

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

May 14, 2021



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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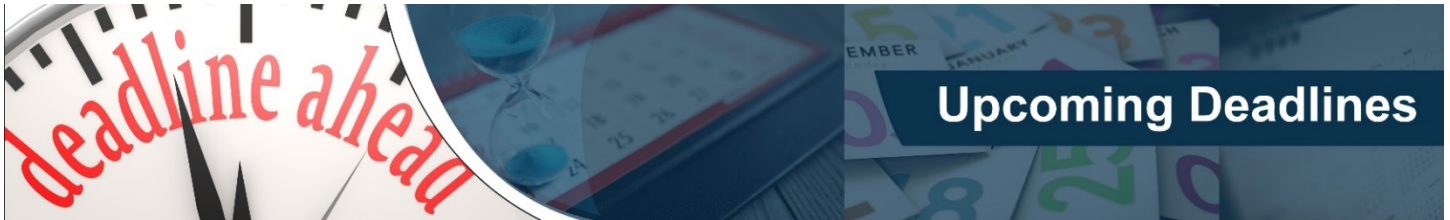
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### **HPP-PHEP Recipient Business Meeting Scheduled for May 26**

CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) have scheduled a joint HPP-PHEP recipient business meeting for **Wednesday, May 26**. The virtual meeting will be held from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT**. Joint agenda topics include COVID-19 demobilization and recovery planning; data modernization initiatives; and crisis standards of care. This meeting is intended to be discussion-based, and recipients should come prepared to discuss these topics, including challenges they're facing and how HPP and PHEP can work together to address the issues. In addition to joint topics, discussions will be held on HPP- and PHEP-specific topics. PHEP topics include the PHEP Operational Readiness Review implementation, the expansion of the Career Epidemiology Field Officer program, and the Next Generation of PHEP initiative. ASPR and CDC will email the final agenda to HPP and PHEP recipients. Participant information is below.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 1600003374

Passcode: 07558734

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1600003374?pwd=K0k4RExKaTVpK1diN0tTTVdaMFlwdz09>

### **CDC PERFORMS Browser Migrates to Microsoft Edge in July**

CDC anticipates that PERFORMS will transition from Internet Explorer to Microsoft Edge in July. To prepare for this upcoming transition, CDC encourages all recipients using PERFORMS to work with their respective IT departments to ensure Microsoft Edge is installed on computers used to access the PERFORMS system.

On August 17, Microsoft online services will no longer support Internet Explorer. With this change, PERFORMS will not be accessible using Internet Explorer. Recipients should ensure the Microsoft Edge browser is installed on their computers for a smooth transition.



### **CDC Announces Crisis Response COVID-19 Supplemental Funding for Workforce Development**

CDC is activating CDC-RFA-TP18-1802, [Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response](#), to provide additional funding to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC will award a total of \$2 billion from the American Rescue Plan to the 65 eligible jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded list for CDC-RFA-TP18-1802 to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce, including school nurses. Specific funding allocations are outlined in the guidance document that CDC released May 14 to the 65 jurisdictions. CDC expects to issue funding awards soon.

Recipients will operate under a two-year budget and performance period, which will begin July 1. With prior approval from CDC, reimbursement may be allowed for pre-award costs incurred on or after May 14, 2021, for certain expenses related to jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives, including public health workforce development needs and school-based health programs.

CDC will conduct an informational call with recipients at **3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 27**. More details on the call will be forthcoming.

This funding is part of a larger White House initiative to invest \$7 billion from the American Rescue Plan to hire and train public health workers in response to COVID-19. Please see the White House [fact sheet](#) for more information.

### **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Now Authorized for Use in Adolescents**

On May 12, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, adopted CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents. CDC now recommends that this vaccine be used among this population, and providers may begin vaccinating them right away.

This official CDC recommendation follows the May 10 decision by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to extend the [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine](#) to adolescents ages 12 and older. The updated fact sheets regarding the extended EUA for [providers](#) and [recipient and caregivers](#) can be found [here](#).

Additional content on ACIP's recommendation is available in the [May 14 MMWR](#) and updated clinical considerations can be found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html). CDC has also posted a [web page](#) with information on [adolescent vaccination](#), as well as a [pediatrician toolkit](#). More information is available on CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html).

### **CDC Updates Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**

On May 13, CDC released updated recommendations for fully vaccinated people. The Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People can be accessed at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html).

The following recommendations apply to general settings. For related information for healthcare settings, visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#).

