

# 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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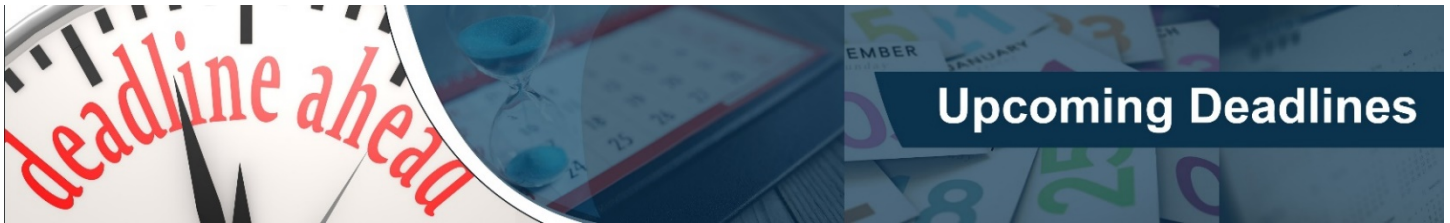
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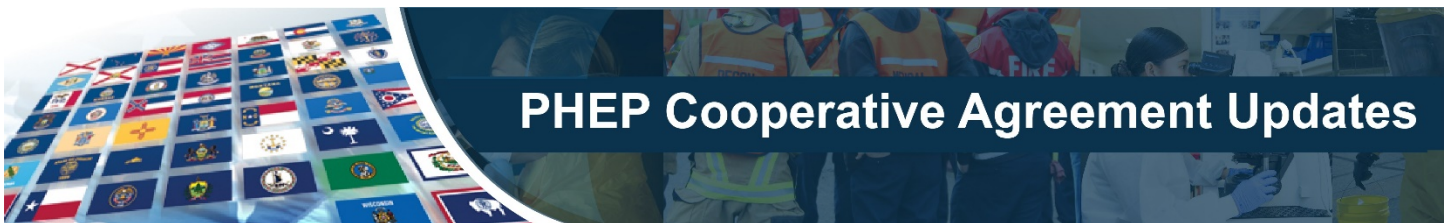
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### PHEP ORR Training Resources Now Available

CDC is conducting a series of PHEP Connects webinars designed to orient PHEP recipients to CDC’s PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) interim guidance, including new concepts and terminology. These sessions are intended to help prepare PHEP recipients to successfully complete an ORR over the course of Budget Period 3 (BP3). The first session was held on April 21, with CDC presenter Christopher Reinold providing an overview of the [PHEP ORR interim guidance](#) and BP3 data submission requirements. The [presentation slides](#) and the [BP3 implementation fact sheet](#) are available on the [CDC website](#). CDC expects to post the schedule for the remaining webinars in early May.

CDC has adapted its PHEP ORR implementation for BP3, streamlining requirements for recipients due to COVID-19 response activities. Data collection will be significantly reduced to include previously reported descriptive data such as critical contact sheets; PHEP benchmark data, primarily related to laboratory testing; and select new operational elements. **In addition, recipients will be able to use COVID-19 response activities to demonstrate operational elements and meet requirements, where fitting.** CDC also plans to temporarily suspend state evaluation of Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) local planning jurisdictions. This includes waiving the new requirement for CRI jurisdictions to complete the annual PHEP exercise incorporating access and functional needs partners in BP3. CRI jurisdictions instead can use BP3 to plan for implementing and reporting this exercise in Budget Period 4.

CDC encourages PHEP recipients and local jurisdictions to attend these orientation sessions. In addition to the training sessions, CDC is developing written materials, including responses to frequently asked questions, to help recipients prepare for the PHEP ORR implementation. PHEP project officers also will provide continuous individual technical assistance throughout BP3.



### **CDC Seeks Updated SF-424 Information**

Today, **Friday, April 23**, is the deadline for Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement (CDC-RFA-TP18-1802) recipients to submit updated SF-424 applications for federal assistance. This short form provides basic information necessary to issue federal funding during an emergency. The current 65 approved but unfunded jurisdictions remain eligible for funding through January 2022. Since the applications on file were submitted in 2018, CDC is requesting that the jurisdictions submit updated information. The fillable SF-424 is available on grants.gov at [SF-424 Family | GRANTS.GOV](#) and also available as a grant note in GrantSolutions. Jurisdictions should email their signed and completed forms to Shirley K Byrd at [skbyrd@cdc.gov](mailto:skbyrd@cdc.gov).

