

MCM Operational Readiness Review Budget Period 4 Implementation Fact Sheet



Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Budget Period 4 Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Operational Readiness Review (ORR) Implementation

In Budget Period 4, CDC's Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) will implement a refined process for conducting state and local medical countermeasure (MCM) operational readiness reviews (ORRs). CDC will collect baseline data on MCM planning and state and local ability to implement MCM response plans using the MCM ORR tool. CDC expects that, over time, this MCM ORR process will assist jurisdictions with demonstrating progress in implementing their medical countermeasure response plans.

National MCM Operational Readiness Goal

CDC will use a standardized approach for evaluating operational readiness to distribute and dispense medical countermeasures along a continuum of implementation levels:

- **Early** – Jurisdiction demonstrates *some* of the planning and / or operational criteria.
- **Intermediate** – Jurisdiction demonstrates *many* of the planning and / or operational criteria.
- **Established** – Jurisdiction demonstrates *most* of the planning and / or operational criteria.
- **Advanced** – Jurisdiction demonstrates *all* of the planning and *all* operational criteria.

CDC's expectation is that by the end of the next PHEP five-year project period, all jurisdictions will have achieved an "Established" level of readiness for planning and implementation.

MCM ORR Framework (Proposed)

As awardees demonstrate sufficient progress in meeting their planning and operational goals, CDC intends to transition to a two-year MCM operational readiness review framework. Beginning in Budget Period 4, CDC will conduct a full MCM ORR in which all elements will be reviewed. In alternating years, CDC will conduct focused reviews and provide targeted technical assistance for elements identified as "early" or "intermediate" status levels during the full review.

Budget Period 4 Review Process

DSLRL has identified an experienced cadre of MCM specialists who will accompany project officers on MCM ORR site visits to conduct the readiness reviews.

During BP4, CDC will conduct a full MCM ORR for the following:

- **All 62 PHEP awardees**
- **One Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) local planning jurisdiction within each CRI metropolitan statistical area (MSA).**
 - **For states with CRI MSAs that cross state borders, CDC will review one local planning jurisdiction from the state with the largest population within the MSA.**

In addition to the required reviews, CDC may choose to review additional CRI local planning jurisdictions (based on risk, operational gaps, or other criteria). **State awardees are required to conduct MCM ORRs for CRI local planning jurisdictions not reviewed by CDC.**



MCM ORR Reporting

At the conclusion of Budget Period 4, CDC will generate national reports that will include data from all Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) awardees and CRI MSAs. It will be comprised of status levels for planning and operational capabilities determined during the full review. The MCM ORR report templates for awardees and locals are available on the MCM ORR portal on CDC's [MCM Partner site](#).

Note: Some portions of the report template are intended solely for the jurisdiction and will not be released in CDC national reports.

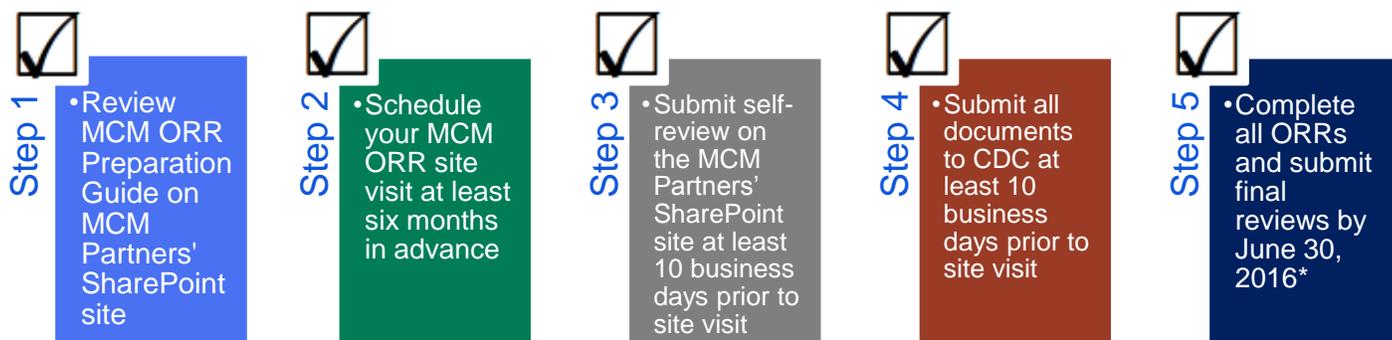
MCM ORR Online Share Point Site

CDC has improved its MCM ORR online portal to provide jurisdictions with a dedicated, secure web portal to view MCM guidance, training materials, and other resources, as well as a link to access the MCM ORR tool for data entry and documentation submission. Awardees can access the MCM ORR online portal from CDC's [MCM Partner site](#).

MCM ORR Webinar Trainings

Since May 2015, CDC has hosted a series of 10 webinar trainings to introduce awardees to the refined MCM ORR process and conducted a thorough walk-through of the MCM ORR tool. Awardees are encouraged to visit the MCM ORR web portal on the [MCM Partner site](#) and the [SNS Extranet](#) to view previously recorded trainings.

Five Steps to MCM ORR Success



*States reviewing local jurisdictions have the option to submit narrative for inclusion in the final report developed by DSLR. Narratives must be submitted by June 30, 2016 in the MCM ORR tool.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did CDC move to a two-year MCM operational readiness review framework?

CDC decided to implement a two-year MCM ORR review framework to allow time for jurisdictions to implement suggested improvements resulting from the MCM ORR full review. The goal of the MCM ORR process is to identify planning and operational gaps and provide technical assistance so jurisdictions can build program capacity to meet their preparedness goals. The overall strategic vision is for the entire nation to be "Established" by the end of the next five year PHEP project period.

2. How can I provide feedback to CDC about the MCM ORR process and tool?

After the MCM ORR site visit, each jurisdiction will receive an email from DSLR that includes instructions and a link to provide feedback.

3. Where can I find more information about the MCM ORR?

All MCM ORR information is posted on the [MCM Partner site](#) within the MCM ORR Portfolio that includes: BP4 Reference Guide, MCM ORR tool, MCM ORR Guidance, Jurisdictional Data Sheets, MCM ORR Preparation Guide, MCM ORR Users' Manual (for the online tool), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Report Narrative template, and MCM ORR Fact Sheet.