

EMA ROUNDUP



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Dates to Know

Mar. 1 - LEPC Annual Roster Due

Mar. 1 - LEPC Bylaws Due

As we continue to look at community resiliency in 2021, linguistically isolated populations and limited-English proficiency populations are an often overlooked group within our state.

IDHS has been evaluating our currently available products, and discussing potential translation needs within our communities. What major languages are part of your community, and how can we help better educate those groups?

IDHS Director of Emergency Management

COVID-19 Update

Vaccine Eligibility

The Department of Health expanded eligibility this week to include Indiana residents 65 and over.

The [OurShot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov) website continues to be the best source for current information. A detailed breakdown of the groups currently eligible can be found [here](#).

Distribution of KN95 Masks and Sanitizer

The Indiana Department of Health is distributing more than 3 million KN95 masks and bottles of hand sanitizer to critical infrastructure businesses in the coming weeks. Please share this information with organizations in your county.

The resources are available to law enforcement, public safety, first responders, food and agriculture, energy, water and wastewater, transportation and logistics, public works and infrastructure, communications and IT, as well as community- or government-based operations.

To submit a request for these resources, [click here](#). Information for using the order entry portal can be found [here](#).

Mar. 1 - LEPC Fiscal and Auditors Report Due

For other upcoming dates, visit the [IDHS Calendar of Events](#).

Available PPE

The SEOC Logistics Section has distributed 90 percent of the gloves requested by counties.

The following PPE resources are available through the State EOC Logistics Section on a first come, first served basis:

- 20,000 S/M/L Cloth Gowns
- 23,000 XL-3XL Cloth Gowns
- 3,300 Polyethylene Film Gown/Aprons (see below) Fits up to size large.



CyberStart America Underway

CyberStart America returns to Indiana for the 2021 school year. Please help encourage high school students in grades 9-12 to participate in this free opportunity.

Registration is open through Feb. 28, 2021.

Students interested in participating can register at cyberstartamerica.org.

Public Assistance Program

Due to the long-term nature of the COVID-19 response, **the Request for Public Assistance deadline is remaining open.** A specific deadline for RPAs will be announced when an end date for this disaster event is established by FEMA.

Updates

- Guidance related to vaccine reimbursement was distributed this week. [Find it here](#).
- FEMA announced changes to the reimbursement for DR4515. IDHS will provide updates to applicants as more guidance is provided.

Continue checking the [IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage](#) for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

Exercise Quick Hits

The IDHS Exercise Section has several events coming soon:

- FEMA has released [Continuity Exercise Starter Kits](#).
- The Logistical Staging Area workshop has been rescheduled to Feb. 24 with a contingency date of March 3. Registration is available on Acadis.
- A north region cyber workshop will be held Feb. 26. Registration information was sent out to county emergency managers in northern districts.
- The NWS/WebEOC hybrid tabletop and functional exercise with District 3 and 6 has been postponed, date to be determined.
- Indiana's Wabash Valley Seminar has been postponed, date to be determined.
- The Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack exercise has been postponed, date to be determined. The grant has been extended, allowing more planning time.
- Planning will begin this month for Indiana's 2022-2024 IPPW. Work group meetings with north, central and south districts will be scheduled in March to develop IDHS-hosted multi-year preparedness priorities



[Read the February issue of the Hoosier Responder.](#)

Vaccine Survey Still Open

The [COVID-19 Critical Infrastructure Vaccine Survey](#) is still collecting data. Please consider reaching out to critical infrastructure and industries and encourage them to provide their information.

The information is being viewed by IDHS, Department of Health and Family Social Services Administration to inform decision-making.

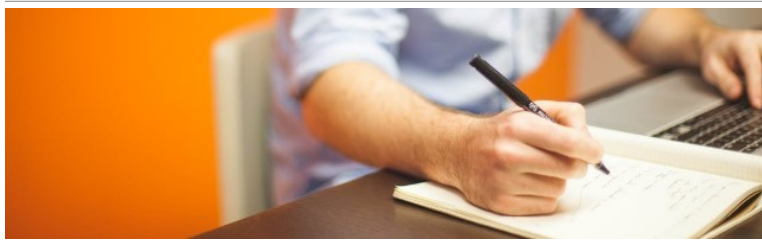
Academy Grant Writing Symposiums

The Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy will host one more online grant writing symposium to share information grant application processes and opportunities to receive state and federal funding.

Although geared for fire departments, this opportunity may also provide helpful information for newer county emergency managers.

The symposiums will occur via Microsoft Teams on **Saturday, Feb. 6 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EST)**

- Central District's Logistical Staging Area exercise series has been scaled back to a tabletop/functional hybrid exercise with virtual and/or in-person opportunities. The Exercise Section will be requesting grant funds to hold the full scale in 2022.
- Scheduling is in process with the south districts' exercising planning team regarding the rescheduled Operation Space Storm.



Available Training

NEMA Webinar: Virtual Exercises and Beyond

This **Feb. 10** webinar will discuss the best practices and benefits of developing virtual infrastructure that allows geographically displaced personnel to monitor and evaluate a live discussion-based exercise without sacrificing the quality of an in-person evaluation.

[Register online.](#)

School Safety: Involving Students in Creating Safer Schools

Learn how you can resolve to be ready in 2021 by involving students in creating safer schools on **Feb. 10**. Topics covered will include FEMA's Student Tools for Emergency Planning program. [Register online.](#)

K202 Debris Management Planning

FEMA will offer a virtual delivery of this course, designed for state, tribal and local officials responsible for planning, managing and/or implementing debris removal and disposal activities from all types of disasters.

[Learn more about the March 16-18 opportunity](#)

[Learn more about the March 23-25 opportunity](#)

Register for the symposium in [Acadis](#).

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