Based on the questions received, CDC is providing this additional guidance and clarification. This SF-424 is not tied to any specific funding or previous awards. This is an addendum to applications submitted in 2018 to ensure CDC has the most current information.

#### How to Complete the SF-424

1. Application
2. New
3. Current date
4. Leave Blank
5. A and B - Leave Blank
6. Current Date
7. Leave Blank
8. A through F - Complete with Current Organizational Information
9. Complete with Organizational Information
10. CDC
11. 93.354
12. Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response
13. CDC-RFA-TP18-1802
14. Leave Blank
15. Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response
16. Congressional District
17. Start: February 01, 2021 / End: January 31, 2023
18. Estimated Funding Necessary to Respond to an Unknown Event (Recipients May Use the Same Amount as the Original Application from 2018)
19. Organizational Information Including Current AOR

### **CDC COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Quarterly Reports Due**

Progress updates for the fourth quarter (Q4) of COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement awards were due April 15. The Q4 updates are **required** for all recipients, regardless of whether they are closing out their awards or have received no-cost extensions. Recipients who have not provided updates on their Q4 activities should do so immediately in the REDCap reporting system. Recipients should direct any questions to their DSLR project officers or to [DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov).

### **CDC Highlights Resources to Support COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts**

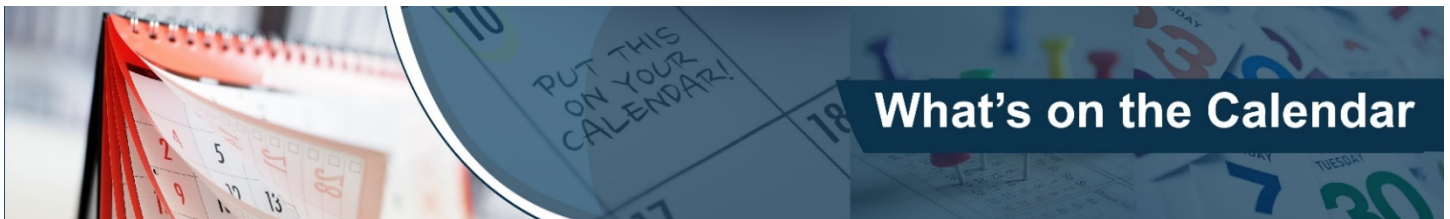
To support equitable vaccine uptake in communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19, CDC's [National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases](#) recently released multiple resources to support jurisdictions and community-based organizations with COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

- The [Guide for Developing, Implementing, and Monitoring Community-Driven Strategies](#) is designed to support the 64 state and local health department recipients in using \$3 billion in funding for community-driven approaches to develop, implement, and monitor strategies to increase equitable vaccine uptake among racial and ethnic minority groups.
- Building on that effort, CDC has created a complementary resource specific to community-based organizations, the [Guide for Community Partners](#). This guide can help organizations with community-level reach with racial and ethnic minority groups — or other under-resourced communities — get connected to COVID-19 vaccination confidence and access efforts and resources. A short two-page version of the community guide, [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity: Best Practices for Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#), provides an overview of strategies and interventions detailed in the guide.
- To sustain the focus on equitable vaccine uptake and address vaccine hesitancy, CDC released the [Guide for Jurisdictions to Expand COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Primary Care Providers](#). This guide outlines a data-driven approach that jurisdictions can use to increase vaccination opportunities provided by primary care providers and medical offices, especially in communities that are socially marginalized. In addition to the Guide, CDC will provide jurisdictions with data analyses and technical assistance to support increased vaccine distribution to and expanded enrollment of medical offices located in census tracts with high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) scores.

All four of these resources can be accessed on CDC's website [here](#).

### ASTHO Provides COVID-19 Funding Summaries

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has developed two new resources to support the COVID-19 response activities of jurisdictional public health agencies. The resources include a summary of [all emergency supplemental funds distributed to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments](#), and a snapshot of [all current COVID-19 supplemental funding opportunities](#).



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### FEMA Provides Financial Assistance for COVID-19 Related Funeral Expenses

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Application and eligibility information can be accessed at: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.

