

# 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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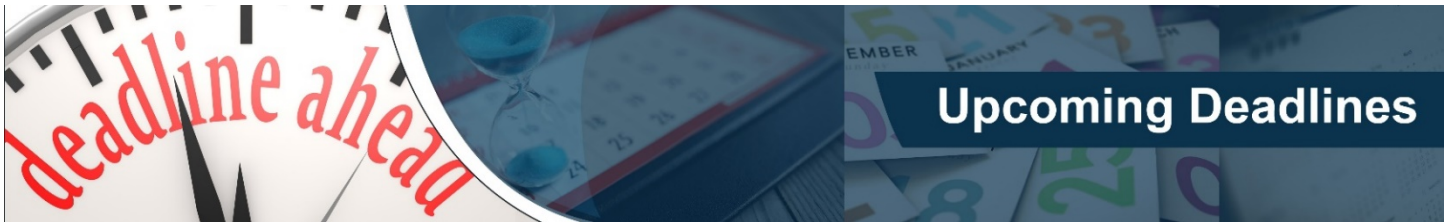
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## Upcoming Deadlines

- **September 30** – Quarterly MCM TA Action Plans Due (Q1)
- **September 30** – Quarterly PHEP TA Action Plans Due (Q1)



## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### Deadline for Submission of PHEP FFRs is October 30

GrantSolutions now sends automatic emails to recipients reminding them when annual Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) are due. However, the system does not take into account when programs have granted deadline extensions to recipients. Consequently, PHEP recipients should disregard any reminders they receive via the Grants Management Module indicating that PHEP FFRs for Budget Period 1 or the closeout of the Budget Period 1 Supplement for CDC-TP17-1701 are due September 28. As indicated on the current [PHEP operational timeline](#), CDC has extended the submission deadline for both FFRs to **October 30**. Recipients should contact their DSLR project officers with any questions.



## COVID-19 Response Activities

### COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Strategy Now Available

On September 16, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Defense (DoD), as part of Operation Warp Speed, issued a news release along with the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook and the Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine. These two documents, developed by HHS in coordination with DoD and CDC, provide a strategic distribution overview along with an interim playbook for state, tribal, territorial, and local public health programs and their partners on how to plan and operationalize a vaccination response to COVID-19 within their respective jurisdictions. The news release and materials referenced can be found at [www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/09/16/trump-administration-releases-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-strategy.html](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/09/16/trump-administration-releases-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-strategy.html).

### Federal Government Adjusts COVID-19 Entry Strategy for International Air Passengers

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the United States Government (USG) is taking a new approach to help keep international air passengers healthy. The new strategy focuses on the continuum of travel and the individual passenger, including pre-departure and post-arrival education, efforts to develop a potential testing framework with international partners, and illness response. Effective September 14, 2020, the USG has removed requirements for directing all flights carrying airline passengers arriving from, or recently had a presence in, certain countries to land at one of 15 designated airports and halted enhanced entry health screening for these passengers.

To reduce the risk of travel-related disease transmission, the USG is prioritizing other public health measures and dedicating resources to more effective mitigation efforts that focus on the individual passenger. These efforts include:

- pre-departure, in-flight, and post-arrival health education for passengers;
- robust illness response at airports;
- voluntary collection of contact information from passengers using electronic means as proposed by some airlines to avoid long lines, crowding and delays associated with manual data collection; and
- potential testing to reduce the risk of travel-related transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 and movement of the virus from one location to another.

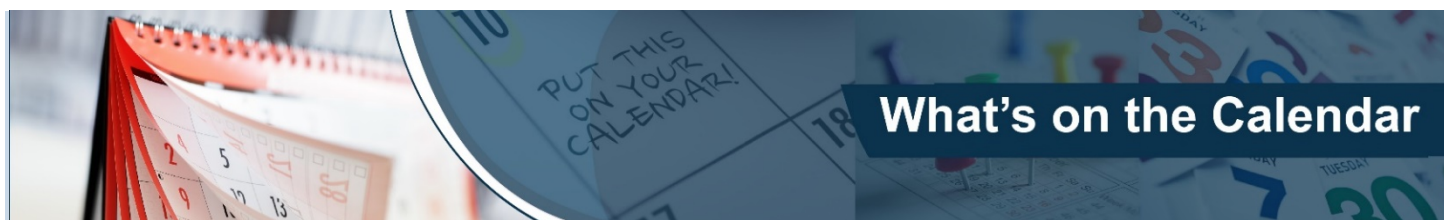
In addition, the USG is focusing on country-specific risk assessments to assist passengers in making informed decisions about travel-related risk and enhancing training and education of partners in the transportation sector and at United States ports of entry to ensure recognition of illness and immediate notification to CDC. Other strategies include post-arrival passenger recommendations for self-monitoring and enhanced precautions to protect others, including staying home to the extent possible for 14 days for people arriving from high-risk destinations. For more information on COVID-19 travel recommendations by destination, visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html).

### CDC COVID Data Tracker Consolidates Key Information

Maps, charts and data provided by CDC, including cases, deaths, and testing data have been consolidated into one COVID Data Tracker page. To access the data, visit [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_totalcases](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_totalcases).

### CDC Reminds COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding Recipients to Submit September Fiscal Reports

COVID-19 crisis response cooperative agreement fiscal reports for the month ending August 31 were due **September 15** in REDCap. CDC encourages recipients that have not yet submitted their reports to do so as soon as possible to meet this funding requirement. Recipients should carefully review their information to ensure it accurately reflects commitments and obligations through that date. When completing their reports, recipients should mark each domain as “Complete,” regardless of whether any spending is associated with it. In addition, CDC encourages recipients to regularly draw down funds from the Payment Management System (PMS) to ensure CDC has a more accurate picture of recipient use of emergency funds.



- **September 24** – CDC Grants Management Call with PHEP Business Officials



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), September 18

- [Decreased Influenza Activity During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, Australia, Chile, and South Africa, 2020](#), September 18
- [Early Release: Characteristics and Maternal and Birth Outcomes of Hospitalized Pregnant Women with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 — COVID-NET, 13 States, March 1–August 22, 2020](#), September 16
- [SARS-CoV-2–Associated Deaths Among Persons Aged <21 Years — United States, February 12–July 31, 2020](#), September 15

#### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [COVID-19 in Children and Teens](#)
- **NEW** [Engaging Community Health Workers to Support Home-Based Care for People with COVID-19 in Low-Resource Settings](#)
- **NEW** [Long-Term Effects of COVID-19](#)
- **NEW** [Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making](#)
- **NEW** [Considerations for Food Pantries and Food Distribution Sites](#)
- **NEW** [Infographic: Basic do's and don'ts for employees to prevent workplace violence](#)
- **NEW** [N95 and Other Respirators](#)
- **NEW** [Frequently Asked Questions: Calculating Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) RT-PCR Laboratory Test Percent Positivity](#)
- **NEW** [Infographic - Calculating Percent Positivity](#)
- **NEW** [Technical Assistance Note: Transferring COVID-19 Contact Tracing Records via Epi-X](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Partner Update Call - Women, Caregiving, and COVID-19: A Delicate Balancing Act - September 14, 2020](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Parental Resources Kit](#)
- **UPDATED** [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- **UPDATED** [Ten Clinical Tips on COVID-19 for Healthcare Providers Involved in Patient Care](#)
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