

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

September 3, 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.

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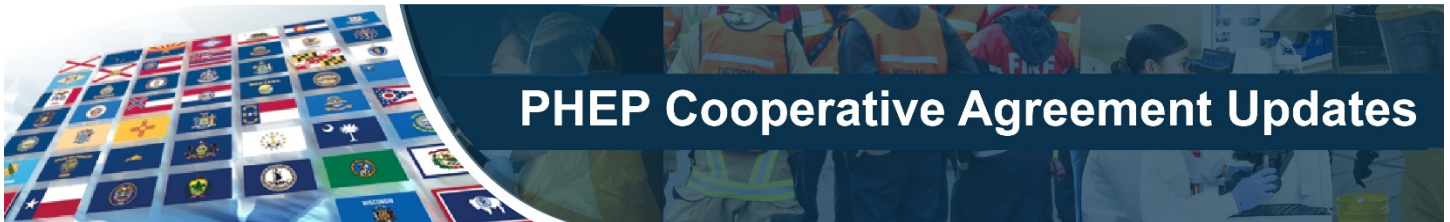
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### September 8 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Preparedness Resources for Water-Related Emergencies



CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 8**. This webinar will address water-related emergencies and outbreaks caused by pathogens, chemicals, toxins, natural disasters, or infrastructure failure. Presenters Jonathan Yoder, CDC's water preparedness and response coordinator, and Rob Blake, emergency coordinator and accreditation coordinator from North Carolina's Transylvania Public Health Department, will share lessons learned from water-related emergencies and outbreaks along with resources that state, tribal, local, and territorial public health preparedness staff can use to prepare for and respond to these events. Following is participant information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 1612411865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



### CDC Releases Reporting Schedule for COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding and Overview of Select Funding Opportunities

CDC has released a summary of [reporting deadlines](#) for recipients of CDC's Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement COVID-19 supplemental funding for workforce development. The calendar outlines reporting deadlines for fiscal and progress reports, which are due every six months, and for final closeout reports. Fiscal and progress reports are due every six months throughout the two-year performance period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. The first fiscal and progress reports are due January 21, 2022.

The new [Overview of Select CDC COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#) outlines select CDC funding resources provided to state, tribal, local, and territorial governments and other organizations to support their COVID-19 response. It does not represent all CDC resources but outlines the funding streams where recipients have

requested further clarification and where there are perceived similarities in the intended purpose and allowable activities. Recipients can contact their project officers for further guidance and information.

### **CDC Updates COVID-19 Case Definition**

CDC and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) collaborated on updating the 2019 novel coronavirus disease COVID-19 case definition now available [online](#). A letter to state and territorial epidemiologists was distributed on August 24 to inform jurisdictions about the revised case definition. All jurisdictions are requested to start using the new COVID-19 case definition beginning September 1.

The updated definition includes information on the standardized case definition for the COVID-19, including asymptomatic infection caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), and adds COVID-19 as a nationally notifiable condition. Updates clarify clinical, laboratory, and epidemiologic linkage criteria and add specificity for enumerating reinfections. Additional information on this update can be accessed [here](#).

### **CDC Responds to Hurricane Ida Amid COVID-19 Response**

CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) initiated a center-led response to hurricane Ida on August 31. CDC has updated the [Interim Guidance on Operating Shelters during COVID-19 Pandemic](#) which includes resources on shelters and public health safety messaging to areas affected by hurricane Ida. This interim guidance is based on current information about the transmission and severity of COVID-19. Because conditions vary from community to community, disaster shelter managers should look to their state and local health officials for information specific to their location. areas through social media and web postings and printable documents. Access to safe shelter from disasters is critical even during community spread of COVID-19; therefore, shelters should accept all people seeking safety regardless of vaccination status. Individuals housed in general population disaster shelters may be exposed to crowded conditions that can make it easier to spread COVID-19. Although the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is lower for people who are fully vaccinated, everyone staying at a disaster shelter should still take precautions regardless of vaccination status, including wearing masks correctly and maintaining physical distance (at least 6 feet).

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has also released [updated key messages](#) related to Storms, Floods, and Hurricane Responses.

Jurisdictions should reach out to your PHEP project officer for any preparedness or response needs.

### **New COVID-19 Resources Available for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

CDC has developed a COVID-19 [toolkit](#) with communication resources explaining in plain language how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and caregivers can protect themselves from the virus. These resource materials aim to assist people with IDD, their parents, and other caregivers with sharing critical information with their loved ones about COVID-19 and what to expect when getting a COVID-19 test. These resources also include information on COVID-19 vaccinations and explains how to stay safe if these individuals are not vaccinated.

