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Subject: CDC Moving Forward Webinar on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:00 am (ET)

A webinar will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET) to provide communication updates related to CDC Moving Forward and to answer questions from CDC staff. All CDC staff are invited to participate in the webinar. Contractors may participate with prior approval from their employer.

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Subject: Reminder: CDC Moving Forward Webinar today (Wednesday, December 7) at 11:00 am (ET)

A webinar will be held today (Wednesday, December 7, 2022) at 11:00 a.m. (ET) to provide a Moving Forward update about Communications at CDC and to answer questions from CDC staff. All CDC staff are invited to participate in the webinar. Contractors may participate with prior approval from their employer.

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Sent: Wed, 7 Dec 2022 21:10:39 +0000
To: Undisclosed recipients:
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Subject: CDC Moving Forward Webinar on CDCReady Responder Program, Friday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m.

A CDC Moving Forward webinar will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET) to discuss the new CDCReady Responder Program and to answer questions from CDC staff. All CDC staff are invited to participate in the webinar. Contractors may participate with prior approval from their employer.

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Topic: CDC Ready Responder Program

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To: Undisclosed recipients:
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Subject: Reminder: CDC Moving Forward Webinar on CDCReady Responder Program, today (Friday, December 9) at 11:00 a.m.

A CDC Moving Forward webinar will be held today (Friday, December 9, 2022), at 11:00 a.m. (ET) to discuss the new CDCReady Responder Program and to answer questions from CDC staff. All CDC staff are invited to participate in the webinar. Contractors may participate with prior approval from their employer.

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From: Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky (CDC)
Sent: Tue, 22 Nov 2022 15:11:52 +0000
To: Undisclosed recipients:
Bcc: CDC All - CDC & ATSDR and non-CDC & non-ATSDR
Subject: Giving Thanks This Thanksgiving

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded of what happened last year. I had my oven mitts on and was about to pull the turkey out of the oven when my telephone rang about the Omicron subvariant. For many of you who were part of the response, that was the beginning of many long nights. This Thanksgiving, my hope is for more normalcy where we all have the opportunity to reflect on our blessings and enjoy sharing time safely with our family, loved ones, and friends. For those of you engaged on the frontlines this holiday season, thank you for your sacrifice to protect others.

Thanksgiving is a time for us all to come together with family and friends and reflect. This year was full of challenges, calling on each of us to respond as an agency and as a community. A war in Ukraine and the resulting humanitarian suffering. Wildfires and extreme heat in the West; tornados across the South; and Hurricanes Ian and Fiona in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean. Ongoing and emerging infectious disease threats requiring our expertise and leadership. And, senseless acts of gun violence happening all too frequently. We mourn the tragic loss of African American athletes at the University of Virginia earlier this month and the catastrophic loss of and injuries to members of the LGBTQ+ community in Colorado this past weekend.

As we reflect, I want you to know that I am so appreciative of what is being done every day at this agency. Collectively, we are strengthening our communities, our agency, and our workforce; we are promoting, advancing, and supporting public health each day. I marvel at your tremendous accomplishments and my fortune to work with such extraordinary and talented people in service to our nation. Thank you for all that you do. I am so proud to be your director.

As we enter into this holiday season, CDC continues to make progress on our Moving Forward initiative. I want to thank those who have served as members of strike teams and those serving on priority action teams, as well as everyone who has provided feedback to these teams, attended listening sessions, or sent feedback to the [virtual suggestion box](#). Please continue to share your thoughts, suggestions, and comments.

In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has granted a three-hour early dismissal to HHS staff on Wednesday, November 23 to give everyone an early start to the holiday. Contractor personnel should speak with their company supervisor regarding early departure.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

With gratitude,

Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH (she/her)
Director, CDC, and
Administrator, ATSDR

From: Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky (CDC)
Sent: Wed, 7 Dec 2022 17:29:59 +0000
To: CDC All - CDC & ATSDR and non-CDC & non-ATSDR
Subject: New CDCReady Responder Program

Dear Colleagues,

Let me start by expressing my gratitude to the amazing staff of this agency for rising to the challenge of three years of activation for the COVID-19 pandemic, for responding to each subsequent emergency response with the same energy and purpose, and for continuing each day your vital work of protecting and promoting public health. As I have said many times before, the biggest asset of this agency is you, our staff.

While CDC has previously been engaged in response activation for public health threats, these past three years have underscored how critical it is that we take the necessary actions to fully commit as a response-ready agency. Each of us must think of ourselves as a public health responder and reimagine how we prepare, identify, and coordinate staff to support the agency's continually evolving global public health mission.

To that end, we are establishing a new [CDCReady Responder program](#) to help us identify the right personnel at the right time who are trained ahead of emergencies and ready to respond when needed.

This week, we are implementing a waiver to the existing emergency response staffing policy to shift response participation from the current volunteer model to one where staff across the agency can be called upon to support emergency response efforts based on their skills and response needs. This update will support the establishment of the first cadres of responders within the CDCReady Responder program, and we will be working to expand our pool of response-ready staff across the agency in the months ahead.

On several occasions, I have heard of people who are interested in serving on a response but are not sure what a job entails or if they have the skills to serve in that capacity. Our new CDCReady Responder program will bring clarity to how we all can support emergency responses. This program will provide roles for staff in most, if not all, CDC job series, in both on-site and virtual headquarters-based assignments and through field deployments. It will establish an infrastructure to implement practical, application-based training to learn and understand essential principles and skills for response roles such as incident management leadership, task force and team leads, operations coordinators, and clearance coordinators.

Our goal is to develop a workforce that is qualified, trained, confident, and ready for response work. Most importantly, we are responding to your feedback and your desire to serve the agency and public health. I encourage you to review your [CDCResponder Profile](#), update your information, and view the [open positions](#) across some of our [current public health responses](#).

We will share more about this new program and answer your questions in a Moving Forward webinar on Friday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. (ET). To add this webinar to your Outlook calendar, go to the [CDC Events Calendar](#). Contractors may participate with prior approval from their employer. Please submit your questions and feedback ahead of the webinar to cdcreadyresponder@cdc.gov. I personally read every comment and question, and truly appreciate hearing from you.

With gratitude,

Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH (she/her)
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