

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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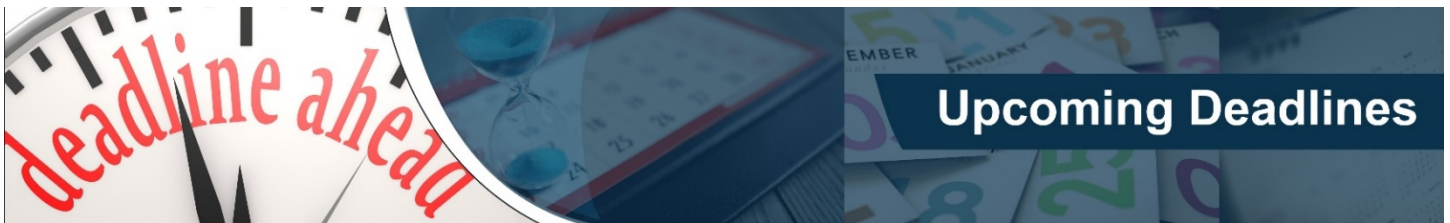
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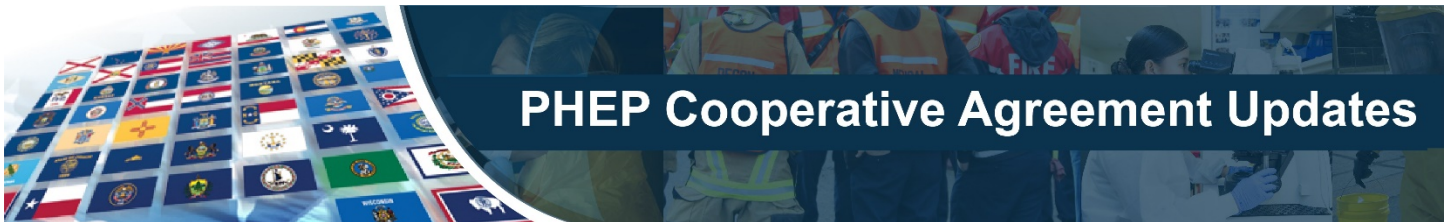
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July PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights Behavioral Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, scheduled for **1:30 p.m. EDT***

on Wednesday, July 14, will discuss Michigan's lessons learned from emergency responses leading up to, and including, the COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers will focus on how involving state behavioral health staff throughout the COVID-19 disaster response enabled Michigan to appropriately address both the physical and mental health needs of its residents and to build their resilience. Following is the participant information.



Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 1611002147

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*Please note this is a change from the normal PHEP Connects webinar start time.

New CEFOs Join National CEFO Network

CDC's expansion of its Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) Program officially went into effect July 1, when CDC began providing centralized PHEP funding to develop a new national CEFO network. This national CEFO network will support the emergency preparedness and response activities of every state, territory, and locality directly funded by the PHEP cooperative agreement. Centralized CEFO funding will support one CEFO in each PHEP-funded state or locality, as well as the two regional CEFOs who support the Pacific and the Caribbean territories.

When fully implemented, the national network will include 56 CEFOs directly funded by CDC. Since the expansion was first announced in April, CDC has been working with 31 jurisdictions to develop new CEFO assignments. In July, five new CEFOs will come on board to support Colorado, Ohio, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin. This fall, another five are scheduled to be assigned to Connecticut, Kansas, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington D.C.

CDC has received requests for CEFOs from 11 other jurisdictions and is working to assist the remaining jurisdictions that haven't yet submitted CEFO requests.



Save The Date: CDC to Host July 16 Recipient Webinar on Workforce Development Response Funding
CDC has tentatively scheduled a webinar for **3 p.m. Friday, July 16**, to discuss the Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement workforce development response funding. Webinar speakers will discuss some of the questions CDC has received from recipients and national partners following the initial May 27 informational webinar regarding the crisis response funding and other CDC workforce development funding. Representatives from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) and the Immunization Services Division cooperative agreements will be available to answer questions during the webinar.

CDC Hosts National Call Series on COVID-19-Related Response Strategies
CDC's 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) response team conducts a national call series from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT every Thursday** to provide state, tribal, local, and territorial partners with timely updates and opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and sharing of successful response strategies. Over the summer, these weekly COVID-19 community of practice webinars will focus on topics related to school readiness. Following is the participant information.

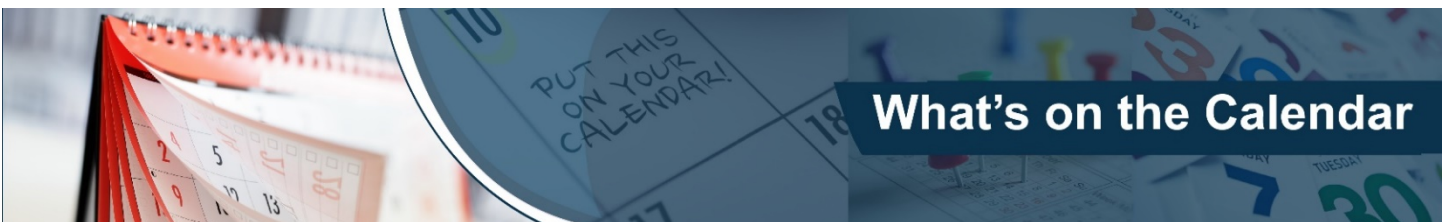
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Tools and Resources

Stay Cool with These CDC Extreme Heat Resources

With the Pacific Northwest, the Southwest, and New England currently experiencing extreme heat events, CDC resources can support preparedness planners in making sure their communities “[Stay Cool. Stay Hydrated. and Stay Informed.](#)”

Every year in the United States, there are, on average, 67,512 emergency department visits due to heat and 702 heat-related deaths. While anyone can be affected, it is particularly important to take steps to protect disproportionately affected groups from extreme heat. This [link](#) provides information on how to protect groups at higher risk of heat-related illness. CDC also has materials to help [identify signs and symptoms of heat-related illness](#). Heat-related illness is preventable but only when people can identify risk factors, signs of illness, and know how to treat those who become ill.