The toolkit contains social stories, videos, posters, and interactive activities that focus on five topics:

- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine
- Wearing a mask
- Social distancing
- Hand washing
- Getting a COVID-19 test

There is also a [tip sheet](#) that offers suggestions for things caregivers can do to ease the worry about the virus. In addition to the toolkit, CDC has developed videos and web resources in American Sign Language (ASL). To date, more than 40 ASL videos and 25 easy-to-read documents have been produced and viewed by more than 1 million people. Tips for health care providers and clinical staff regarding talking to patients with IDD about COVID-19 vaccination can be accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/disabilities.html>.





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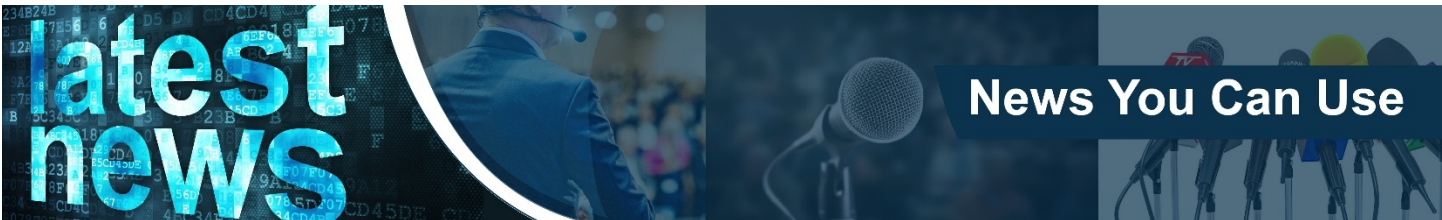
## Tools and Resources

### CDC Develops Digital Media Toolkit for National Preparedness Month

CDC recently developed a new [#PrepYourHealth Digital Media Toolkit](#) for this year's National Preparedness Month (NPM), which is observed throughout the month of September. This year's theme is "Bring Down Barriers." The toolkit features social media messages and graphics that highlight ways the [whole community](#) can unite to reduce or remove barriers to emergency preparedness and response.

CDC will host an [Emergency Partners Information Connection](#) webinar on **Wednesday, September 15**, which will feature presentations by the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities and Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation. CDC also plans to publish a series of stories authored by graduate students at Northwestern University in the [Public Health Matters blog](#) in support of its NPM theme. The stories relate real examples of preparedness and response obstacles experienced by disproportionately affected communities, including people experiencing homelessness and people who are unable to leave their homes.

Learn more about personal health preparedness at the [Prepare Your Health](#) website.



## News You Can Use

### Next CDC All-STLT Partner National Call to Be Held September 7

CDC's 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) response team continues to host a national call series **every Monday from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT** to provide state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) partners with the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak and U.S. preparedness efforts. Invited call participants include STLT preparedness directors, epidemiologists, health officials, public health laboratory directors, and nongovernmental partners. **The next call will take place at 2 p.m. EST on Tuesday, September 7, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.**

Participation in the weekly STLT calls requires a one-time [registration](#). After registering, participants will receive a **unique** participant link via email. This link can be used for all calls in the series through December 2021; participants **do not** need to register for each individual call.



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 3](#)
- [Epidemiologically Linked COVID-19 Outbreaks at a Youth Camp and Men's Conference — Illinois, June–July 2021](#)
- [Association Between COVID-19 and Myocarditis Using Hospital-Based Administrative Data — United States, March 2020–January 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years — United States, December 14, 2020–July 31, 2021](#)
- [Outbreak Associated with SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 \(Delta\) Variant in an Elementary School — Marin County, California, May–June 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Case Rates in Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and in the Community — Los Angeles County, California, September 2020–March 2021](#)
- [Mental Health and Substance Use Among Adults with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, February–March 2021](#)
- [National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years — United States, 2020](#)
- [Evaluation of Syndromic Surveillance Data for Studying Harmful Algal Bloom-Associated Illnesses — United States, 2017–2019](#)
- [Multiple Variants of SARS-CoV-2 in a University Outbreak After Spring Break — Chicago, Illinois, March–May 2021](#)
- [Screening Programs for SARS-CoV-2 Infections on a University Campus — Austin, Texas, September 30–November 30, 2020](#)
- [Trends in COVID-19 Cases, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospital Admissions Among Children and Adolescents Aged 0–17 Years — United States, August 2020–August 2021](#)
- [Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 Among Children and Adolescents — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1, 2020–August 14, 2021](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [#PrepYourHealth Digital Media Toolkit](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Materials for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Care Providers](#)
- **NEW** [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) 2021 Case Definition](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People](#)
- **UPDATED** [Science Briefs](#)

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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](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

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