

**DSLRL**

# FRIDAY UPDATE



**November 24, 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.

For more information, visit the [CDC State and Local Readiness website](https://www.cdc.gov/stateandlocalreadiness/) or contact us at [preparedness@cdc.gov](mailto:preparedness@cdc.gov).

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## 2022 HHS CPG Module Training to Be Held in December

The 2022 HHS Capabilities Planning Guide (CPG) module is now open in PERFORMS. The CPG module provides a platform for PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients to self-assess their current programs across the CDC and ASPR preparedness and response capabilities. CPG data is intended to guide preparedness investments by helping jurisdictions identify preparedness capability gaps.

PHEP recipients should use their CPG data to help inform their strategic priorities and PHEP Budget Period 4 work plan objectives and planned activities. PHEP CPG data are due **January 31, 2022**. However, CDC strongly encourages early review and submission of CPG data.

CDC's PERFORMS team will present training sessions on the CPG module at **11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, December 1**, and at **2 p.m. EST on Thursday, December 2**. The same information will be presented during each session. Following is the participant information for both sessions.

### Participant Information

Dial-In: (866) 724-5153 (Audio only)

Participant Code: 75708931

Access Link: <https://dslr-itt.adobeconnect.com/itt-performs/>

PHEP recipients should contact their project officers with questions about the PHEP CPG submission process and the PERFORMS help desk at [PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:PERFORMSSupport@cdc.gov) for any system issues.



## CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots to All Adults

On November 19, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) [expanded recommendations for booster shots](#) to include all adults ages 18 years and older who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or a Moderna vaccine at least six months after their second doses. The ACIP slides can be found [here](#).

## Updated COVID-19 Resources Now Available

- The CDC web page [Investigating the Impact of COVID-19 during Pregnancy](#) describes efforts to increase the understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on pregnant people and infants. Pregnant people can find information about COVID-19 vaccines at [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#).
- CDC's [Commercial Laboratory Seroprevalence Surveys](#) explains how CDC is working with commercial laboratories to conduct large-scale geographic seroprevalence surveys to estimate the percentage of people who were previously infected with COVID-19.
- The [How to Use CDC's COVID Data Tracker](#) video explains how to use [CDC's COVID Data Tracker](#).



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## Preparedness and Response Resources

### CDC's PHEP Connects Webinar Scheduled for December 8

CDC's next PHEP Connects webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on**

**Wednesday, December 8.** The December webinar, "How Disaster Epidemiology Tools and Methods Meet Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities," will highlight how disaster epidemiology aligns with CDC's capability standards and integrates with emergency management.



Tess Konen, senior epidemiologist at the Minnesota Department of Health and co-chair of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee, will define disaster epidemiology (DE) and its role in all phases of the emergency management cycle and provide an overview of how DE tools and methods align with CDC's preparedness and response capability standards. The presentation will describe specific tools and resources, such as Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) and Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS) and provide local and state examples of how agencies can integrate DE into their preparedness plans and responses.

Andrew Adams, CSTE senior program analyst, will also share disaster epidemiology resources and how to access CSTE technical assistance resources. Following is the participant information.

#### Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 1612411865

Passcode: 569595

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



## News You Can Use

### Georgia Preparedness Director Resigns

Scott Minarcine, preparedness director at the Georgia Department of Public Health, has resigned from his position, effective November 24. Kesia Cobb, director of business operations, will serve as the state's acting preparedness director. She can be reached at [Kesia.cobb@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Kesia.cobb@dph.ga.gov).

### NACCHO Accepting Applications for 2022 Model Practices Program and Innovative Practice Award

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) annually recognizes the accomplishments of local health departments and health officials through various awards. NACCHO is currently accepting 2022 applications for its [Model Practices Program](#) and its [Innovative Practice Award](#). Applications must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST on December 31**. To learn more about the 2022 application cycle for NACCHO's Model Practices Program and Innovative Practice Award, visit the [NACCHO Awards Webpage](#).



## Online Resources

### CDC MMWR Reports

- [COVID-19–Associated Deaths After SARS-CoV-2 Infection During Pregnancy — Mississippi, March 1, 2020–October 6, 2021](#)
- [Risk for Stillbirth Among Women With and Without COVID-19 at Delivery Hospitalization — United States, March 2020–September 2021](#)
- [Automated Digital Notification of COVID-19 Diagnoses Through Text and Email Messaging — North Carolina, December 2020–January 2021](#)

### COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [For National Football League \(NFL\) Players, Leadership and Teamwork Builds COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence](#)
- **UPDATED** [Investigating the Impact of COVID-19 during Pregnancy](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)
- **UPDATED** [Commercial Laboratory Seroprevalence Surveys](#)
- **UPDATED** [How to Use CDC's COVID Data Tracker](#)
- **UPDATED** [Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)

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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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