

DSLRL

FRIDAY UPDATE

October 15, 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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PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

HPP-PHEP Recipient Conference Call Scheduled for October 20

The next quarterly HPP-PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 20**. In addition to ASPR and CDC updates, the agenda will include a presentation from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) on supply chain issues and how to access scarce resources. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 1607524717

Passcode: 07271150

Zoom Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>



COVID-19 Response Activities

Resources Available for Addressing COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation

CDC has provided resources for addressing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation, along with COVID-19 vaccination strategies for communities.

- [How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation](#) shares strategies for communicating accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines, responding to gaps in information, and confronting misinformation with evidence-based messaging from credible sources.
- [Confronting Health Misinformation: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment](#) advisory provides information on how individuals and communities can take action against misinformation.
- CDC highlights [12 COVID-19 Vaccination Strategies for Your Community](#), derived from evidence-based practices that are being applied in communities across the country to promote vaccine confidence and uptake.

CDC Releases New COVID-19 Toolkit

CDC recently released a COVID-19 planning toolkit for health departments to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at large gatherings and festivals. The [Festivals and Other Multi-Day Large Gatherings: COVID-19 Planning Toolkit for Health Departments](#) aims to help health departments prevent the spread of COVID-19 at events that last multiple days and are expected to draw large numbers of people. The toolkit includes checklists, resources, and a case study that state and local health departments, event planners, vendors, and other partners can use to anticipate and plan for some of the challenges health departments may encounter.

CDC Report Highlights Trends in Anxiety and Depression Severity Scores Among Adults during COVID-19 Pandemic

CDC and other federal agencies collaborated with the U.S. Census Bureau to develop the Household Pulse Survey, a biweekly, online survey to assess the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on households. Based on data from surveys conducted from August 19, 2020, through June 7, 2021, in 50 states and Washington, D.C., CDC found substantial increases in the percentage of adults reporting symptoms of anxiety and depression, compared with previous U.S. surveys conducted before the pandemic in 2019.

During the survey period, respondents were asked how many days during the last seven days they felt symptoms of anxiety or depression and responses were scored using a formula. Tracking closely with the nation's increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases, the reported frequency of anxiety symptoms increased 13% nationally and depression symptoms increased 15% from August 19 through December 21, 2020. From December 2020 through June 7, 2021, the reported anxiety symptom frequency declined 27% and depression symptom frequency dropped 25%, mirroring national trends in the reduced number of new COVID-19 cases during that period.

The full study can be viewed in the MMWR [National and State Trends in Anxiety and Depression Severity Scores Among Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2020–2021](#).

CDC and other organizations offer resources to address increased mental health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- [CDC Stress and Coping Webpage](#)
- [CDC Mental Health](#)
- [CDC Suicide Prevention Strategies](#)
- [How Right Now Campaign](#)
- [SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline](#)
- [How to Stay Connected During Times of Physical Distancing](#)

October 20 Webinar Provides Overview on Supplemental Funding for Nursing Home, LTC Strike Teams

CDC will host an informational webinar from **4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 20**, to discuss the recently announced funding for the Nursing Home and Long-Term Care (LTC) Strike Team and Infrastructure Project. CDC is awarding \$500 million, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, through CDC's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Cooperative Agreement. The funding is intended

to assist health departments with supporting LTC facilities during their response to SARS-CoV-2 infections and to also build and maintain the infection prevention infrastructure necessary to support resident, visitor, and facility health care personnel safety. Individual awards can be found on the [CDC COVID-19 funding map](#).

During the webinar, CDC speakers will summarize and discuss the funding guidance available on the [ELC website](#), objectives, strategies and activities, and application requirements. Following the webinar, CDC staff will provide office hours for recipients to ask additional questions and seek guidance on the development of their applications. This webinar will be recorded. Recipients can email questions in advance to NHStrikeTeams@cdc.gov. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Conference ID: 1617738823

Passcode: 42622272

Access Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1617738823?pwd=eGxKb2hkSXRjNk9oY3huQkZEZIMzQT09>



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- **October 20** – HPP-PHEP Recipient Call



Preparedness and Response Resources

Promote Plain Language during Health Literacy Month

October is Health Literacy Month, and it's also the anniversary of the Plain Writing Act, which was signed into law on October 13, 2010. That makes October the perfect month to promote the use of plain language when developing new health messages or revising existing ones. Using plain language makes it easier for everyone to find, understand, and use health information and services. PHEP recipients should ensure their risk communication messages are written using plain language standards. Visit [CDC's Plain Language Resources](#) for tools, guidelines, and promotional materials to improve the use of plain language. Health professionals can also take advantage of CDC's three online health literacy courses.

1. [Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals](#) (free continuing education)
2. [Fundamentals of Communicating Health Risks](#)
3. [Effective Communication for Healthcare Teams: Addressing Health Literacy, Limited English Proficiency and Cultural Differences](#) (free continuing education)

CDC Offers Online Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

Online resources from CDC can aid preparedness planners with their seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccination strategies. The [CDC Digital Media Toolkit: 2021-22 Flu Season](#) provides vaccination campaign materials to assist partners in communicating about the importance of influenza vaccination. This digital toolkit includes details on events/activities, sample social media and newsletter content, graphics, web assets, and media preparation material. Also available, via the [CDC Learning Connection](#) website, is [You Call the Shots: Flu](#), which provides an overview of influenza and groups at highest risk, vaccine characteristics, and immunization resources.

