

**DSLRL**

# FRIDAY UPDATE

**May 13, 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](#) or contact us at [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).



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## CDC Provides Important PORTS Reminders

Recipients who submitted user applications for PORTS should have received emails from Sams-No-Reply (CDC), [sams-no-reply@cdc.gov](mailto:sams-no-reply@cdc.gov), or DSLR IT Support, [DSLIRITSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLIRITSupport@cdc.gov), directing them to [click the link to the PORTS home page to verify their access](#). Clicking this link will alert DSLR's IT support team to assign the requested user roles. Users will not get access to the ORR module if they do not click the PORTS home page link.

Once users have access to PORTS, they should **ONLY** use the Google Chrome browser to access the ORR and other related modules to ensure maximum functionality.

In addition, individuals assigned the "manage users" role can manage the roles assigned to individuals within their jurisdictions. Recipients who have been assigned this role have the capability to modify PORTS users' roles **without contacting DSLR IT Support** to alter other PORTS users' roles in their jurisdiction. To manage jurisdictional users, click "manage users" in the ORR module's left navigation bar. Those in this role who wish to make updates should click on the "manage users" button in the left navigation bar in the ORR module within PORTS. More detailed information on how to assign and modify others user roles can be found in the [PORTS User Guide in On-TRAC](#).

## CDC PHEP Recipient Call Scheduled for May 18

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 18**. CDC will provide updates regarding the 2022 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement approved but unfunded recipients and the HPP-PHEP recipient meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 23. Following is the participant information.

## Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1617816178

Passcode: 52455471

Zoom Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1617816178?pwd=VGRzYnN6N0VZNDNpNUFMMTUzd05CUT09>

### **PHEP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toolkit Now Available in On-TRAC**

CDC has finalized a toolkit that PHEP recipients can use to help commemorate the PHEP 20th anniversary in their jurisdictions. Toolkit contents include fact sheet, success story and email message templates, as well as talking points and social media messages recipients can use to highlight preparedness accomplishments in their jurisdictions over the past 20 years. The toolkit is available in [On-TRAC](#).



### **CDC Reduces Fiscal Reporting Frequency for 2020 COVID-19 Response Funding**

CDC has reduced fiscal reporting requirements for the 2020 COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Response funding from monthly to quarterly. As some jurisdictions have closed their activities and did not request an additional no-cost extensions and most other recipients have spent the majority of their funds, quarterly reporting will be sufficient and should help ease the reporting burden for recipients. The next reporting cycle will be for the period April 2022 to June 2022 with fiscal reports due July 15.

### **CDC Provides COVID Data Tracker Resources and Updates**

[COVID Data Tracker](#) is CDC's home for COVID-19 data. It combines county, state, national, and global data from across the response in a series of interactive dashboards. The following are recent updates to the COVID Data Tracker.

- On May 6, CDC updated the COVID Data Tracker's [Rates of Laboratory-Confirmed Hospitalizations by Vaccination Status](#) to display March 2022 rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations comparing unvaccinated people, fully vaccinated people, and people with an additional or booster dose.
- On May 5, COVID Data Tracker added the number of people in the United States who have received a second booster dose to [COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States](#).
- The May 5 [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review](#) interpretative summary focused on current COVID-19 trends and how the COVID-19 community level can help people make decisions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

### **FDA Limits Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine**

On May 5, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) limited the authorized use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine to:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and
- Individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

After conducting an updated analysis, evaluation, and investigation of reported cases, the FDA has determined that the risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome warrants limiting the authorized use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of the vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 outweigh the known and potential risks for these individuals.

For additional information view the full [FDA news release](#) and [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### **CDC HAN Provides Updated Recommendations for Children with Acute Hepatitis of Unknown Etiology**

On May 11, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Update to provide clinicians and public health authorities with updated information about an epidemiologic investigation of pediatric cases of hepatitis of unknown etiology in the United States. This investigation focuses on collecting information to describe the epidemiology, etiology, clinical presentation, severity, and risk factors related to illness and to identify any relationship between adenovirus infection or other factors and hepatitis.



The full HAN health advisory can be accessed at [Updated Recommendations for Adenovirus Testing and Reporting of Children with Acute Hepatitis of Unknown Etiology](#).

Clinicians can learn more about this situation during a CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call scheduled for **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 19**. During this call, CDC will discuss its current investigation of a cluster of children identified with hepatitis and adenovirus infection and how clinicians can continue to support these efforts through testing and reporting. CDC has recommended that U.S. clinicians who encounter pediatric patients with hepatitis of unknown etiology to consider adenovirus testing and to report such cases to state public health authorities and CDC. While there have been case reports of hepatitis in immunocompromised children with adenovirus type 41 infection in the past, adenovirus type 41 is not known to be a cause of hepatitis in otherwise healthy children. More common causes for hepatitis have been ruled out.

Registration for the COCA call is not required. A recording of the call will be available for viewing on the [COCA Call web page](#) a few hours after the live event ends. The slide set will be available on May 17 on the COCA Call webpage under Call Materials. Free continuing education (CE) will be offered. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666

Webinar ID: 161 132 1885

Passcode: 854934

Access Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1611321885>



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## News You Can Use

### CDC Releases New Vital Signs Report on Firearm Deaths

The latest CDC *Vital Signs* report focuses on firearm deaths, highlighting data indicating firearm homicide rates grew nearly 35% from 2019 to 2020. Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the substantial increase in the firearm homicide rate, along with notable increases in firearm suicide rates for some groups, has widened racial, ethnic, and other disparities. To learn more about firearm deaths and what can be done to prevent them, visit the *Vital Signs* [webpage](#) and read the [full report](#).



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 13](#)
- [Malignant Mesothelioma Mortality in Women — United States, 1999–2020](#)
- [Progress Toward Polio Eradication — Worldwide, January 2020–April 2022](#)
- [Vital Signs: Changes in Firearm Homicide and Suicide Rates — United States, 2019–2020](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Trends in Gabapentin Detection and Involvement in Drug Overdose Deaths — 23 States and the District of Columbia, 2019–2020](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Increase in Drug Overdose Deaths Among Hispanic or Latino Persons — Nevada, 2019–2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Suicides and Homicides Involving a Firearm Among Persons Aged ≥10 Years, by Age Group — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2020](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Long COVID or Post-COVID Conditions](#)
- **UPDATED** [Travel](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance on Prevention and Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
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