

DSLRL

FRIDAY UPDATE

January 14, 2022



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](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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PHEP BP4 Continuation Guidance to Be Released January 14

CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) anticipates releasing the PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) continuation guidance and application kits today, January 14, in GrantSolutions. Recipients will receive an email with a link to the documents when they are available. The application deadline is **Monday, March 21**.

CDC will hold an informational call at **2 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 20**, to orient PHEP recipients to the BP4 continuation guidance and application requirements. In addition, the PERFORMS training team will conduct two training sessions on the PHEP BP4 application module at **1 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 25, and 11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, January 26**. Both sessions will cover the same information and users may participate in either or both sessions. CDC will also conduct separate calls for Pacific island recipients and will provide that information separately.

January 20 Informational Call

Dial-In: (646) 828 7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 875 3480

Passcode: 48096361

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1618753480?pwd=eUVhNW5XU1o1dFJUMW5JeDk4STErzd09>

January 25-26 PERFORMS Training

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

Participant Code: 75708931

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

PHEP ORR Friday Feature: Submitting a DSLR PORTS Application Form

In anticipation of the launch of the PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) in March, this week's PHEP ORR

Friday Feature orients recipients on how to gain access to the system. Only the 62 PHEP recipients will have access to PORTS initially, as CDC has temporarily suspended evaluation of local Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) jurisdictions. As a result, only staff from the 62 PHEP jurisdictions will need to request PORTS access for Budget Period 3 (BP3).

There is no limit on the number of users per jurisdiction. CDC encourages every PHEP director to request access to PORTS, as they will need to review information in PORTS before it can be submitted to CDC. However, once enrolled and onboarded, PHEP directors may designate a proxy for approval responsibilities if those proxies have also been enrolled and onboarded. Preparedness directors or their designees must submit all PORTS application forms for new users to their PHEP project officers. CDC expects to have the PORTS application form available on the CDC website the week of January 17 and will notify recipients when it is posted.

Following are the PORTS application steps.

1. Prospective PORTS users download the form from the CDC website or request the form from their PHEP project officers.
2. Each prospective PORTS user completes an application form, providing brief information such as name, email address, jurisdiction, and user role. The roles include data entry, submit for review, state reviewer, read only, and user manager. Prospective users must also indicate whether they have a CDC Secure Access and Management Services (SAMS) account, which is required for PORTS access.
3. Prospective users either submit the completed application to an approving official or, if already an approving official, submit it to their PHEP project officers. Approving officials are preparedness directors or their designees.
4. PHEP project officers review applications to validate the appropriate user roles and submit the forms to the DSLR information technology team on behalf of the users for processing.
5. Project officers notify the preparedness directors within five business days if their forms cannot be submitted and how to address any identified issues.
6. Prospective PORTS users with SAMS accounts receive a notification from SAMS when the PORTS registration process has been completed. If they do not have a SAMS account, prospective users receive instructions from SAMS on how to register for a SAMS account.

As the onboarding of PORTS users is a continual process, there is no deadline for submitting applications. However, CDC encourages PHEP recipients to submit their user application forms as soon as possible, so they can access PORTS when it opens in March. For more information on how to submit a DSLR PORTS application form, recipients should contact their PHEP project officers or preparedness@cdc.gov.



2022 Public Health Crisis Response NOFO Now Available on Grants.gov

The [2022 notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement is now available on www.grants.gov. Applications are due **Monday, February 14**.

White House Releases Fact Sheet on Increasing COVID-19 Testing in Schools

On January 12, the White House released a [fact sheet](#) on increasing COVID-19 tests in K-12 schools by 10 million per month to keep students safe and schools open. Five million of these tests will be rapid tests to help K-12 schools stay open and to implement and sustain screening testing and test-to stay programs. The remaining 5 million will be lab-based PCR tests to help schools to perform individual and pooled testing in classrooms nationwide.

Operation Expanded Testing Webpage Now Available

CDC's Operation Expanded Testing (OpET) program has created [a new webpage](#) to share expanded testing resources and information. OpET provides no-cost testing to childcare centers, K-12 schools, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), under-resourced communities, and congregate settings, such as homeless shelters, domestic violence and abuse shelters, non-federal correctional facilities, and other qualified sites. The OpET program is available through July 1, 2022. The contractor-provided laboratory services include specimen collection supplies, shipping materials, laboratory testing, and results reporting. Facilities interested in OpET's no-cost [screening testing](#) program can use [this webpage](#) to enroll.

Crisis Response Workforce Development Funding Reports Due January 21

The first COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding fiscal and progress reports are due **Friday, January 21**. Recipients should submit status updates in REDCap on fiscal commitments made during the previous six months, as well as status updates on meeting hiring goals and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) metrics. Recipients should report on activities conducted from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. For more information, please contact preparedness@cdc.gov.



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The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has released [Sexual Violence in Disasters](#), an updated resource that builds on the work of one of the center's most requested guides, [Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence in Disasters: A Planning Guide for Prevention and Response](#). Sexual Violence in Disasters draws from research, reporting, and the lived experiences of survivors. A webinar to discuss this new resource

will be held at **11 a.m. EST on Thursday, January 27**. Due to the large volume of participants, those interested in attending should request admission on the [webinar waitlist](#).



NACCHO Seeking Applications for COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Project

With CDC support, NACCHO is now offering a [funding opportunity](#) designed to assist local health departments in improving COVID-19 vaccine confidence and addressing misinformation at the community level. NACCHO will select up to 20 local and tribal health departments, providing each up to \$75,000 for this funding opportunity. For full details and instructions are available at [Request for Application \(RFA\)](#). Applications must be submitted **by January 31**. NACCHO will host an [optional informational webinar](#) on at **3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 18**.

ASPR Launches New Website

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has launched a [newly redesigned website](#) to share information about innovative approaches to fighting COVID-19, health care readiness, response operations, medical countermeasures, and more.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 14](#)
- [Effectiveness of BNT162b2 \(Pfizer-BioNTech\) mRNA Vaccination Against Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children Among Persons Aged 12–18 Years — United States, July–December 2021](#)
- [Risk for Newly Diagnosed Diabetes >30 Days After SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Persons Aged <18 Years — United States, March 1, 2020–June 28, 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: HIV Outbreak During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Persons Who Inject Drugs — Kanawha County, West Virginia, 2019–2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Staffing Resources and Guidance](#)
- **NEW** [Treatments Your Healthcare Provider Might Recommend for Severe Illness](#)
- **NEW** [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)
- **NEW** [Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools](#)
- **NEW** [Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools](#)
- **NEW** [What you Should Know About COVID-19 Testing in Schools](#)
- **NEW** [Responding to COVID-19 Cases in K-12 Schools: Resources for School Administrators](#)
- **NEW** [Schools, Child Care, and Colleges](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for Clinicians on COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- **UPDATED** [Reporting COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States](#)

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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