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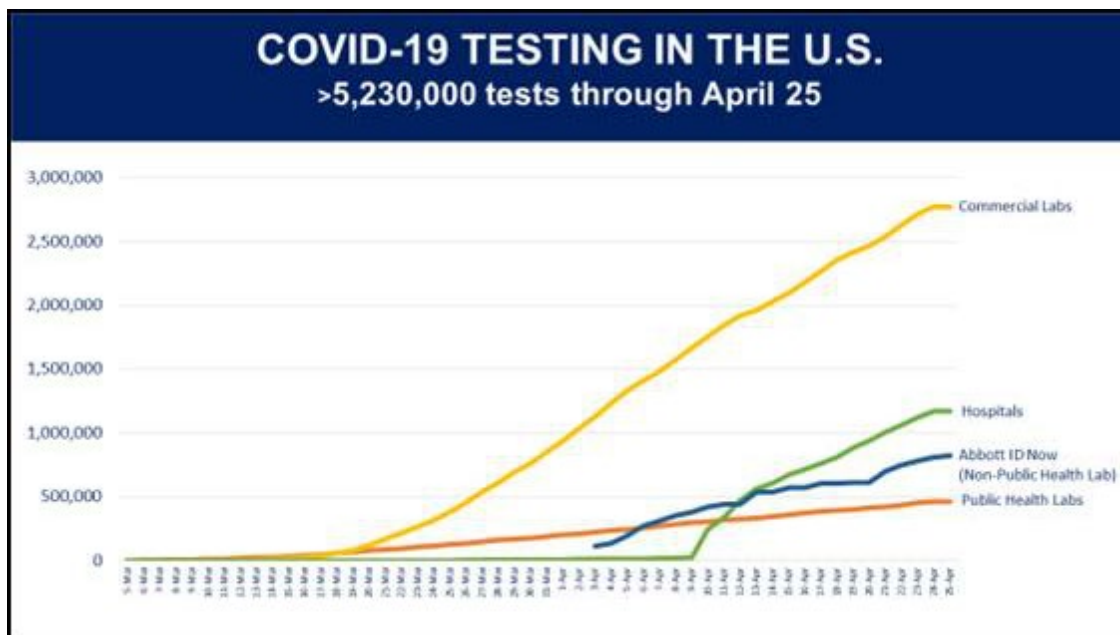
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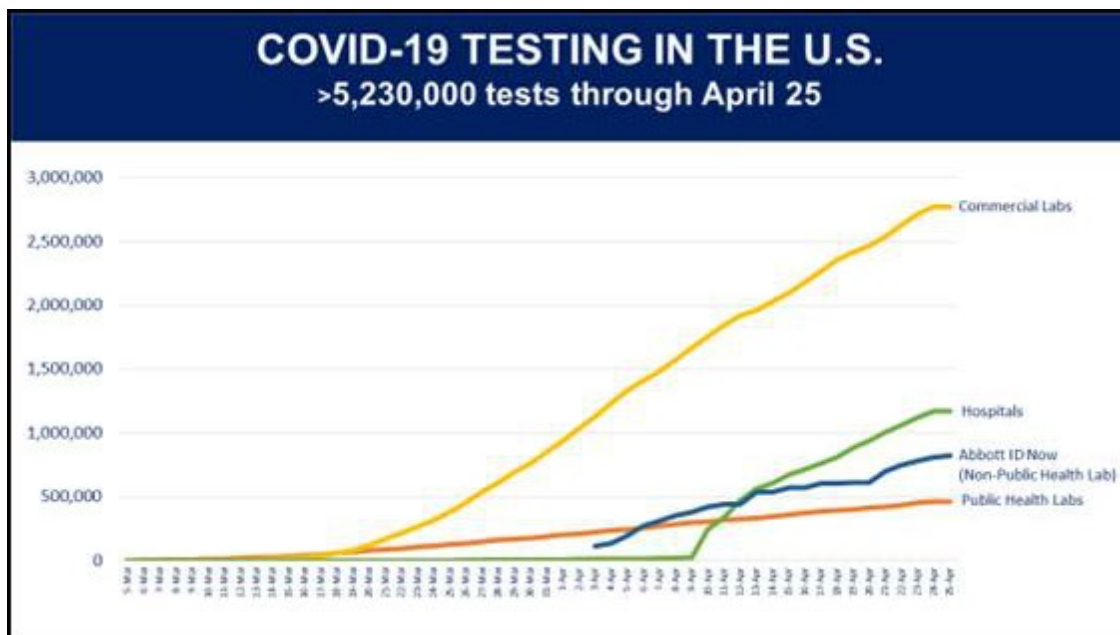
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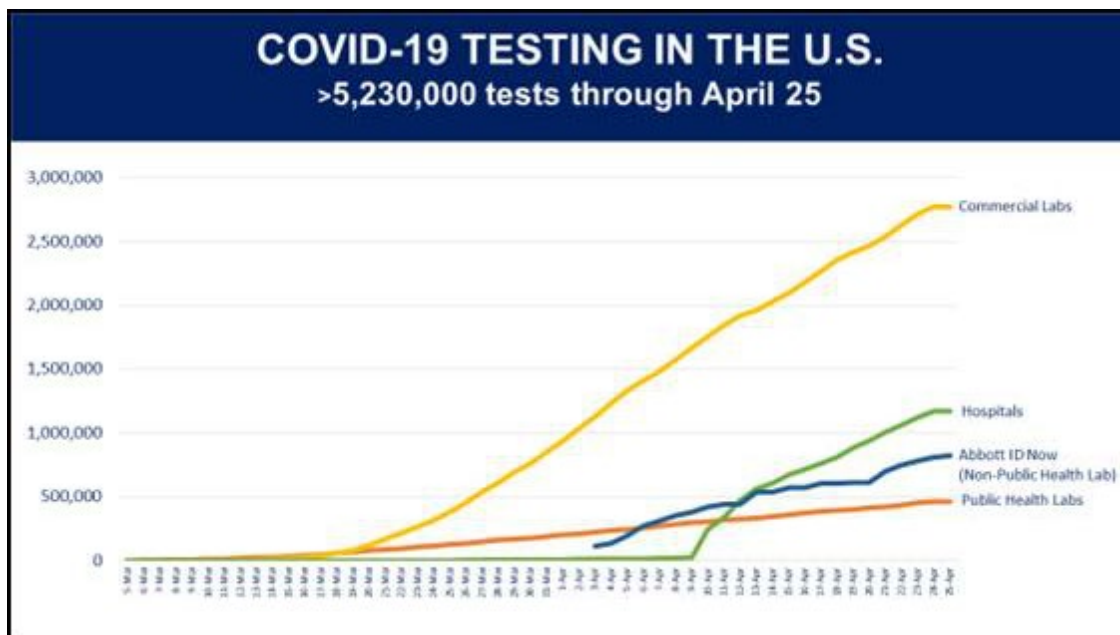
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- FEMA is **sending** supplemental shipments of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes in America.
- CMS is **providing** States with \$81 million from the CARES Act to increase their inspections of nursing homes at this crucial time.
- CMS **finalized** a new rule requiring information about COVID-19 cases in nursing homes to be reported directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and testing data to be posted online. The rule requires nursing homes report cases to residents and their family members.
- The Administration is **establishing** the Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes.