The CDC Learning Connection also provides several COVID-19 trainings, ranging from [Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Fatigue Following COVID-19](#) to [What Clinicians Need to Know: Vaccine Booster Recommendations](#). The CDC Learning Connection helps public health and health care professionals stay informed about quality trainings from CDC, other federal agencies, and federally funded partners. The CDC Learning Connection website highlights free trainings and continuing education units available on a variety of topics. Subscribe to the [CDC Learning Connection](#) newsletter to stay informed about upcoming public health trainings from CDC and its partners.

NACCHO Hosts October 19 Webinar on Adaptive Leadership Academy Pilot

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with the support of CDC and HRSA, recently announced the pilot of the Adaptive Leadership Academy, a seven-month virtual program that will be held from December 2021 through June 2022. The academy is geared toward helping leaders identify and deal with consequential change in uncertain times. The Adaptive Leadership Academy was designed in response to the unique needs of local governmental public health and health care leaders by combining several leadership theories in an action-oriented, cohort-based curriculum. The pilot is an open competitive opportunity offered at no cost to participants and will accept 21 participants total.

NACCHO will host a webinar about the Adaptive Leadership Academy pilot from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, October 19**. [Register](#) for the webinar here. To apply for this opportunity, submit an [application](#) by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, October 29**. For questions regarding the pilot of the Adaptive Leadership Academy, contact Deya Greer at dgreer@naccho.org.



CDC Warns of Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Seafood Sold in Colorado

A CDC [food safety alert](#) has been issued regarding a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Thompson infections.

- 102 people have been reported sick from 14 states, and 19 people have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.
- The outbreak has primarily affected residents of Colorado or people who reported travel to Colorado before their illness started. Two illnesses occurred among people who do not live in Colorado and did not report travel there.
- Interviews with sick people showed that most people ate seafood in the week before their illness started, either raw as sushi or cooked.
- Investigators determined that Northeast Seafood Products of Denver supplied seafood to most of the restaurants and grocery stores where sick people ate or shopped.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* in the Northeast Seafood Products facility during a recent inspection.
- On October 8, Northeast Seafood Products [recalled](#) various types of seafood processed at their facility. The products were sold to restaurants and grocery stores in Colorado.
- CDC is advising people who purchased raw, fresh seafood from seafood counters at Albertsons, Safeway, or Sprouts in Colorado to not eat it and return it to the store for a refund. Restaurants and retailers should not serve or sell recalled seafood.

ASPR Selects Emory University as Fourth Regional Disaster Health Response System Demonstration Site

To address gaps in health care delivery during disasters, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Responses (ASPR) has selected Emory University as the fourth demonstration site for the

Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS), the Southern Regional Disaster Response System in Region 4.

To learn more, view the [PHE News Release](#).

Next Week is Deadline to Submit Abstracts for the 2022 Preparedness Summit

The [abstract submission](#) period for NACCHO's 2022 Preparedness Summit, which is scheduled for April 3-7 in Atlanta, will close on **Wednesday, October 20**. The 2022 theme, "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.

NACCHO's Summit Planning Committee invites public health, health care, disaster relief, emergency management, and other professionals nationwide to showcase and share their research findings, leading practices, and training models, tools, or other resources that advance the field of public health and health care preparedness and response. The committee seeks evidence-based sessions that:

- Highlight programs or model practices that have proven effective in building and sustaining public health and health care preparedness at the local, state, tribal, or national level, and
- Demonstrate tools and resources that are replicable and scalable at the local, state, tribal, or national level.

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



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 15](#)
- [Distribution of SARS-CoV-2 Variants in a Large Integrated Health Care System — California, March–July 2021](#)
- [Multicomponent Strategies to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Transmission — Nine Overnight Youth Summer Camps, United States, June–August 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Outbreaks at Youth Summer Camps — Louisiana, June–July 2021](#)
- [National and State Trends in Anxiety and Depression Severity Scores Among Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2020–2021](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2017 and 2018 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2018–2020](#)
- [Binge Drinking Among Adults, by Select Characteristics and State — United States, 2018](#)
- [Differences in State Traumatic Brain Injury–Related Deaths, by Principal Mechanism of Injury, Intent, and Percentage of Population Living in Rural Areas — United States, 2016–2018](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Fatal Anthrax Pneumonia in Welders and Other Metalworkers Caused by *Bacillus cereus* Group Bacteria Containing Anthrax Toxin Genes — U.S. Gulf Coast States, 1994–2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Rates of Firearm-Related Suicide, by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2019](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Festivals and Other Multi-Day Large Gatherings: COVID-19 Planning Toolkit for Health Departments](#)
- **NEW** [CDC Digital Media Toolkit: 2021-22 Flu Season](#)
- **NEW** [Food Safety Alert: Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Seafood](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Science Update Edition 107](#)

- **UPDATED** [FAQ: CDC Distribution of COVID-19 Assays](#)
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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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