

Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

** The next DSLR Friday Update will be published on Wednesday, November 25, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

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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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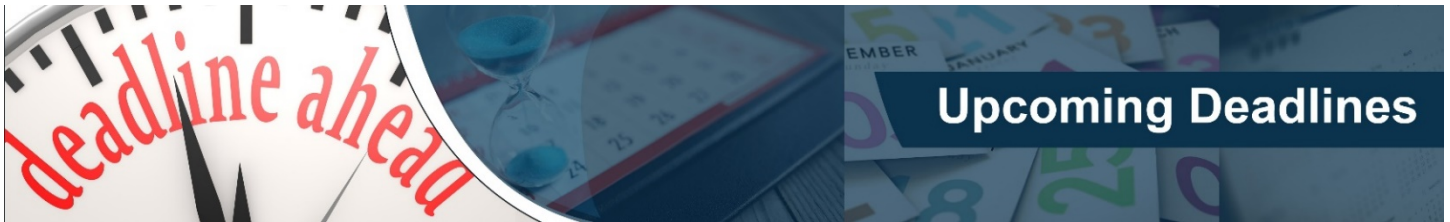
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- **December 30** – Submission of Updated Critical Contact Sheets
- **December 30** – Quarterly recipient MCM technical assistance action plan conference calls (Q2)
- **December 30** – Quarterly PHEP technical assistance conference calls (Q2)



CDC Updates PHEP ORR Implementation Approach for BP3

CDC is reviewing its approach for implementing the expanded Operational Readiness Review (ORR), or PHEP ORR, which is scheduled to begin in Budget Period 3 (BP3). Given the realities of the current COVID-19 pandemic response, CDC is assessing whether the implementation approach it outlined to PHEP recipients in January is still feasible. At that time, CDC had planned to conduct a PHEP ORR pilot during Budget Period 2 (BP2) while finalizing other implementation details for the PHEP ORR launch nationally in BP3. Those plans included developing a new ORR online data collection system and disseminating interim PHEP ORR guidance during BP2 to help recipients prepare for the full PHEP ORR evaluation process in BP3.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, CDC put the PHEP ORR pilot on hold during the spring and modified PHEP Budget Period 1 program requirements. The PHEP program changes continue into BP2, including a modification of the PHEP planning scenario from anthrax readiness to readiness for a large COVID-19 vaccination campaign. CDC also set parameters for how COVID-19 response activities can help recipients meet select PHEP requirements and suspended MCM ORR site visits so recipients could focus resources on response activities.

Scaling back PHEP program requirements did not change the overall PHEP ORR 2024 operational readiness goal. However, CDC has incorporated the June 2022 MCM operational readiness goal into the June 2024 operational readiness goal for all 15 preparedness and response capabilities.

Work is progressing as planned for the new ORR online data collection system, which is scheduled to open on July 1, 2021, and internal and external training plans for the new system are being finalized. CDC also expects to release the interim PHEP ORR guidance in the first quarter of 2021. However, CDC has determined that the COVID-19 response has reduced the window for conducting an ORR pilot in BP2 as originally planned. Instead, CDC is considering a phased implementation approach in BP3 that will meet many of the objectives of the pilot and other PHEP ORR goals while reducing recipient burden.

With a phased implementation, CDC would conduct training sequentially during BP3 to familiarize recipients with each capability's ORR requirements, and recipients would enter data into the ORR system after completing the training. CDC is working on other implementation details, such as the process for engaging and reviewing local health departments.

CDC briefed PHEP recipients on its proposed phased implementation process during the monthly PHEP recipient call on November 18. Recipients can continue to provide input to DSLR via preparedness@cdc.gov. CDC will provide recipients with additional information as planning for BP3 implementation progresses.

CDC Requests Recipient Information on COVID-19 and Other Public Health Responses for Impact Communications Initiative

2020 has been an intense year, and PHEP recipients have had to streamline activities dramatically, focusing only on the most critical of activities. CDC wants to capture how PHEP jurisdictions are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as recent wildfires, hurricanes, and other public health events, and communicate the impact of this important work. CDC publishes [PHEP stories from the field](#) on the [State and Local Readiness](#) web pages of the CDC website and uses the information to describe how the PHEP program has built and maintains a nationwide public health emergency management system that enables communities to rapidly respond to public health threats. Please send any PHEP communication materials or story ideas to DSLR at preparedness@cdc.gov. CDC also encourages PHEP recipients to add the #phepprogram hashtag to any of their relevant PHEP social media posts.

