Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

August 6, 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 (DSLR) Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.
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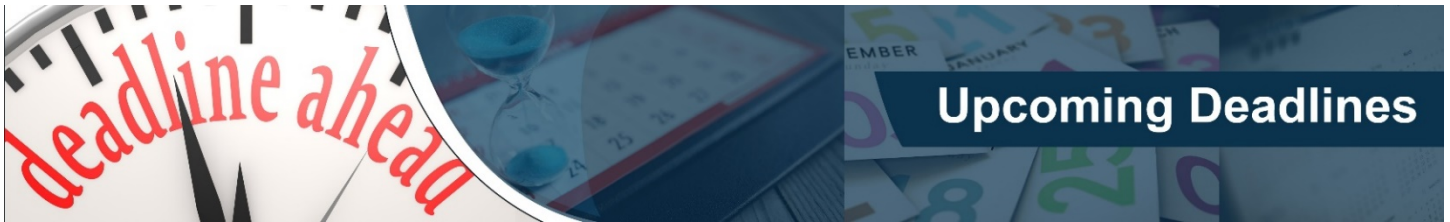- **August 18 –** PHEP Recipient Conference Call

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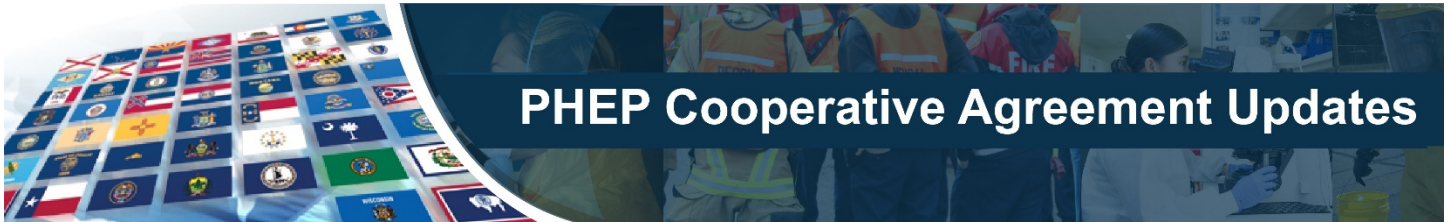- FEMA Releases Emergency Operations Center Toolkit

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- **August 15** – COVID-19 Fiscal Reports Due (2020 Response Funding No-cost Extension Recipients)
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CDC to Award Additional BP3 CRI Funding
CDC plans to award an additional $1 million in fiscal year 2021 (FY 2021) funding to support the PHEP program's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI). CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) will issue the additional FY 2021 funding as an administrative supplement to the PHEP Budget Period 3 (BP3) cooperative agreements with the 50 states and four directly funded localities that receive CRI funding. The funding is intended to provide additional resources to supplement BP3 planning efforts within the CRI local planning jurisdictions. OGS expects to award the additional funds by **Friday, September 10**.

DSLR emailed the CRI supplemental funding allocations to recipients on Thursday, August 5. Recipients should also have received a grant note August 4 via the Grants Management Module in GrantSolutions notifying them of this new funding.

CDC expects that – in most cases – this additional funding will not result in a change of scope from existing CRI work plans. In those cases, prior approval is not needed. To officially apply for these new funds, recipients must submit SF-424 and SF-424A documents and brief budget narratives in Grant Solutions. Recipients should briefly describe in their budget narratives how they plan to adjust their work plans to account for this additional funding. A Word document or Excel spreadsheet will suffice for this submission. Either document should include the following information.

- The activity(ies) to be adjusted with this funding and how those activities will change.
- The cost category(ies) (presumably contracts if the funding will flow to the CRI local planning jurisdictions).
- New activities must include all the required information found in [CDC's budget preparation guidance](#).

Recipients must complete and submit the SF-424 and SF-424A documents and brief budget narratives in Grant Solutions by close of business on **Friday, August 20.** At this time, CDC is not posting the CRI supplemental funding in PERFORMS to avoid potential issues with updates underway to recipients' BP3 work plans and budgets. Recipients do **not** need to submit their application documents in PERFORMS. In the near future, CDC will post the updated CRI funding information in PERFORMS and will provide recipients with an opportunity to update the information as needed.

