

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

July 30, 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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## August 11 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights California's COVID-19 Responder Safety and Health Program

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 11**. This webinar will detail the experiences of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) while implementing a responder safety and health program to protect its staff during the COVID-19 response. CDPH presenters Armando Chevez, Danny Kwon, and Svetlana Smorodinsky will describe their approach for identifying responder safety and health gaps and implementing the Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS) framework into CDPH's incident management structure. Presenters will also discuss coordinating across centers to improve responder safety protocols and lessons they learned in rostering, tracking, and monitoring deployed staff. Following is the participant information, which includes an updated web link and dial-in information.



### Updated Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 1612411865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>

The [online survey](#) evaluation of the July 14 PHEP Connects webinar closes at **11:59 p.m. EDT today, Friday, July 30**. DSLR encourages webinar participants to provide their feedback on the webinar, "Integrating Behavioral Health into Emergency Preparedness and Response: Lessons from Michigan."



### **CDC Provides Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement Response Funding Resources**

CDC has released two resources for recipients of CDC’s Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement COVID-19 supplemental funding. The [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) document summarizes CDC responses to a variety of questions related to the \$2 billion in funding that CDC awarded to support COVID-19 workforce development in 65 jurisdictions. In addition, CDC has developed [general guidance](#) on using federal funds to provide incentives to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination. Both documents can be found on the CDC website.

### **CDC Updates Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People**

On July 27, CDC updated its [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) and [When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated](#) web pages based on new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States. The updated web page adds recommendations that fully vaccinated people take the following precautions.

- Wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#),
- Mask to protect those who are at [increased risk for severe disease](#) from COVID-19, and
- Be tested and mask if they have had close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Also, in this update, CDC recommends universal indoor masking in all K-12 school settings for teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status or location.

CDC’s July 27 [Science Brief: Background Rationale and Evidence for Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) added data from recent studies that demonstrate currently authorized mRNA vaccines provide high efficacy against COVID-19 severe enough to require hospitalization and death.

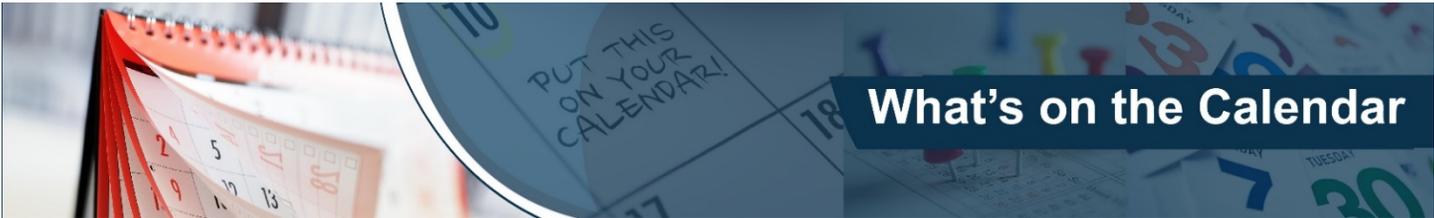
CDC has also issued a Health Alert Network Health Advisory, “Vaccination to Prevent COVID-19 Outbreaks with Current and Emergent Variants,” to notify public health practitioners and clinicians about the urgent need to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage (i.e., the percentage of the population fully vaccinated) across the United States to prevent surges in new infections. The full health advisory can be viewed [here](#).

### **New Minority Health Social Vulnerability Index Now Available**

CDC and the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have developed the [Minority Health Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#). The new tool is intended to enhance existing resources to support the identification of racial and ethnic minority communities at the greatest risk for disproportionate impact and adverse outcomes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minority Health SVI is an extension of the CDC Social Vulnerability Index, which is a platform that helps emergency response planners and public health officials identify, map, and plan support for communities that will most likely need support before, during, and after a public health emergency.

### **Surgeon General Addresses Health Misinformation**

Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy has released [Confronting Health Misinformation: The U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment](#). This document is intended to limit the prevalence and impact of misinformation to help individuals make more informed decisions about their personal health and the health of their loved ones and communities.



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### CDC Offers August 9 RealOpt® Vaccination and POD Training

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt® training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held on **Monday, August 9**. 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 the training session. Registration for the RealOpt® training session is completed through [CDC TRAIN](#). Please note the training registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date. An additional training session will be held on **Thursday, September 16**.



## News You Can Use

### White House Releases Fact Sheet on Actions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccination

On July 29, the White House released a fact sheet describing new actions to get more Americans vaccinated and slow the spread of the Delta variant. The full fact sheet can be viewed [here](#).

### Recording Available for July 27 CDC Media Briefing on COVID-19

CDC hosted a media telebriefing update on the COVID-19 pandemic on July 27. CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky provided remarks during the briefing. A [recording](#) of the briefing is available at [www.cdc.gov/media](http://www.cdc.gov/media).



## Online Resources

## CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 30](#)
- [Guidance for Implementing COVID-19 Prevention Strategies in the Context of Varying Community Transmission Levels and Vaccination Coverage](#)
- [Progress Toward Hepatitis B Control — World Health Organization European Region, 2016–2019](#)
- [Disparities in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel Working in Long-Term Care Facilities, by Job Category, National Healthcare Safety Network — United States, March 2021](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Public School District Employees Following a District-Wide Vaccination Program — Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March 21–April 23, 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years with Fair or Poor Health, by Urbanization Level and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2019](#)
- [Outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 Infections, including COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections, Associated with Large Public Gatherings — Barnstable County, Massachusetts, July 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years — United States, December 14, 2020–July 16, 2021](#)

## COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#)
- **UPDATED** [Beyond School Supplies: Back to School Reminders and Readiness](#)

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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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