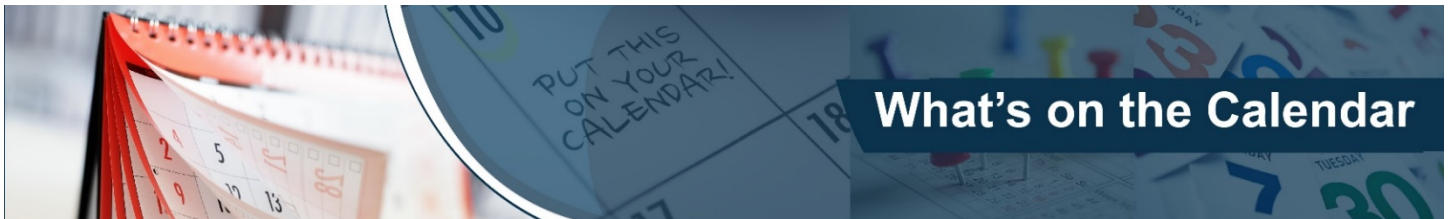
Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance

- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

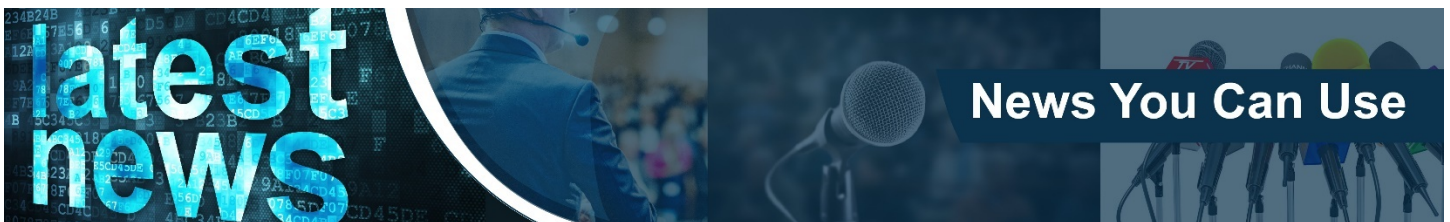


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### CDC Offers COVID-19 Trainings

[CDC TRAIN](#) is offering free trainings on COVID-19 [vaccination](#), [case investigation and contact tracing](#), [healthcare infection control](#), and [testing](#) with CDC's recent training plans. CDC TRAIN is a gateway into the [TRAIN Learning Network](#), the most comprehensive catalog of public health training opportunities; providing free service for learners from the Public Health Foundation. Some courses offer free continuing education credits.



### FDA Provides Multilingual COVID-19 Resources

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has provided translations of the Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 fact sheets for recipients and caregivers in more than 26 languages including Spanish, Tagalog, German, French, and Chinese. This information can be found at [Multilingual COVID-19 Resources | FDA](#). The FDA also provides additional COVID-19 information for consumers in multiple languages at [Preguntas frecuentes sobre la Enfermedad del Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) | FDA](#).

### CMS Expanding Efforts to Grow COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence and Uptake Among Most Vulnerable

On May 11, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [published a press release](#) detailing a new requirement that will ensure long-term care facilities and residential facilities serving clients with intellectual disabilities educate and offer a COVID-19 vaccine to residents, clients, and staff.



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 14](#)
- [Demographic and Social Factors Associated with COVID-19 Vaccination Initiation Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, December 14, 2020–April 10, 2021](#)
- [Rapid Emergence and Epidemiologic Characteristics of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.526 Variant — New York City, New York, January 1–April 5, 2021](#)
- [Identification of and Surveillance for the SARS-CoV-2 Variants B.1.427 and B.1.429 — Colorado, January–March 2021](#)
- [Surveillance of Vaccination Coverage Among Adult Populations — United States, 2018](#)
- [Community-Based Testing for SARS-CoV-2 — Chicago, Illinois, May–November 2020](#)
- [Diagnostic Performance of an Antigen Test with RT-PCR for the Detection of SARS-CoV-2 in a Hospital Setting — Los Angeles County, California, June–August 2020](#)
- [Modeling of Future COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by Vaccination Rates and Nonpharmaceutical Intervention Scenarios — United States, April–September 2021](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Vaccines Fact Sheet for Preteens and Teens](#)
- **NEW** [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [Pregnant People](#)
- **UPDATED** [Toolkit for Pregnant People and New Parents](#)
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- **UPDATED** [If You Are Pregnant, Breastfeeding, or Caring for Young Children](#)
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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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