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FRIDAY UPDATE

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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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Friday Feature: Orientation to PHEP ORR Nomenclature

The PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) evaluation has expanded significantly to cover all 15 preparedness and response capabilities, and the PHEP ORR interim guidance introduces several new concepts and terms as well. This week's PHEP ORR Friday Feature focuses on the unique numbering and labeling system in the PHEP ORR interim guidance to help orient recipients. The PHEP ORR is organized into three sections: 1) descriptive and demographic, 2) planning, and 3) operations. Each of the three sections provides information about the types of recipient-submitted information that reviewers will evaluate.

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The three guidance sections contain several different measures, which are expressed as statements rather than questions. Each measure is labeled as an "element" and has a unique three-letter designation for easy identification. For instance, the Partner Planning Sheet is labeled as the PPS. In addition, each part of the elements, including sub-elements, is numbered. So "PPS2.a" would refer to the Partner Planning Sheet, element 2, sub-element a.

The elements are organized in a table format, and each ORR element has six cells or sections allotted to consistently provide various types of information:

1. Element
2. Data Entry Guidance (descriptive/demographic and operational sections); Purpose (planning section)
3. Significance
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6. Submission frequency

Element	Data Entry Guidance	Significance
Reviewer Guidance	Required Documentation	Submission Frequency

Information in each of the six cells is intended for the recipient, but the far-left cell in the second row of each element contains reviewer guidance. This section of the guidance is intended to clarify expectations about content that the reviewer must identify in the information submitted by recipients to determine whether it provides sufficient evidence to meet the requirements. CDC included this information in the guidance to help recipients better understand the types of information reviewers expect to see.

For example, **following** is an image of a section from Workforce Development and Training (WDT) 1 on page 17 of the interim guidance. This element collects information about staff training and practice plans. The middle column is “Data Entry Guidance,” as the WDT is a descriptive/demographic component of the guidance. This section asks recipients to submit workforce development and training plans for all phases of the preparedness cycle, relative to the needs of the jurisdiction. Using the numbering system, recipients can see that WDT1.a-b would refer to Workforce Development and Training, element 1, sub-element a and sub-element b.

Element	Data Entry Guidance	Significance
WDT1.a-b Workforce development for preparedness includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training requirements and b. Documentation and tracking. 	Based on jurisdictional capacity, a preparedness-specific workforce development training plan must be in place, at minimum, for preparedness staff and ideally agencywide. Provide information about how required elements of preparedness and response training are tracked for all applicable public health staff. Documenting the completion of required training is an important step in assuring workforce capacity.	Workforce development can be challenging to strategically plan. A comprehensive approach to training builds a capable and competent workforce. Maintaining professional development for preparedness can maximize training investments and lead to better response, outcomes, and recovery.
Reviewer Guidance	Required Documentation	Submission Frequency
WDT1.a-b Review workforce development and training plans for all phases of the preparedness cycle, relative to the needs of the jurisdiction. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) or equivalent trainings must be documented for the preparedness and response workforce, at minimum. Examine the plan for completeness and probe for missing information that must be included.	Acceptable Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of a general plan or process to develop and train applicable preparedness staff or the entire health department; plan can be specifically focused on preparedness training or it can be an agency-wide training plan that includes preparedness topics. • Individual staff development plans. • PHAB accredited jurisdictions can submit documentation submitted for Measure 8.2.3A, professional and career development for all staff. • PPHR recognized jurisdictions can submit documents submitted for PPHR measure #3, completion and maintenance of workforce development plan and staff competencies, sections A (training topics), C (training delivery), and D (workforce development, maintenance, and tracking). • Workforce development training plan or equivalent. 	At a minimum, review and submit annual updates

As a reminder, the PHEP ORR Friday Features are a recurring series of written updates in the DSLR Friday Update to help orient recipients to the PHEP ORR guidance and implementation. For more information about this week’s Friday Feature or requests for upcoming features, please contact preparedness@cdc.gov.

October 13 PHEP Connects Webinar Focuses on Healthy People 2030 Initiative

CDC’s next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 13**, and will focus on the Healthy

People 2030 (HP2030) initiative. This webinar will provide an overview of the HP2030 data and targets, including the process and methods for setting targets; highlights from the HP2030 preparedness topic area; and a demonstration of the HP2030 website. CDC presenters Yen Lin, David Huang, and Kate Hubbard will share HP2030 resources for state and local health departments and considerations for setting targets at the subnational level. Following is the participant information.



Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1612411865

Passcode: 569595

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

DSLR Closes Healthcare Preparedness Email Box

CDC has closed its healthcarepreparedness@cdc.gov email box. State and local planners can direct inquiries to preparedness@cdc.gov.



CDC Hosts October 20 Webinar 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>

CDC Provides Recommendations for Tribal Communities Amid COVID-19

CDC recently released [Recommendations for Tribal Ceremonies and Gatherings During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#). These recommendations aim to help tribal communities, elders, and leaders decide how best to keep their communities safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. These considerations are meant to support—not replace—tribal laws, rules, and regulations aimed at protecting the health of tribal communities.

ASPR Highlights COVID-19 Pediatric Resources on PHE.gov

The [COVID-19 Resources for Pediatric Healthcare Leaders and Clinicians](#) web page is now available on [PHE.gov](#), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) website. The web page includes resources for pediatric health care providers and their facilities to stay up-to-date on the latest information regarding the pandemic. Health care providers can use the information to plan how to best protect pediatric patient health.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

Application Period Now Open for FEMA National Exercise Program Support

November 1 is the deadline to submit exercise support applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMAs) National Exercise Program (NEP). The NEP is a two-year cycle of exercises across the nation that examines and validates capabilities in all preparedness mission areas. The NEP accepts nominations for exercise support twice a year from state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions. Each NEP cycle is guided by Principals' Strategic Priorities, established by the Principals Committee of the National Security Council and informed by preparedness data from jurisdictions across the nation. FEMA's National Exercise Division administers the NEP on behalf of the federal government, facilitating the design, coordination, conduct, evaluation, and analysis of NEP exercises.

Jurisdictions interested in submitting exercises to the NEP, should download, complete, and submit the [NEP Exercise Nomination Form](#). Additional information can be found at [About the National Exercise Program](#).

FEMA Updates Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101

FEMA recently updated the [Comprehensive Preparedness Guide \(CPG\) 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans](#) and will host a webinar from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13**, to discuss the update and key changes to CPG 101 with community partners. This webinar will highlight the changes in the document and help planners at all levels use the principles, concepts, tools, and process from the CPG 101. Advance [registration](#) is required. To learn more, visit [FEMA.gov](#).



News You Can Use

2022 Preparedness Summit Abstracts Due October 20

The [abstract submission](#) period is now open for the 2022 Preparedness Summit, which is scheduled for April 3-7 in Atlanta. The deadline for submission is **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.

This year'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](#).



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 8](#)
- [National and State Trends in Anxiety and Depression Severity Scores Among Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2020–2021](#)
- [HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Awareness and Referral to Providers Among Hispanic/Latino Persons — United States, 2019](#)
- [Prevalence of Arthritis and Arthritis-Attributable Activity Limitation — United States, 2016–2018](#)
- [Walking and Other Common Physical Activities Among Adults with Arthritis — United States, 2019](#)
- [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](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Women Aged 25–44 Years Who Had Ever Used Infertility Services, by Type of Service — National Survey of Family Growth, United States, 2006–2010 and 2015–2019](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Testing for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Getting Your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card](#)
- **UPDATED** [How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)

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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