CDC recognizes that this may impose additional burden and encourages recipients to simplify the process by using the additional funds to support existing CRI activities and keeping budget justifications as brief as possible. In addition, if processing this CRI supplement causes a delay in meeting the August 31 deadline to respond to PHEP BP3 conditions of award, recipients should contact their PHEP project officers and OGS grants management specialists to request a deadline extension. For questions regarding the additional CRI funding, recipients should contact their PHEP project officers.

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) in 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

***Race to End COVID* Playbook Highlights Unique Partnership to Promote Testing and Vaccination**
In collaboration with partners, CDC has developed a *Race to End COVID* Partner Playbook that offers a framework for planning and conducting community-based COVID-19 testing and vaccination events at car racetracks. These events encourage participation by offering an incentive, namely the chance for participants to drive their own car around the track. Referred to individually and collectively as the *Race to End COVID*, these events are envisioned as partnerships between STLT health departments; National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR); and local racetracks, whether league-affiliated or independently owned.

The Alabama Department of Public Health, CDC, CDC Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Increasing Community Access to Testing (HHS ICATT) team partnered with NASCAR, Talladega Superspeedway, and the Alabama National Guard to hold the first *Race to End COVID* event in May 2021. The playbook shares lessons learned and successful practices for STLT and private sector partners interested in replicating its success in other communities across the United States.

Race to End COVID events held at tracks nationwide can offer important public health benefits, including:
- Increasing interest in and encouraging COVID-19 testing and vaccination in a community—critical interventions for slowing and stopping the spread of disease in communities.

- Informing and educating communities about COVID-19 vaccination, testing, and prevention behaviors with accurate information from trusted community partners.
- Linking people who get tested for COVID-19 with vaccination opportunities in the community, especially when two-dose vaccine series are started at the event (or an event is held with only testing).
- Understanding what motivates people to seek testing and vaccination by engaging or participating in new partnerships and incentive offerings.

CDC COCA Call Scheduled for August 12
CDC's next Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call is scheduled for **2 p.m. EDT on Thursday August 12**. During the call, experts from the field will discuss the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) role in issuing emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for certain monoclonal antibodies for COVID-19 treatment. Presenters will also discuss options for compassionate use, ordering and distribution of monoclonal antibodies, and current data on use of monoclonal antibodies for both nonhospitalized and immunocompromised patients. Preventing, diagnosing, and treating COVID-19 in immunocompromised patients will also be covered, including the role of monoclonal antibodies, serologic testing, and potential third doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information
Dial-In: (646) 828-7666 (Audio only)
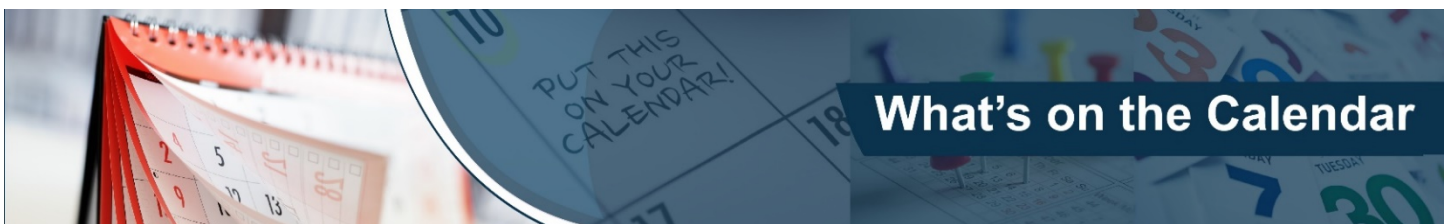Conference ID: 161 225 4638
Passcode: 980771
Access Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612254638?pwd=SmNaNlJEUWt3YWdBMGtNRjhxRIZ1UT09