### **Leading Practices from Governors**

Below are a few leading testing practices from governors. A full list of leading practices for and from governors was provided in today’s read ahead document. We welcome you providing additional leading practices to highlight in upcoming briefings and emails.

- **Gov. Jared Polis (Colorado)** unveiled a new community-based testing site interactive **map** (more **here**).
- **Gov. Brian Kemp (Georgia)** utilizing the National Guard to disinfect nursing homes (more **here**).
- **Gov. Steve Bullock (Montana)** is expanding testing to nursing home residents and workers (more **here**).
- **Gov. Mike DeWine’s (Ohio)** partnership with Thermo Fisher to supply reagent (more **here**).
- **Gov. Bill Lee (Tennessee)** announced a goal to test all 70,000+ nursing home residents in 700+ nursing homes and prison population (more **here** and **here**).

### **COVID-19 Testing & PPE Resources**

- **Serology Test Approved by FDA:** The FDA has authorized the first serology, or antibody, test where the results of a new independent validation effort by the U.S. Government provided the scientific evidence used to support the authorization. More details **here**. You can find a factsheet on antibody testing **oversight** and prioritizing access and accuracy **here**.
- **Contact Tracing Training Guidance:** CDC has released a training module on contact tracing. This web page contains a sample training plan including training topics

that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. Each heading represents the learning objective for that section. Suggested training modalities/formats are provided, as well as information about sample existing trainings and resources. More information [here](#).