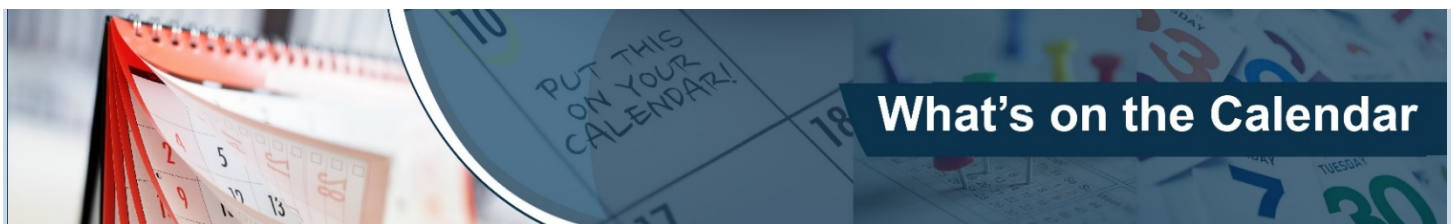


CDC Reschedules Thanksgiving Week Vaccine Planning Call to November 24

CDC has rescheduled the weekly jurisdictional vaccine planning calls that occur during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The next vaccine planning call will be held at **3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 24**. CDC sent updated calendar invites to preparedness directors and immunization program managers. CDC also has updated the meeting link for the weekly calls. Recipients should ensure that they are using the updated meeting link.

New Meeting Link

<https://cdcizlearn.adobeconnect.com/covid19>



- **November 24** – CDC Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Jurisdictional Planning Call



CDC Presents New Coping Resources for Teens Experiencing Natural Disasters

After a natural disaster, it is normal to feel different and strong emotions. To better help teenagers who have experienced a natural disaster cope, CDC has developed a series of resources for teens, including videos, social media graphics, and posters. Parents of teens, mental health professionals, educators, school administrators, faith-based organizations, and others who work closely with teenagers can share these resources in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Find first-person videos of teens' personal stories, along with

posters, social media graphics, and other coping resources in English and Spanish at www.cdc.gov/disasters/teens.



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), November 20
- [Characterization of COVID-19 in Assisted Living Facilities — 39 States, October 2020](#), November 20

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [Travel Planner](#)
- **NEW** [Travel Planner Instructions for Health Departments](#)
- **NEW** [Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#)
- **NEW** [Social Media Toolkit: Holidays](#)
- **NEW** [This Holiday Season Do What's Best for You and Your Loved Ones](#)
- **NEW** [Toolkit for Clinicians](#)
- **NEW** [Information for School Nurses and Other Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) Working in Schools and Child Care Settings](#)
- **NEW** [Monitoring and Evaluating Mitigation Strategies in Child Care Programs](#)
- **NEW** [Monitoring and Evaluating Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies in K-12 Schools: Interview Guide](#)
- **NEW** [Monitoring and Evaluating Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies In K-12 Schools: Focus Group Guide](#)
- **NEW** [Monitoring and Evaluating Mitigation Strategies in Child Care, K-12 Schools, and Institutions of Higher Education](#)
- **NEW** [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Adults \(MIS-A\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools](#)
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- **UPDATED** [Considerations for Restaurant and Bar Operators](#)
- **UPDATED** [Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers](#)
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- **UPDATED** [Healthcare Facilities That Have Implemented COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting](#)
- **UPDATED** [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) for Laboratories \(Serology\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVIDView Weekly Surveillance Summary](#)
- **UPDATED** [Phone Advice Line Tool](#)
- **UPDATED** [An Approach for Monitoring and Evaluating Community Mitigation Strategies for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [If You Are Sick or Caring for Someone](#)
- **UPDATED** [Homeless Populations](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 and Animals](#)
- **UPDATED** [Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Considerations and Limitations](#)
- **UPDATED** [Care for Breastfeeding Women](#)
- **UPDATED** [Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)

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