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TO: CRI Regional Planning Leads

FROM: Stephanie McGuire, MPH
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RE: Medical Countermeasure Operational Readiness Review (MCM ORR) Guidance
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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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