

Answers to Tough Questions: COVID-19 Emergency Declarations

On Monday, the Biden administration announced that it [plans to end the COVID-19 national emergency declarations](#) on May 11, 2023. Health departments, health care providers, community organizations, and others may receive questions about [what this means](#) for their constituents. Public health leaders might also be asked for their opinion about whether President Biden's policy announcement was the right decision.

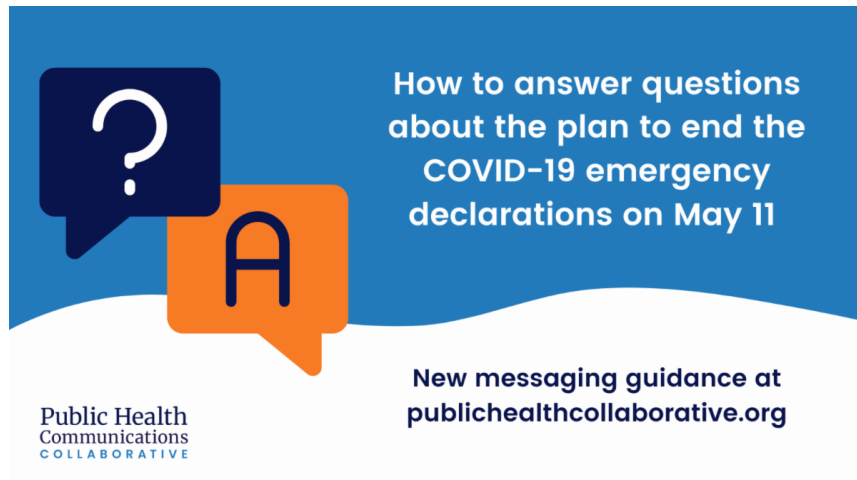
As the current news cycle evolves, use [bridging statements](#) to stay grounded in core messages. Here is an example of how you might apply the ABC's of bridging:

- **Acknowledge:** In the next three months, we'll keep people closely updated about any changes to policies and what the shift means for them, as we have throughout the pandemic.
- **Bridge:** Right now, what we do know is that the way we protect ourselves from COVID-19 hasn't changed...
- **Continue:** We have the best tools to stay healthy, and that's how we've made so much progress from where we were a year ago. You should get vaccinated, get the updated booster, use at-home tests, stay home when you're sick, and wear a high-quality mask when levels are high—these are all ways we can continue to protect ourselves and manage the pandemic.

We've updated our [Answers to Tough Questions](#) with information about the announced May 11 end of the national emergency declarations. PHCC will continue to monitor these developments and share additional messaging guidance and tools to help you communicate. In the meantime, we've shared topline messaging and basic information to answer questions including:

- What is an emergency declaration?
- What emergency declarations were issued related to COVID-19?
- What COVID-19 policies will be affected?
- Does this mean COVID-19 is over?

As always, we want to hear from you about the communications challenges you're facing and the questions you're fielding from constituents and the media. [Contact us](#) to share questions and comments—we appreciate your insights!



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On Our Radar

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(Your Local Epidemiologist)

Report: [Reframing the Conversation about Child and Adolescent Vaccinations](#)
(FrameWorks Institute)

Webinar: [Vaccine Equity Combating COVID-19 Misinformation](#) - Feb. 11 @ 1PM ET
(ASTHO)

Book Release: [Strategic Skills for Public Health Practice: Community Engagement](#) (de Beaumont Foundation)

Article: [With public health on the line, here's how local health departments are fighting misinformation](#) (CNN)

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