### NEMA Conducts Workshop on Developing Mission Ready Packages

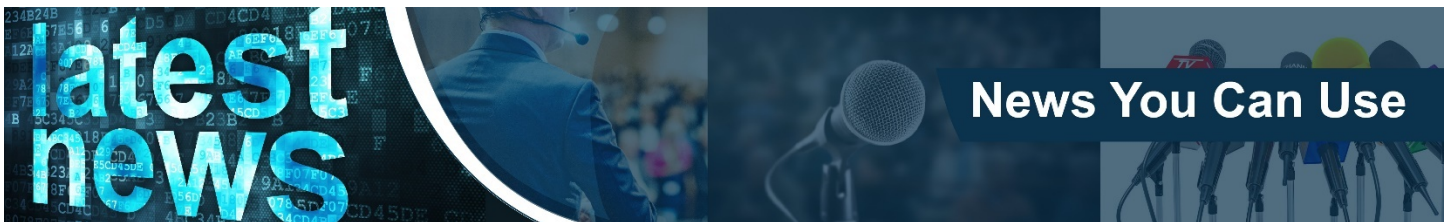
The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) will host a series of workshops on developing mission ready packages (MRPs). MRPs are specific response or recovery capabilities that have been created to ensure the skills, capabilities and associated costs are bundled prior to an emergency or disaster for more efficient deployment. MRPs are based on National Incident Management System (NIMS) resource typing

concepts but also identify specific details about the resource such as mission description and capability, estimated mission costs, resource footprint, limiting factors, and logistical support requirements. MPRs can greatly assist with the effective and timely deployment of mutual aid assets.

These workshop sessions are designed for resource providers. A resource provider is any organization able to deploy under the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact \(EMAC\)](#) and has capabilities that might be needed during an emergency response.

Click on one of the following sessions to register. Previous knowledge of EMAC or MPRs is **not** required. Each session will provide the same information.

- **Wednesday, May 26 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu2hqD0uG9HoUhGd5KLQ4HkB1i-gG25i>
- **Thursday, June 10 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOqprTqpGNOjNwRWx0FBNGj4\\_RY0v-AS](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOqprTqpGNOjNwRWx0FBNGj4_RY0v-AS)
- **Wednesday, June 30 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzgoGtzebLOvTF\\_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzgoGtzebLOvTF_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp)
- **Thursday, July 8 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrqjooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN\\_tlVe](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrqjooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN_tlVe)
- **Monday, July 19 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcOGhqjoiHtMjrRgoJYivDXQ7eD15dRKH>
- **Wednesday, August 25 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfuuhqzqkqHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0\\_Ywt](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfuuhqzqkqHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0_Ywt)



### **CDC CPR Director Position Application Closes Today, April 23**

Today, April 23, is the deadline to apply for the position of director of CDC's [Center for Preparedness and Response](#) (CPR). The director provides leadership in developing, implementing, and maintaining an agency-wide and government-wide comprehensive, all-hazards approach to preparedness and response activities. Other responsibilities include advising senior staff members and key agency officials on all activities that affect CDC-wide preparedness and response activities, policy, programs, projects, and initiatives.

Interested candidates must apply online before **11:59 p.m. EDT today**. More information is available on USAJOBS:

- Physician – RF-602: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/596265900>
- Health Scientist – RF-601: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/596265400>



## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 23](#)
- [Airport Traveler Testing Program for SARS-CoV-2 — Alaska, June–November 2020](#)
- [Workers' Compensation Claim Rates and Costs for Musculoskeletal Disorders Related to Overexertion Among Construction Workers — Ohio, 2007–2017](#)
- [COVID-19 Outbreaks in Correctional Facilities with Work-Release Programs — Idaho, July–November 2020](#)
- [Laboratory Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Exposure Reduction Through Physically Distanced Seating in Aircraft Cabins Using Bacteriophage Aerosol — November 2020](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Multistate Outbreak of Escherichia coli O26 Infections Linked to Raw Flour — United States, 2019](#)
- [Postvaccination SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents and Staff Members — Chicago, Illinois, December 2020–March 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a SARS-CoV-2 R.1 Lineage Variant in a Skilled Nursing Facility After Vaccination Program — Kentucky, March 2021](#)
- [Health Care Utilization and Clinical Characteristics of Nonhospitalized Adults in an Integrated Health Care System 28–180 Days After COVID-19 Diagnosis — Georgia, May 2020–March 2021](#)

## COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Social Media Toolkit](#)
- **UPDATED** [Stay Safer While You Wait for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- **UPDATED** [Reporting COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States](#)
- **UPDATED** [Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Demographic Data](#)

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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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