CDC Updates COVID-19 Resources
The following updated resources are now available on the CDC website.
- CDC has updated the most recent laws and regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Staffing Resources include recent map updates showing CDC deployments and field staff.
- The updated Cruise Ship Color and Commercial Travel Status provides guidance for fully vaccinated people based on new evidence on the Delta variant.
- CDC's What to Consider When Planning to Operate a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic shares strategies jurisdictions can use to plan, optimize, and maximize operations at all types of temporary COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- The Families & Children document provides updated guidance for parents, families, and organizations that care for children.
- CDC's Public Health Science Agenda for COVID-19 includes an updated a guide intended to strengthen the public health actions, guidance, and policy essential to limit the spread and impact of SARS-CoV-2 and ultimately end the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Find Local COVID-19 Vaccination Information at Vaccines.gov

Vaccines.gov is a federally supported website launched to make it easier for individuals to access COVID-19 vaccines. Available in English and Spanish, Vaccines.gov is designed to help connect Americans with locations offering vaccines near them. This site is meant to complement the number of state and pharmacy websites that have been successfully connecting many Americans with vaccinations by providing a unified federal resource for Americans to use no matter where they are.
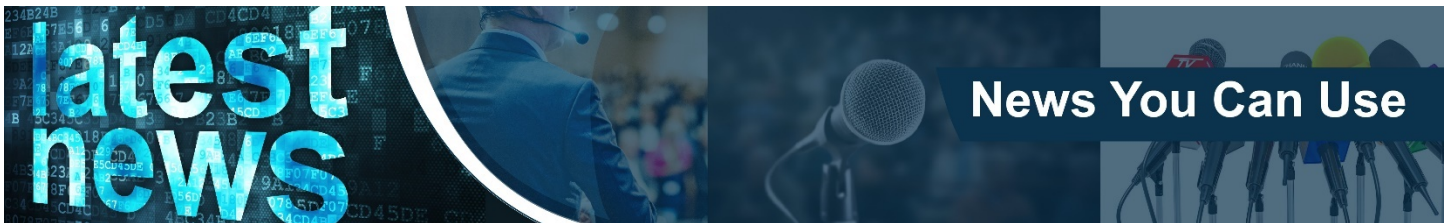
In addition to the website, persons living in the United States can use a text messaging service, available in both English and Spanish. Individuals can text their ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available. The National COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance Hotline, 1-800-232-0233, is another resource available to assist those who prefer to get vaccine information by phone.

FEMA Releases Emergency Operations Center Toolkit

FEMA has released an emergency operations center (EOC) toolkit that includes guidance and best practices for emergency management. These resources include:

- EOC How-to Quick Reference Guide
- EOC References and Resources Tool

These documents assist jurisdictions with developing EOCs that can successfully meet their needs. The toolkit covers topics such as hazard vulnerability assessments, physical site selection, mitigation, considerations, EOC capabilities and requirements, information management systems, and training and exercises. These documents also ensure alignment with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. It also defines operational systems that guide how personnel work together during incidents. Learn more about NIMS here.

CDC Issues Eviction Moratorium Order in Areas of Substantial and High Transmission

On August 3, CDC issued an Eviction Order in Areas of Substantial and High Transmission. CDC Director Rochelle Walensky signed an order determining the evictions of tenants for failure to make rent or housing payments could be detrimental to public health control measures to slow the spread of SARS-CoV-2. This order will expire on October 3, and applies in U.S. counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission levels of SARS-CoV-2.

CDC MMWR Reports

- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 6
- COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years — United States, December 14, 2020–July 16, 2021

- [Outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 Infections, Including COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections, Associated with Large Public Gatherings — Barnstable County, Massachusetts, July 2021 (Early Release July 30, 2021)](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Delays in Identification and Treatment of a Case of Septicemic Plague — Navajo County, Arizona, 2020](#)
- [QuickStats: Injury Deaths as a Percentage of Total Deaths, by Age Group — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2019](#)
- [Rapid Increase in Circulation of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant — Mesa County, Colorado, April–June 2021](#)
- [Reduced Risk of Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 After COVID-19 Vaccination — Kentucky, May–June 2021](#)
- [Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccines in Preventing Hospitalization Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years — 13 states, COVID-NET, February–April 2021](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [CDC Issues Eviction Order in Areas of Substantial and High Transmission](#)
- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Consider When Planning to Operate a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#)
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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.

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