deficient Rickets and Severe Hypocalcemia in Infants Fed Homemade Alkaline Diet Formula — Three States, August 2020–February 2021](#)
- [New COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Among Adults, by Vaccination Status — New York, May 3–July 25, 2021](#)
- [Sustained Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Associated Hospitalizations Among Adults — United States, March–July 2021](#)
- [Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines in Preventing SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Nursing Home Residents Before and During Widespread Circulation of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 \(Delta\) Variant — National Healthcare Safety Network, March 1–August 1, 2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Integrated County View](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)
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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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