

# 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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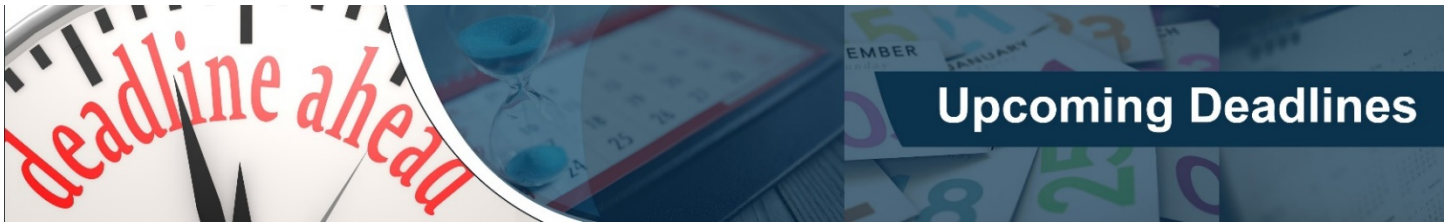
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## Updated PHEP BP2 and BP3 Program Requirements Now Available

Updated information on the changes to the PHEP Budget Period 2 (BP2) and Budget Period 3 (BP3) program requirements is now available on the CDC website. Recipients can access the documents from the What's New section of the State and Local Readiness website. The five documents include:

- [COVID-19 Effects PHEP BP2 Requirements](#)
- [PHEP BP2 At-A-Glance Program Requirement Updates](#)
- [PHEP BP3 Operational Timeline](#)
- [COVID-19 Effects PHEP BP3 Requirements](#)
- [PHEP BP3 At-A-Glance Program Requirement Updates](#)

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response, CDC has modified PHEP program requirements to help recipients balance their PHEP program responsibilities with their COVID-19 response activities and ensure resources are directed and prioritized appropriately. CDC has worked with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to ensure that joint Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and PHEP requirements are aligned. PHEP recipients should contact their PHEP project officers with any questions.

## PHEP Connects Evaluation Survey Closes Today, June 25

DSLRL recently implemented a more systematic process to gather recipient feedback on the technical assistance, training, and other resources it provides to recipients. DSLRL launched this new process with an online survey evaluation of the June 9 PHEP Connects webinar, "New Jersey's Logistical Challenges in Responding to COVID-19 and Methods to Overcome Them."

The deadline for webinar participants to provide their feedback using the [online survey](#) is **11:59 p.m. EDT today, June 25**. The survey can be completed in about 10 minutes. DSLRL will use the information collected to

enhance the PHEP Connects webinar series to better meet recipient needs. Participation is completely voluntary, and participants may withdraw from the survey at any time.

### **CDC PERFORMS Users May Experience Technical Issues**

CDC is working to resolve a PERFORMS technical issue that is preventing users from receiving automatic e-mail notifications of change actions from the Program Management Module. Typically, the PERFORMS system automatically generates e-mail notifications for users after they submit actions in the system, such as changes to budgets or work plans. As a result of a CDC Information Technology Services Office (ITSO) change, an error is occurring when the e-mail is generated for external users and does not go through, preventing users from receiving email confirmation of the action taken in PERFORMS. Instead, users are receiving an “undeliverable” returned message. CDC is diligently working on a resolution.



### **CDC and HHS Award \$200 Million for Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce**

On June 18, CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded [59 jurisdictions](#) with \$200 million to bolster and enhance the [disease intervention specialist \(DIS\) workforce](#). These awards represent the initial funding from the \$1.13 billion investment being made over the next five years, consistent with the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#), and will provide these jurisdictional public health programs with the support needed to expand and leverage the valuable work of the DIS workforce. For the first year, CDC is distributing the DIS workforce funding as a supplement to [PS19-1901: STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments \(STD PCHD\)](#). The purpose of the CDC DIS Workforce Development Supplement is to hire, expand, train, sustain, and support DIS staff to strengthen the capacity of state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health departments to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other infections.

### **“Motivate to Vaccinate” Webinar Recording Available Online**

On June 24, CDC hosted a “Motivate to Vaccinate: National Month of Action for COVID-19 Vaccinations” webinar to increase the number of vaccinated persons in Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino communities. Presenters provided updates on guidance on post-COVID conditions which are a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience more than four weeks after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. The webinar recording is available [here](#).

### **CDC Foundation Hosts June 29 Webinar on COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment**

The CDC Foundation will present a webinar from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 29**, on “Monoclonal Antibodies for COVID-19: A Lifesaving Treatment Your Community Should Know About.” This webinar is part of a CDC Foundation special series specifically tailored to community-based organizations (CBOs) and their partners. Though vaccination rates continue to rise, and infection rates fall across the United States, thousands of people are still testing positive for the coronavirus every day. COVID-19 continues to have a disproportionate impact on underserved communities and ethnic minorities. These same groups are eligible for potentially lifesaving therapies, including monoclonal antibody (mAb) treatments. Register for the event [here](#).