- **Molecular & Serological Tests:** The FDA has issued 80+ emergency authorizations for new tests. You can find the full list [here](#).
- **Swab & Media Options:** You can find swab and transport media option and flexibilities [here](#).
- **Increase Payment for High-Production Coronavirus Lab Tests:** CMS announced Medicare is doubling payment for certain lab tests that use high-throughput technologies to rapidly diagnose large numbers of COVID-19 cases. Additional information [here](#). CMS also pays for COVID-19 specimen collection (additional information [here](#)).
- **Reminder – FDA Delegates Authority to States:** On March 16, the FDA put in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by laboratories in their states. States can set up a system in which they take responsibility for authorizing such tests and the laboratories will not engage with the FDA. This includes expanding swab options as Colorado as done. More information [here](#).
- **Additional Testing Resources:** FDA [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) and 24/7 technical assistance for labs (1-888-463-6332).
- [Personal Protective Equipment Preservation](#)
- [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#)

#### **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Guidance for Nonprofit Hospitals Exempt from Taxation & Latest PPP Data by State**

The Small Business Administration has provided new guidance on nonprofit hospitals exempt from taxation being eligible for PPP. Guidance can be found under Question #42 [here](#).

- **Data by State:** You can find the latest Round Two PPP data by State [here](#).
- Additional Details on PPP [here](#).



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  - FEMA continues to take deliberate and proactive steps to safeguard our ability to respond and recover from future disaster that may arise during this pandemic.
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  - The preliminary data analysis was from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1,063 patients.
- President Trump signed an [executive order to keep meat processing plants open](#) to ensure the continued supply of beef, pork, and poultry to the American people. The order uses the Defense Production Act to classify meat processing as critical infrastructure.
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- As of **May 5**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 86.1 million N95 respirators, 123.5 million surgical masks, 8.2 million face shields, 19.4 million surgical gowns, 948.6 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of **May 5**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.4 million samples.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - As of **May 4**, the FDA has issued 60 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.

- While FEMA continues to lead the federal operations to the whole-of-America response to the pandemic, the agency continues to prepare for and respond to other disasters that may occur during this time.
  - This week is Hurricane Preparedness Week and there has been great interest in how FEMA is preparing to lead response and recovery efforts for additional disasters, such as hurricanes, during the COVID-19 environment.
  - FEMA has already responded to severe weather during this pandemic, with devastating tornadoes in the southeast, while the agency also prepares for the start of the 2020 hurricane season in just less than a month.
  - FEMA continues to take deliberate and proactive steps to safeguard our ability to respond and recover from future disaster that may arise during this pandemic.
- On April 27, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
  - The President's Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.
- To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
  - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today continued to take action in the ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued warning letters to two companies for selling fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. There are currently no FDA-approved products to prevent or treat COVID-19. Consumers concerned about COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider.
  - The first seller warned, [Honey Colony LLC](#), offers products including "Quicksilver Liposomal Vitamin C w/ Liposomal," "Jigsaw Magnesium With SRT," and products labeled to contain silver, including "Silver Excelsior Serum", for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the products are safe and/or effective for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19.
  - The second seller warned, [Dr. Dhole's Sushanti Homeopathy Clinic](#), offers products including "Homeopathic Genus Epidemicus" for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the product is safe and/or effective for the prevention of COVID-19.
- Yesterday, FDA approved two generic drugs indicated to facilitate tracheal intubation and to provide skeletal muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation: succinylcholine chloride injection USP 200 mg/10 mL and cisatracurium besylate injection USP 20 mg/10 mL. FDA recognizes the increased demand for certain products during the novel coronavirus pandemic and we remain deeply committed to facilitating access to medical products to help address critical needs of the American public.
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 385 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 59 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - The FDA has been notified that more than 240 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
  - The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

