

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

May 21, 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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### HPP-PHEP Recipient Business Meeting to Be Held May 26

CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will host a joint HPP-PHEP recipient business meeting on **Wednesday, May 26**. The virtual meeting will be held **from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT**. ASPR and CDC have updated the joint agenda topics and format, which will include breakout sessions on administrative preparedness; COVID-19 demobilization and recovery planning; mental/behavioral health and resilience; and advanced engagement of jurisdictional elected and appointed officials. 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. ASPR and CDC will email the final agenda to HPP and PHEP recipients in advance of the meeting. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 1600003374

Passcode: 07558734

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1600003374?pwd=K0k4RExKaTVpK1diN0tTTVdaMFJldz09>

### CDC's Next PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for June 9

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar, "New Jersey's Logistical Challenges in Responding to COVID-19 and Methods to Overcome Them," is scheduled for **1 p.m. Wednesday, June 9**. This webinar will feature New Jersey's Department of Health Medical Countermeasures Bureau and its solutions to address the numerous

logistical and inventory management challenges during the COVID-19 response. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1611002147

Passcode: 63665230

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611002147?pwd=QjZseVBOckdpbTJjbnNRkNMV1NVZz09>



#### **CDC Releases COVID-19 Workforce Development Funding Awards**

CDC has issued \$2 billion in supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan to the 65 eligible jurisdictions to establish, expand, and sustain the public health workforce, including school nurses. CDC has activated the [Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response](#) to award the supplemental funding. The two-year budget and performance period 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 host an informational call from **3 to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 27**, to discuss the CDC COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding guidance released May 14. CDC presenters will provide an overview of the guidance, including budget and work plan requirements, reporting requirements, and required diversity, equity, and inclusion metrics. This meeting replaces the bimonthly PHEP grants management call scheduled for the same time. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1612424804

Passcode: 42186276

Web Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1612424804?pwd=eG9OZ2hWUFRObIFPRTIHRFRJWWdUdz09>

#### **CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools Now Available**

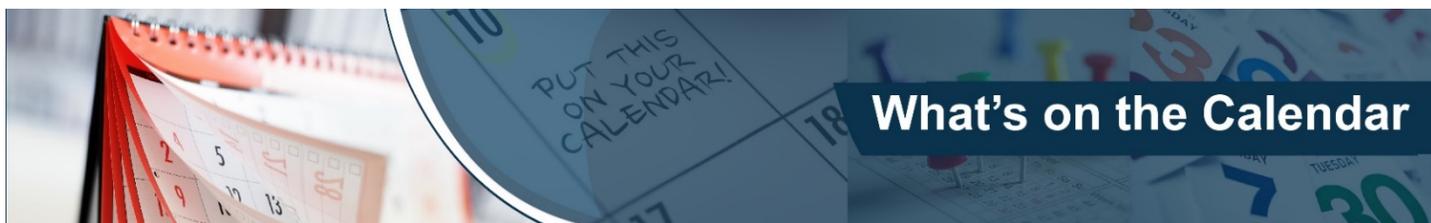
CDC recently updated its website to provide an [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention](#). This K-12 operational strategy presents a pathway for schools to provide in-person instruction safely through consistent use of prevention strategies, including universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing.

#### **Parents and Guardians Can Enroll Adolescents in V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker**

Parents and guardians can now enroll adolescents ages 12 and older in the [V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker](#)<sup>SM</sup> and complete health check-ins on their behalf after COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after COVID-19 vaccination. Through v-safe, participants can quickly tell CDC if they have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

All adolescents in the family who are eligible to be vaccinated can be enrolled. Parents and guardians should use their smartphone to complete a separate v-safe registration for each adolescent. All v-safe communications will be sent to the parent or guardian's smartphone.

CDC encourages parents and guardians to take advantage of the waiting period immediately after vaccination to enroll adolescents. To [enroll](#) in v-safe, parents will need a smartphone and the adolescent's COVID-19 vaccination record card.



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### **CDC Offers RealOpt© Training on June 10**

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt© training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held at **1 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 10**. 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.

The last training session in this training series on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held on Thursday, July 8.

### **Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Floods, and Similar Disasters Virtual Workshop Now Available**

In preparation for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, CDC is now offering an eLearning version of the [“Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Floods, and Similar Disasters Virtual Workshop”](#) via CDC TRAIN. This free, on-demand virtual training teaches participants how to use CDC-developed messaging resources to create public health communication products following hurricanes and other natural disasters. The workshop also includes information about how to integrate COVID-19 safety messages into storm communications. Health departments can use this training to better plan and prepare for hurricane season. Previously offered as a live webinar, this online version allows CDC to reach more public health practitioners and partners in time for the 2021 hurricane season.

Continuing education credits are offered for the one-hour interactive workshop, which engages learners through knowledge checks, case studies, and applied exercises.

### **NEMA Conducts Workshop on Developing Mission Ready Packages**

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) is hosting a series of workshops 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.

Click on one of the following sessions to register. Previous knowledge of EMAC or MRPs is **not** required. Each session will provide the same information.

- **Wednesday, May 26 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu2hqD0uG9HoUhGd5KLQ4HkB1i-gG25i>
- **Thursday, June 10 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOqprTqpGNOjNwRWx0FBNGj4\\_RY0v-AS](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOqprTqpGNOjNwRWx0FBNGj4_RY0v-AS)
- **Wednesday, June 30 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzgoGtzebLOvTF\\_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2trzgoGtzebLOvTF_Ey6xCNXtBO3mp)
- **Thursday, July 8 – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrqjooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN\\_tIve](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-CrqjooHNFZuH-OxIAIGZSPiwN_tIve)
- **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/tZAqfuuhqzqkHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0\\_Ywt](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfuuhqzqkHNxT-rgUB8ph2BxwYuF0_Ywt)



### **Bureau of Justice Assistance Now Accepting Grant Proposals to Strengthen Medical Examiner/Coroner System**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking grant proposals to strengthen the medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) system in the United States. The funding opportunity, [FY2021 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program](#), closes **July 8**. This solicitation is designed to increase the supply of forensic pathologists and support the enhancement of medicolegal death investigation (MDI) services nationwide.



### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 21](#)
- [Disparities in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Between Urban and Rural Counties — United States, December 14, 2020–April 10, 2021](#)

- [Outbreaks Associated with Treated Recreational Water — United States, 2015–2019](#)
- [Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases and Outbreaks at Child Care Facilities — District of Columbia, July–December 2020](#)
- [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Aged 12–15 years — United States, May 2021](#)
- [Interim Estimates of Vaccine Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Among Health Care Personnel — 33 U.S. Sites, January–March 2021](#)
- [Mask Use and Ventilation Improvements to Reduce COVID-19 Incidence in Elementary Schools — Georgia, November 16–December 11, 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing to Sustain In-Person Instruction and Extracurricular Activities in High Schools — Utah, November 2020–March 2021](#)

## COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories](#)
- **UPDATED** [Possible Side Effects After Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **UPDATED** [International Travel During COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Know Your Travel Risk](#)
- **UPDATED** [Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cruise Ship Color and Commercial Travel Status](#)

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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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