

DSLRL

FRIDAY UPDATE

** The next DSLR Friday Update will be published on Wednesday, November 24, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. **

November 19, 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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](#) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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2022 HHS CPG Module Now Open in PERFORMS

The 2022 HHS Capabilities Planning Guide (CPG) module opened in PERFORMS **today, Friday, November 19**. The CPG module provides a platform for PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients to self-assess their current programs across the CDC and ASPR preparedness and response capabilities. CPG data is intended to guide preparedness investments by helping jurisdictions to identify preparedness capability gaps.

PHEP recipients should use their CPG data to help inform their strategic priorities and PHEP Budget Period 4 work plan objectives and planned activities. PHEP CPG data are due **January 31, 2022**. However, CDC strongly encourages early review and submission of CPG data.

PHEP recipients should contact their project officers with questions about the PHEP CPG submission process and the PERFORMS help desk at PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov with any system issues.

CDC's PERFORMS team will present training sessions on the CPG module at **11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, December 1**, and at **2 p.m. EST on Thursday, December 2**. Information presented will be identical at each session. Following is the participant information for both sessions.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (866) 724-5153 (Audio only)

Participant Code: 75708931

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

Friday Feature: Introducing PORTS



The PHEP ORR Friday Feature biweekly series is intended to help orient recipients to the PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) interim guidance as well as CDC's implementation of the new evaluation process in Budget Period 3 (BP3). This week's focus is on the new online data collection system and initial training plans for recipients. CDC expects to launch the new **PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS)** in March 2022. PHEP recipients will use PORTS to submit their PHEP ORR data for BP3.



CDC will begin adding and setting up new PORTS user accounts in January 2022. In preparation, PHEP directors should begin considering 1) who in their jurisdictions will be responsible for data entry, 2) who will approve the data entry for submission (intended to be the PHEP director or a proxy), and 3) who should have access to PORTS for informational purposes, not to edit or submit information. CDC will provide more specific instructions on this process in the near future.

PORTS technical training in early 2022 will coincide with webinars designed to orient PHEP recipients to the PHEP ORR guidance and related reporting requirements. CDC is currently updating the PHEP ORR interim guidance that was released in March 2021 to include specific COVID-19 evaluation measures and other minor updates. CDC expects to release the final BP3 guidance in January.

The orientation webinars will focus on specific measures included in the PHEP ORR guidance including those related to workforce development and training, partner planning, and two new BP3 measures specifically designed to collect PHEP COVID-19 evaluation data. They include the Pandemic COVID-19 Functional Exercise: Vaccination for Critical Workforce Groups and Disproportionately Impacted Populations (VAC) and the Pandemic COVID-19 Incident Response (RSP).

CDC will invite both PHEP recipients and local jurisdictions to these orientation webinars and PORTS training sessions. However, **these sessions will be specifically designed for PHEP recipients, as they will be the sole users of PORTS in BP3 to submit required programmatic data. CDC has waived the PHEP ORR requirement for local jurisdictions in BP3.** Local ORRs will begin in Budget Period 4. CDC has not finalized its local evaluation strategies and has convened discussions both internally and with a small external work group consisting of preparedness directors, local representatives, and ASTHO and NACCHO representatives. While CDC cannot forecast when local jurisdictions will have access to PORTS, CDC recognizes the need to provide ample time for training and data entry and is planning accordingly.

More information regarding the PORTS training and content orientation sessions will be shared soon in the DSLR Friday Update and other communication channels. For more information, please contact preparedness@cdc.gov.



CDC Provides Updated COVID-19 Resources for K-12 Schools

CDC has updated the following resources to provide the most up-to-date information as it relates to K-12 schools and promoting COVID-19 vaccinations for children and teens.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Instructions \(EUI\) Resources](#) provides information on the EUI issued by CDC on the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech, which is approved (licensed) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.
- [Steps for Determining Close Contact and Quarantine in K-12 Schools](#) presents an infographic that illustrates the steps for determining close contacts within the K-12 school setting and whether individuals need to quarantine based on specific conditions. Conditions include whether the individuals 1) were in an indoor/outdoor setting, 2) maintained certain distance from someone diagnosed with COVID-19, 3) wore a mask correctly and consistently, 4) spent more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour

period near someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, and 5) were vaccinated, unvaccinated, or have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered.