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- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Friday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for the investigational antiviral drug remdesivir](#). The [EUA](#) allows for remdesivir to be distributed in the U.S. and administered by health care providers, as appropriate, to treat suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with low blood oxygen levels or needing oxygen therapy or more intensive breathing support such as a mechanical ventilator. Based on evaluation of the emergency use authorization criteria and the scientific evidence available, it was determined that it is reasonable to believe that remdesivir may be effective in treating COVID-19, and that, given there are no adequate, approved, or available alternative treatments, the known and potential benefits to treat this serious or life-threatening virus currently outweigh the known and potential risks of the drug's use. For more information see: [news release](#), [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet](#) and [Patient Fact Sheet](#).
- The FDA updated its [guidance](#) on convalescent plasma and associated [web page](#). The updated guidance provides clarification for investigators on how to submit investigational applications for COVID-19 convalescent plasma. In addition, the guidance includes updated information regarding potential donors. Previously, the FDA's guidance noted that to qualify, individuals should have complete resolution of symptoms for 28 days or resolution for 14 and a negative diagnostic test. The revised guidance recommends that individuals have complete resolution of symptoms for at least 14 days prior to donation. A negative lab test for COVID-19 disease is not necessary to qualify for donation. The revised guidance also clarifies that FDA does not recommend storing a retention sample from the convalescent plasma donation for single patient emergency INDs.
- Given the many questions people have about grocery shopping safety, the FDA has posted a video, [12 Tips for Grocery Shopping During the Pandemic](#), to advise consumers.
- The FDA has also posted an updated [COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#). It contains updates on major agency activities as well as some important facts and figures.
- To help address shortages of continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) products during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the FDA issued an EUA to [Fresenius Medical Care](#) for emergency use of the multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions. CRRT is a type of dialysis therapy used to filter and clean the blood when the kidneys are damaged or

are not functioning normally. The Fresenius multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions have been authorized to provide CRRT to treat patients in an acute care environment during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 54 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 23 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - The FDA has been notified that more than 235 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
  - The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA included, under the [ventilator emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#), a ventilator developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which is tailored to treat patients with COVID-19. The ventilator was added to the list of [authorized ventilators, ventilator tubing connectors and ventilator accessories](#) under the ventilator EUA that was issued in response to concerns relating to insufficient supply and availability of FDA-cleared ventilators for use in health care settings to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The NASA VITAL (Ventilator Intervention Technology Accessible Locally) is intended to last three to four months and is specifically tailored for patients with COVID-19, by providing respiratory support for patients that are experiencing respiratory failure or insufficiency. The device is designed to be built with components outside the current medical device supply chain and therefore does not impact the existing supply chain of currently made ventilators.
- The FDA issued a Consumer Update, [Helpful Questions and Answers about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Your Pets](#), that provides answers to frequently asked questions. Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of pets spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 in people is considered to be low. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. There is a small number of animals around the world reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after having close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- The FDA issued a [guidance](#) highlighting flexibility under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA). This guidance is intended to facilitate the distribution of prescription drug products needed to respond to COVID-19, including drugs to treat symptoms of COVID-19. During the COVID-19 emergency, the DSCSA requirements related to certain product tracing and product identification activities, and wholesale distribution, do not apply to qualifying distribution activities. This flexibility balances the need for effective distribution of products under emergency conditions with protecting consumers from exposure to products that may be counterfeit, stolen or otherwise harmful.
- **Diagnostics Update to Date**
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 53 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 23 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed

tests (LDTs).

- The FDA has been notified that more than 235 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
- The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued a Consumer Update, [Tips on Good Nutrition and Using the Updated Nutrition Facts Label During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). The update provides helpful tips on how to use the Nutrition Facts label to learn more about the foods you have on hand or are purchasing online or in stores, especially if you are purchasing different foods because of [temporary disruptions in the food supply chain](#) or are buying more canned or packaged foods instead of fresh.
- With support from the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations and Office of the Chief Counsel, the U.S. Department of Justice [announced](#) today that a federal court in Utah has entered an injunction halting the sale of various silver products, promoted as treatments for COVID-19.
  - "The FDA will continue to help ensure those who place profits above the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic are stopped," **said Judy McMeekin, Pharm.D., FDA Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs**. "We are fully committed to working with the Department of Justice to take appropriate action against those jeopardizing the health of Americans by offering and distributing products with unproven claims to prevent or treat COVID-19."
- The FDA [granted accelerated approval](#) to a new dosing regimen for a cancer therapy, to allow patients with certain cancers to continue treatment with fewer in-person visits. Specifically, the new dosing regimen allows patients to visit cancer centers less often while getting the treatment they need. This application was approved more than five months prior to the FDA goal date.
- The FDA issued an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Tests](#) that have been evaluated in an independent validation study performed at the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Cancer Institute (NCI), or by another government agency designated by FDA, and are confirmed by FDA to meet the criteria set forth in the Scope of Authorization. Under this serology "umbrella" EUA, authorized devices are intended for use as an aid in identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to SARS-CoV-2, indicating recent or prior infection, by detecting antibodies (IgG, or IgG and IgM, or total), as specified in each authorized device's instructions for use, to SARS-CoV-2 in human plasma and/or serum. Emergency use of the authorized devices is limited to the authorized laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 to perform moderate or high complexity tests. Authorized devices will be added to Appendix A and will be posted on the FDA's website.
- The FDA recently posted [FAQs on Ventilators](#), including questions and answers related to the

