

Division of State and Local Readiness 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.

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- **December 30** – Submission of updated ORR critical contact sheets
- **December 30** – Quarterly recipient MCM technical assistance action plan conference calls (Q2)
- **December 30** – Quarterly PHEP technical assistance conference calls (Q2)



PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for December 9

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 9**. This webinar will

introduce a new CDC online tool, "Crosswalk of the Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) Standards and Measures and CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities." Participants will

learn about the capabilities and accreditation standards and how they can use the new Accreditation and Preparedness Crosswalk to quickly identify direct and indirect connections between the two sets of standards.



Webinar presenters include David Dickerson from CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) and Liza Corso from CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS). Developed collaboratively by CPR and CSTLTS, the Accreditation and Preparedness Crosswalk is intended to help public health preparedness and accreditation staff quickly recognize areas where preparedness activities, procedures, and documentation might support PHAB accreditation efforts. There are also many areas in which PHAB accreditation and quality improvement efforts may contribute to strengthening the capacity of public health departments to prepare for and respond to public health threats and emergencies.

Participants can log onto <https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/r60oog3mlz5/> to view the webinar. To listen to the audio portion via phone line, dial 1-888-455-5125 and enter participant passcode 4495815. Registration is not required to join this webinar via Adobe Connect. This webinar will be recorded and accessible for later viewing. Continuing credit will not be offered for this presentation. For more information on the PHEP Connects webinar series, contact preparedness@cdc.gov.



CDC Extends Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement ABU List

CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) has extended for another 12 months the approved but unfunded (ABU) list of jurisdictions eligible for funding under the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public

Health Crisis Response funding mechanism. The ABU list will now be in effect through January 31, 2022, meaning the current 65 jurisdictions will not have to resubmit ABU applications this year. This extension of your eligibility does not impact the budget period of your current COVID-19 award through TP18-1802.

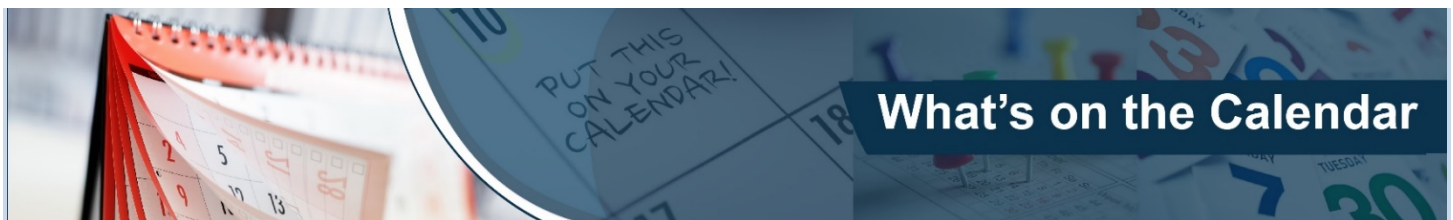
In addition, OGS has approved a no-cost extension for the COVID-19 supplemental funding awarded through the CDC COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement. Currently, about 65% of the \$755 million has been committed, with approximately 50% of funds expended. Recipients that need more time to complete their planned activities will be able to request up to an additional 12 months to do so, with activities to be completed no later than March 15, 2022. Additional details on requesting a no-cost extension are forthcoming.

CDC Provides New COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Resources

CDC has updated its [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#) with a COVID-19 Vaccine Addendum. Released on November 20, the addendum provides information, recommendations, and resources to assist vaccination providers in properly storing and handling COVID-19 vaccines to meet the requirements of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement as well as information on storage and handling best practices.

CDC will update the addendum with specific storage and handling information for each COVID-19 vaccine product as it becomes available. CDC encourages jurisdictions and providers to sign up for email alerts on the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit website](#) to be notified when updates are made or to check the website often for updated information.

In addition, CDC has released “[COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Professionals](#).” This is a new, web-on-demand, self-paced module for healthcare providers who will be administering COVID-19 vaccine. This module provides healthcare providers with information about COVID-19 vaccine Emergency Use Authorization and safety, as well as general information about vaccine storage, handling, administration, and reporting. Continuing education will not be available for this module, but there will be a certificate of completion available. Information about the module can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccination-resources.html.



- **December 9** – PHEP Connects Webinar



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), November 27
- [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Ethical Principles for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, 2020](#), November 27

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Pandemic Complicates Other Disasters](#)

- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Different COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- **UPDATED** [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#)
- **UPDATED** [Know Your Travel Risk](#)
- **UPDATED** [Scientific Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2](#)
- **UPDATED** [10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans](#)
- **UPDATED** [8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning](#)
- **UPDATED** [Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#)

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