CDC’s newest version of the [Heat & Health Tracker](#) provides heat wave forecasts by county and tracks weekly cases of heat-related illness across the country. Users can also search by zip code, create custom maps, view data snapshots, and access CDC guidance and resources.

- **Heat Wave Forecast:** The Heat & Health Tracker now has monthly heat wave forecasts, providing county-level information on the number of days expected to exceed a dangerous level of heat in the next month, number of heat waves, average length of heat waves, and average day time and night time temperatures during a heat wave.
- **Heat-Related Illness:** The Heat & Health Tracker now displays weekly rates of emergency department visits for heat-related illness per 100,000 people by region using data available through the [National Syndromic Surveillance Program](#).

CDC also has a suite of infographics, linked below, that can be displayed in public areas to educate communities about recognizing, preventing, and treating heat-related illness. These infographics can be distributed digitally via social media and other platforms.

https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/socialmedia/graphics/default.htm#extreme_heat

<https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/infographics/beattheheat.htm>

https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/multimedia/weather_infographics.html

https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/multimedia/infographics/climate_change_extreme_heat.html

Preparedness directors who would like CDC assistance on extreme heat issues, can contact Renée Funk, the emergency management associate director in CDC’s Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), at rfunk@cdc.gov or 404-498-2499. They can also call the CDC Emergency Operations Center at 770-488-7100 and ask to speak to the NCEH staff person on call.

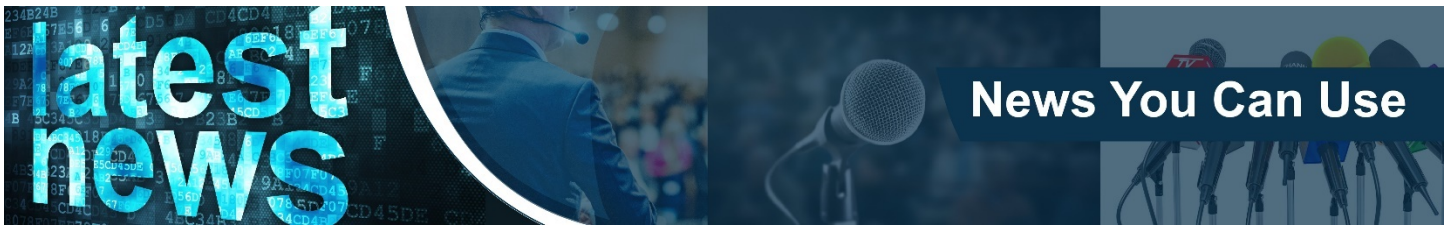
NEMA Conducts Workshop on Mission Ready Packages

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) continues to host 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.

- **Thursday, July 8 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**
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/tZAqfuuhqzkqHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0_Ywt



Dawn O’Connell Sworn in as New ASPR

Dawn O’Connell was sworn in Monday, June 28, as the fourth Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The ASPR serves as HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra’s principle advisor on public health emergencies, and her office leads the nation in preventing, responding to, and recovering from the adverse health effects of man-made and naturally occurring disasters. The office coordinates interagency activities between HHS, other federal agencies, and state and local officials responsible for emergency preparedness and the protection of the civilian population from public health emergencies.

Prior to this role, O’Connell served as the senior counselor to Secretary Becerra for COVID-19. She was also the director of the U.S. Office for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation (CEPI), a global partnership to develop vaccines to stop future epidemics. In addition, she previously served as a senior counselor to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell and as deputy chief of staff to HHS Secretary Sebelius during the Obama Administration.

CDC Releases Media Statement on Sharp Declines in Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

On June 30, CDC released a [media statement](#) regarding a [study](#) published in the journal *Preventive Medicine* that examined COVID-19’s impact on CDC’s National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program’s screening services from January to June 2020. Prolonged delays in screening related to the COVID-19 pandemic may lead to delayed diagnoses, poor health consequences, and an increase in cancer disparities among women already experiencing health inequities. The total number of cancer screening tests received by women through CDC’s Early Detection Program declined by 87% for breast cancer and 84% for cervical cancer during April 2020 as compared with the previous five-year averages for that month.

This study highlights a decline in cancer screening among women of racial and ethnic minority groups with low incomes when their access to medical services decreased at the beginning of the pandemic and reinforces the need to safely maintain routine health care services during the pandemic, especially when the health care environment meets COVID-19 safety guidelines.

CDC encourages health care professionals to help minimize delays in testing by continuing routine cancer screening for women having symptoms or at high risk for breast or cervical cancer. The Early Detection Program can help women overcome barriers to health equity by educating them about the importance of

routine screening, addressing their concerns about COVID-19 transmission, and helping them to safely access screening through interventions like patient navigation.

For more information about CDC's work on breast and cervical cancer, please visit <https://youtu.be/mDIYzBigNHQ> and <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/>



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 25](#)
- [Disparities in Learning Mode Access Among K-12 Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic, by Race/Ethnicity, Geography, and Grade Level — United States, September 2020–April 2021](#)
- [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](#)
- [Efficacy of Portable Air Cleaners and Masking for Reducing Indoor Exposure to Simulated Exhaled SARS-CoV-2 Aerosols — United States, 2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Participate in Outdoor and Indoor Activities](#)
- **UPDATED** [How Schools Can Support COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)
- **UPDATED** [How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask](#)
- **UPDATED** [V-safe COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry](#)

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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