

DSLRL

FRIDAY UPDATE

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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](#) or contact us at preparedness@cdc.gov.

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PHEP ORR Friday Feature:

DSLRR PORTS Application and User Role Reminders

To refresh recipients on what is required for PHEP ORR Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS) access, this week's PHEP ORR Friday Feature highlights key aspects of the [PORTS application process](#).



Prospective users who require access to PORTS should download the application form from the [CDC website](#) or request the form from their PHEP project officers. In completing the form, applicants will note that they must select their role within the system.

The five distinct recipient user roles and their functions are:

1. **Data Entry:** Add new forms and input data into the ORR module in PORTS and submit completed forms to the “submit for review” user for internal jurisdictional review. A data entry user cannot submit forms directly to CDC unless also assigned the “submit for review” role.
2. **Submit for Review:** Ensure data accuracy prior to submission to CDC. This role is intended for PHEP directors or their approved proxies.
3. **State Reviewer:** Review, adjudicate, and acknowledge forms submitted by users at the local level.
4. **Read Only:** View and print forms that have been acknowledged. These users cannot perform other actions in the ORR tool.
5. **Manage Users:** Assign and modify jurisdictional PORTS user roles. This role is intended for PHEP directors, who can add proxies and defer this role to other staff. This role was initially labeled as “user manager” but has been updated on the PORTS online application form.

After selecting a user role and completing the other form fields, prospective PORTS users should submit their completed applications to their jurisdictional preparedness directors or their designees. PHEP directors or their designees should submit all completed forms for their jurisdiction to their CDC PHEP project officers. If there is an issue and the application forms can't be submitted for processing, CDC PHEP project officers will notify the preparedness directors within five business days on how to address any identified issues.

Prospective users must also indicate whether they have a CDC Secure Access and Management Services (SAMS) account, which is required for PORTS access. Those with SAMS accounts will receive a notification from SAMS when the PORTS registration process has been completed. If they do not have a SAMS account, prospective users will receive instructions from SAMS on how to register for a SAMS account.

CDC will conduct its next PHEP ORR guidance orientation session on **Wednesday, February 23**, and has scheduled the first PORTS onboarding training for **Thursday, March 17**. For more information on user roles or how to submit a DSLR PORTS application form, recipients should contact their PHEP project officers or preparedness@cdc.gov.

PHEP Monthly Recipient Call Scheduled for February 16

The next monthly PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 16**. CDC will provide updates regarding the PHEP BP4 application process, the PHEP Operational Readiness Review (ORR) implementation, the 2022 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement applications, COVID-19 evaluation, and the PHEP 20th anniversary. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

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

Meeting ID: 160 752 4717

Passcode: 07271150

Zoom Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>



2022 Crisis Response NOFO Applications Due February 14

The deadline to submit applications for the 2022 Public Health Crisis Response notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is **Monday, February 14**. CDC will use the applications to create an updated approved but unfunded (ABU) list of potential recipients that are eligible to receive supplemental funding for future public health emergencies. CDC encourages the current 65 recipients to submit their applications by February 14 to ensure they are eligible for funding should an emergency occur in the near future. However, Grants.gov will remain open until March 16 for the approximately 40 additional large local health departments that are now eligible to apply for the crisis response NOFO to accommodate their unique needs. Questions regarding the applications deadlines can be submitted to preparedness@cdc.gov.

CDC Updates Self-Testing at Home Webpages

CDC has updated and redesigned its [Self-Testing at Home or Anywhere](#) webpage to include information on self-tests or at-home tests that provide rapid results in just a few minutes. The updated content provides an overview of when to take the tests, how to properly use the tests, and what the test results mean. Also included are a video on how to interpret self-test results and graphics in English and Spanish illustrating how to take a nasal swap specimen.



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Preparedness and Response Resources

FEMA to Host EMAC Training in March

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a virtual training in March on “Understanding the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).” Free to all participants, this four-part course will be held from noon to 4 p.m. EST, Monday, March 14, through Thursday, March 17. The course will introduce emergency management, response, and recovery personnel to EMAC and the EMAC process so they can knowledgeably use the nation’s interstate mutual aid system. Participants must have a valid [FEMA Student Identification number \(SID\)](#) before registering for the course (K0431) in the [EMI online admissions system](#). Once participants have successfully completed their applications, they will receive the link to access the training one week prior to the event. FEMA will also host an in-person EMAC training in July. More information about this in-person training session will be provided closer to the start date. For more information, please contact NETAdmissions@fema.dhs.gov.



News You Can Use

Updated CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids Now Open for Public Comment

CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control is updating the [2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#). The draft of the updated clinical practice guideline is now available for public comment in [the Federal Register](#). The public comment period will be open for 60 days and will end on April 11. The guideline recommendations are voluntary and are not intended to be applied as inflexible standards of care or to replace clinical judgement or individualized, patient-centered care. CDC encourages patients, caregivers, providers, and others who care about safe, effective, and informed pain treatment options to [submit their comments](#) via the Federal Register docket.



Online Resources

CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 11](#)
- [Preventive Dental Care and Oral Health of Children and Adolescents With and Without Heart Conditions — United States, 2016–2019](#)
- [Progress Toward Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Control and Elimination — Worldwide, 2012–2020](#)
- [Identifying Higher-Volume Antibiotic Outpatient Prescribers Using Publicly Available Medicare Part D Data — United States, 2019](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Children and Adolescents Aged 5–17 Years Who Reported Being Tired Most Days or Every Day, by Age Group and Hours of Screen Time — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2020](#)
- [Association Between Social Vulnerability and Rates of HIV Diagnoses Among Black Adults, by Selected Characteristics and Region of Residence — United States, 2018](#)
- [Self-Rated Physical Health Among Working-Aged Adults Along the Rural-Urban Continuum — United States, 2021](#)
- [QuickStats: Rates of Emergency Department Visits Related to Mental Health Disorders Among Adults Aged ≥18 Years, by Disorder Category — National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2017–2019](#)
- [Genomic Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 Variants: Predominance of the Delta \(B.1.617.2\) and Omicron \(B.1.1.529\) Variants — United States, June 2021–January 2022](#)
- [Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection — California, February–December 2021](#)
- [Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes Among Adults Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Infection During Periods of B.1.617.2 \(Delta\) and B.1.1.529 \(Omicron\) Variant Predominance — One Hospital, California, July 15–September 23, 2021, and December 21, 2021–January 27, 2022](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **NEW** [MMWR Weekly COVID-19 Briefing](#)
- **NEW** [Interim Guidance on People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness](#)
- **UPDATED** [Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)
- **UPDATED** [Reporting COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Know About COVID-19 Testing in Schools](#)

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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