

# 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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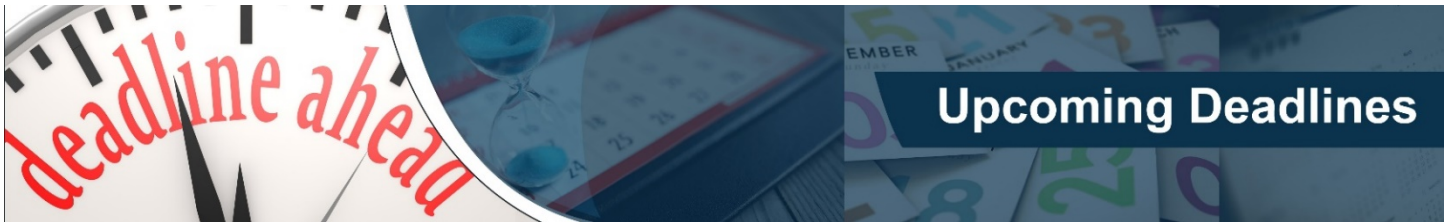
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## Upcoming Deadlines

- **January 30** – PHEP Quarterly Spend Plan Reports for BP1 (Q6) and BP2 (Q2) Due
- **January 30** – Q2 Reconciliation of PHEP Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) Due
- **January 31** – 2021 Capabilities Planning Guide Self-Assessment Data Due



## PHEP Cooperative Agreement Updates

### PHEP BP3 Application Templates Available

The PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) application instructions and related templates are now available in the PERFORMS Resource Library. PHEP recipients can use the optional templates to help develop their BP3 budgets and work plans in the PERFORMS BP3 application module for submission in GrantSolutions. The PERFORMS Support Team has addressed a number of issues with the work plan section of the application module that were identified during the January 26 PERFORMS training session. If recipients encounter any additional issues with the application module, they should contact the PERFORMS team at [performssupport@cdc.gov](mailto:performssupport@cdc.gov). As a reminder, BP3 applications are due March 16.



## COVID-19 Response Activities

### February 3 COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Call to Discuss FEMA Vaccination Support

CDC's weekly COVID-19 vaccine planning call on **Wednesday February 3**, will feature representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will discuss FEMA's role and resources available to support jurisdictions' COVID-19 vaccination activities. Presenters will also provide examples of how FEMA and CDC plan to collaborate in these efforts, including how the PHEP program can coordinate with immunization coordinators, FEMA, and state and local emergency management officials. CDC encourages PHEP directors and immunization program directors to participate in this special call, which will be held from **3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. EST, on February 3**. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-in: (888) 322-6508 (Audio only)

Passcode: 342-5383

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

### CDC Releases New COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook Operations Annex

CDC has released additional guidance designed to increase COVID-19 vaccination in priority populations. The [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdictions Operations Annex: Considerations for Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination: Reaching and Increasing Uptake in Priority Populations](#) is now available on the CDC website, along with other vaccination resources. The operations annex serves as a companion

document to the [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#). The new annex provides:

- New guidance and considerations for jurisdictions regarding when and how to transition from vaccinating initial populations of focus to reaching and increasing uptake in additional priority populations;
- A framework for balancing equitable access, service delivery, and vaccine demand;
- Tools for engaging priority populations and increasing vaccine confidence; and
- Strategies for leveraging private-public partnerships.

