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TO: CRI Regional Planning Leads

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RE: Medical Countermeasure Operational Readiness Review (MCM ORR) Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has given us permission to post an interim version of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Operational Readiness Review Guidance: Budget Period 1 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020), so that users can begin to use the guidance and prepare their Medical Countermeasure Operational Readiness Review (MCM ORR). Users can access the guide on the DPH Preparedness website (www.ct.gov/dph/prepare) “HPP-PHEP Resources.” The hyperlink is labeled “MCM ORR Guidance (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020).”

The guidance includes elements related to pandemic influenza and is divided into three modules: (1) descriptive/demographic (2) planning and (3) operational. The modules include forms for completion by each City Readiness Initiative (CRI) Regional Planning Lead. The CDC has added new fields to the Critical Contacts, Distribution Planning, Dispensing Planning, and Tabletop Exercise (TTX) forms. They also added a new Functional Exercise form.

All CRI Regional Planning leads should review the attached guidance and requirements for MCM ORR. Each CRI Regional Planning Lead must complete all components on a regional scale in collaboration with their subcontractors.

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