- [Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools](#) provides answers to COVID-19 quarantine questions for K-12 schools.
- CDC's [Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs](#) has been updated to reflect authorization of COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5 years to 11 years old. The CDC [COVID-19 Science Update Edition 113](#) includes COVID-19 data pertaining to detection, burden, impact, prevention, mitigation and intervention strategies, and the social, behavioral, and communication science.
- [Resources to Promote the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Teens](#) provides a suite of digital and downloadable resources to help you promote COVID-19 vaccination for children and teens.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Information Available for Tribal Communities

Tribal communities can find the most current information on COVID-19 vaccines for their communities on CDC's updated web page, [What Tribal Communities Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#).



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CDC Foundation Presents Future of Public Health Webinar Series

The CDC Foundation, in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Big Cities Health Coalition, is hosting a four-part webinar series entitled "Lights, Camera, Action: The Future of Public Health National Summit Series".

The first webinar session, "Achieving a Diverse and Effective Public Health Workforce," is scheduled for **11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST on Monday, December 6**. This webinar will focus on the following topics.

- New resources for strengthening the public health workforce
- Strategies and recommendations from recent initiatives such as Public Health 3.0, New Essential Public Health Services, and Public Health Forward
- How to build a diverse, inclusive, and equitable public health workforce
- Shining lights and innovative approaches to build the workforce from exemplars in the field

CDC speakers include CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, and Patricia Simone, MD, director of CDC's Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development. [Registration](#) for the first session will close on **Friday, December 3**. For registration assistance, contact futureofph@iphionline.org.



News You Can Use

White House Administration Hosts Virtual Town Hall on November 22

The White House COVID-19 Response Team will host a special White House Virtual Event: Public Health Community Appreciation Town Hall from noon to **1 p.m. EST on Monday, November 22**, as a thank you to public health workers. The event will acknowledge all the work the public health community has put into the COVID-19 pandemic response. Speakers from the White House COVID-19 Response Team, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra; and CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, will share their thoughts on the public health workforce and offer acknowledgments. State and local health officials will also share insights on the advancements made to improve public health infrastructure for the future.

The public health community is [invited](#) to attend the November 22 virtual town hall at [White House Virtual Event: Public Health Community Appreciation Town Hall - YouTube](#). The town hall recording will be available at this same link after the event.

NACCHO Develops Public Health Recognition Toolkit

In recognition of Public Health Thank-You Day on Monday, November 22, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has developed a social media toolkit for local health departments, partners, stakeholders, and other individual public health advocates to help spread awareness and say “Thank You” to public health personnel. The toolkit includes hashtags, accounts to tag, graphics, and social media messages to share. The toolkit can be accessed at www.naccho.org/blog/articles/public-health-thank-you-day-social-media-toolkit.

2022 Preparedness Summit Registration Now Open

Registration for the [2022 Preparedness Summit](#), which is scheduled for April 3-7 in Atlanta, is officially open. The 2022 Preparedness Summit, “Reimagining Preparedness in the Era of COVID-19,” will provide an opportunity to reflect on lessons learned from current and previous responses and highlight tools, resources, and learnings that can be applied into the future.

Learn more information about the event on the [Preparedness Summit website](#).



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, November 19](#)
- [Prevalence and Characteristics of Subjective Cognitive Decline Among Unpaid Caregivers Aged ≥45 Years — 22 States, 2015–2019](#)
- [Health Care Access and Use Among Adults with Diabetes During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, February–March 2021](#)
- [Automated Digital Notification of COVID-19 Diagnoses Through Text and Email Messaging — North Carolina, December 2020–January 2021](#)
- [Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 Infection, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospitalizations Because of COVID-19 Among Persons Aged ≥12 Years, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status — Oregon and Washington, July 4–September 25, 2021](#)

- [Impact of Hospital Strain on Excess Deaths During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, July 2020–July 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Acute Nonviral Hepatitis Linked to a Brand of Alkaline Bottled Water — Clark County, Nevada and California, 2020](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 70, No. 43](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Death Rates from Heart Disease Among Adults Aged 45–64 Years, by Urbanization Level and Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2019](#)

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- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Science Update Edition 113](#)

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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