### **Updated COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccination Toolkit Now Available**

On June 21, CDC updated the [Pediatric Healthcare Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit](#). This toolkit is designed to better prepare healthcare providers to answer parent and guardian questions about COVID-19 vaccination.





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## Tools and Resources

### **CDC Offers Virtual POD Essentials Train-the-Trainer Course**

Registration is now available for CDC's two-day, virtual, instructor-led Point of Dispensing (POD) Essentials Train-the-Trainer course. The two-day training session will be held from **10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 15, and Friday, July 16**. The POD Essentials Train-the-Trainer virtual course prepares state, local, tribal, and territorial public health instructors to deliver the POD Essentials course to local audiences. POD Essentials is an introductory-level course designed by CDC for staff and volunteers new to working in a POD site during a public health emergency.

These virtual sessions explain the process of preparing and presenting the customizable POD Essentials course to incorporate jurisdiction-specific plans, policies, and procedures. Although the training is primarily focused on antibiotic dispensing, these sessions will discuss incorporating local vaccine administration training into the course.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the virtual POD Essentials Train-the-Trainer course. Seats are limited, and registration is pending until approved by the course manager.

### **NEMA Conducts Workshop on Mission Ready Packages**

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) is hosting a series of workshops in July and August 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. MRPs can greatly assist with the effective and timely deployment of mutual aid assets.

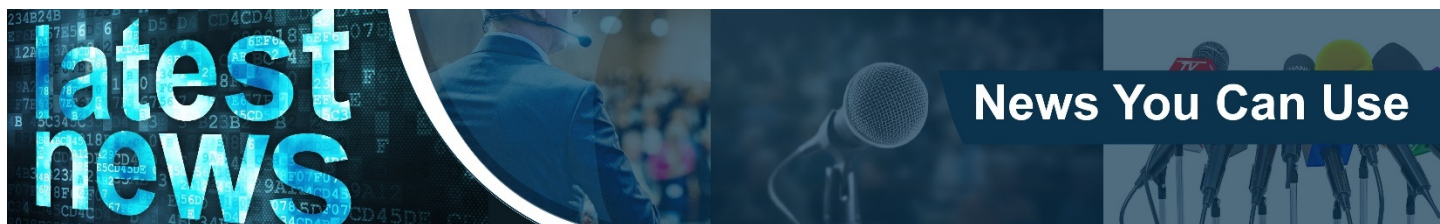
These workshop sessions are designed for resource providers. A resource provider is any organization able to deploy under the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact \(EMAC\)](#) and that has capabilities that might be needed during an emergency response. Previous knowledge of EMAC or MRPs is not required.

Click on one of the following sessions to register. Each session will provide the same information.

- **Wednesday, June 30 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzqoGtzebLOvTF\\_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzqoGtzebLOvTF_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp)
- **Thursday, July 8 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrjqooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN\\_tlVe](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrjqooHNFZuH-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/tZAqfuuhqzkqHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0\\_Ywt](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfuuhqzkqHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0_Ywt)



### Two Upcoming Webinars Focus on Health Equity for People with Disabilities

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation will present a webinar on “Achieving Health Equity for People with Disabilities during the Pandemic and Beyond” from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 28**. Speakers will discuss and explore challenges and showcase strategies to address the diverse needs of people living with disabilities and work toward health equity. NIHCM is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

The Pacific Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center has rescheduled the “Achieving Equity in a Time of Scarcity: Lessons from the COVID-19 Experience” webinar for **2:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 1**. This presentation will review the experiences of Medicaid beneficiaries and people with disabilities in California and nationally related to vaccine prioritization and deployment. Speakers will also reflect on lessons for policy and practice that will support greater equity moving forward. [Registration](#) closes at **11:59 p.m. on June 30**. Participants who previously registered for the postponed webinar do not need to register again.



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 25](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Adults — United States, December 14, 2020–May 22, 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage and Intent Among Adults Aged 18–39 Years — United States, March–May 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Surveillance and Investigations in Workplaces — Seattle and King County, Washington, June 15–November 15, 2020](#)
- [Symptoms of Depression, Anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Suicidal Ideation Among State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, March–April 2021](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Myocarditis and Pericarditis Following mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for Reporting SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing Results](#)
- **UPDATED** [Operational Considerations for Adapting a Contact Tracing Program to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in non-US Settings](#)
- **UPDATED** [Toolkit for People with Disabilities](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cruise Ship Color Status](#)

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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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