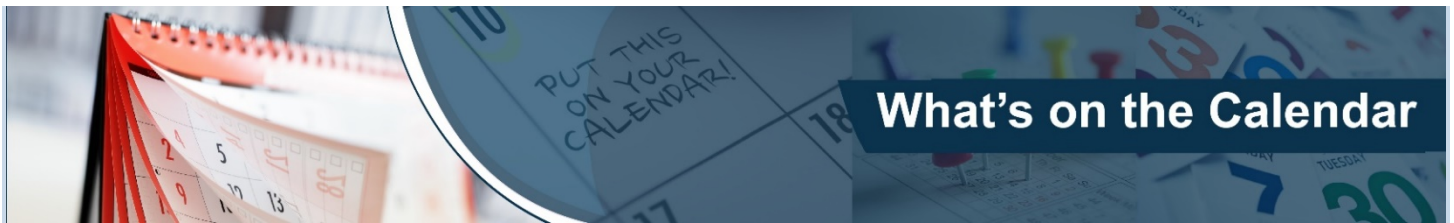
### HHS Amends PREP Act Declaration to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Workforce

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a [fifth amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act](#) (PREP Act) to add additional categories of qualified persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Among other things, the amendment:

- Authorizes any health care provider who is licensed or certified in a state to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines in any other state or U.S. territory.
- Authorizes any physician, registered nurse, or practical nurse whose license or certification expired within the past five years to prescribe, dispense and administer COVID-19 vaccines in any state or U.S. territory so long as the license or certification was active and in good standing prior to the date it went inactive.
- Requires any health care professional described above to complete CDC's COVID-19 vaccine training and, for health care providers who are not currently practicing or whose license or certification is expired, requires an on-site observation period by a currently practicing healthcare professional.

Under the PREP Act and the Declaration, a qualified person is a covered person. Subject to certain limitations, a covered person is immune from suit and liability under federal and state law with respect to all claims for loss resulting from the administration or use of a covered countermeasure if a declaration under the PREP Act has been issued with respect to such countermeasure. Learn more at [HHS.gov](#).



- **February 3** – CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Call with FEMA
- **February 10** – PHEP Connects Webinar
- **February 17** – Joint HPP-PHEP Recipient Call
- **February 18** – RealOpt© Training



### CDC Offers RealOpt© Training on February 18

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt© training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held on **Thursday, February 18**. Participants will learn the basic components of RealOpt©, a computer modeling program that determines POD or vaccination site staff requirements and examines process



efficiencies based on site-specific configurations. With this tool, participants will learn to manipulate existing POD and vaccine flow models and how to run and interpret the performance reports. By the end of the session, participants will have learned how to build or modify their own models to identify where staff should be allocated and how to eliminate bottlenecks and optimize processing times.

CDC encourages POD and vaccination managers, local and state medical countermeasure planners, and other preparedness planners to register for a monthly training session. Registration for the RealOpt© training session is required through [CDC TRAIN](#). Registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date. Additional training sessions will be held on the following dates.

- Monday, March 15
- Thursday, April 22
- Monday, May 10
- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, July 8



### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 29](#)
- [COVID-19 Cases and Transmission in 17 K–12 Schools — Wood County, Wisconsin, August 31–November 29, 2020](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Associated with High School Wrestling Tournaments — Florida, December 2020–January 2021](#)
- [Impact of COVID-19 on Cervical Cancer Screening Rates Among Women Aged 21–65 Years in a Large Integrated Health Care System — Southern California, January 1–September 30, 2019 and January 1–September 30, 2020](#)
- [Trends in Outbreak-Associated Cases of COVID-19 — Wisconsin, March–November 2020](#)
- [Response to a COVID-19 Outbreak on a University Campus — Indiana, August 2020](#)
- [Allergic Reactions Including Anaphylaxis After Receipt of the First Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 21, 2020–January 10, 2021](#)
- [Implementation and Evolution of Mitigation Measures, Testing, and Contact Tracing in the National Football League, August 9–November 21, 2020](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Associated with High School Wrestling Tournaments — Florida, December 2020–January 2021](#)
- [Erratum: Vol 69, No. 50](#)
- [Erratum: Vol 70, No. 3](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkits](#)
- **UPDATED** [V-safe Print Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID Data Tracker – Vaccinations](#)
- **UPDATED** [CDC COVID vaccine homepage \(including a drop down menu that links to each jurisdictions vaccination webpage\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)

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