Enforcement Policy on Ventilators and Ventilators added to the "Umbrella" EUA, which added to the existing FAQs on Public Availability (Open Sourcing) of Ventilator Software and Design.

- The FDA also recently posted [FAQs on EUAs for Medical Devices During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), including how to submit a request for a new EUA and what happens to authorized devices after the public health emergency is over.
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 50 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 23 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - The FDA has been notified that more than 235 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
  - The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)



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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued a new [video resource](#) explaining Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs), one of several tools FDA uses to help make important medical products available quickly during public health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. As the [video](#) explains, EUAs provide more timely access to drugs, diagnostic tests and/or other critical medical products that can help diagnose, treat and/or prevent COVID-19. When deciding whether to issue an EUA, the FDA evaluates the available scientific evidence very quickly and carefully balances any known and potential benefits and/or risks of these products to the public.
- The FDA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued warning letters to two companies for selling fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. There are currently no FDA-approved products to prevent or treat COVID-19. Consumers concerned about COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider.
  - The first seller warned, [Hopewell Essential Oils](#), offers essential oils and herbal products for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the products are safe and/or effective for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19.
  - The second seller warned, [Santiste Labs LLC](#), the "Defend™ Patch," a transdermal patch containing a "composition of botanical oils," for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the product is safe and/or effective for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19.
- As part of its work to help protect public health, FDA [updated its FAQ page](#) with information about smoking and COVID-19. Smoking cigarettes can leave smokers more vulnerable to respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19, which is why there's never been a better time to quit smoking. FDA's [Every Try Counts](#) campaign has supportive tips and tools to help smokers get closer to quitting for good.
- The FDA posted [information and resources](#) to assist manufacturers submitting generic drug applications with bioequivalence studies that may be impacted during COVID-19.
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 50 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 22 authorized tests have been added to the

EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).

- The FDA has been notified that more than 230 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
- The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued a statement, "[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Continues to Ensure Availability of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Address Safety Concerns](#)," to discuss the Agency's efforts to increase availability of alcohol-based hand sanitizer and the importance of making hand sanitizer unpalatable to people, including children, through the use of denatured alcohol. Calls to the National Poison Data System last month related to hand sanitizer increased by 79 percent compared to March 2019, with the majority of these calls accounting for unintentional exposures in children 5 years of age and younger. The statement also warns consumers about hand sanitizer sold with fraudulent claims.
- The FDA developed a [fact sheet](#) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help answer questions from the food and agriculture sector about what respirators, disposable facemasks, such as surgical or medical masks, or cloth face coverings are most appropriate for various settings.
- The FDA also developed a fact sheet, [What to Do If You Have COVID-19 Confirmed Positive or Exposed Workers in your Food Production, Storage, or Distribution Operations Regulated by FDA](#), derived from CDC recommendations. This fact sheet summarizes key steps that employers and workers can take to help stay open, prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19, and support continuity of essential operations if workers are diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, or show symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- After receiving questions and concerns about the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for face masks posted on April 18, 2020, the FDA [updated and re-issued the EUA](#). In doing so, the FDA clarified that face masks, including cloth face coverings, that are authorized by the EUA are only authorized for use by the general public and health care personnel as source control. These face masks are not authorized to be personal protective equipment, meaning they are not a substitute for filtering face piece respirators or surgical face masks. The FDA also posted [FAQs on the Emergency Use Authorization for Face Masks \(Non-Surgical\)](#).
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 49 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 21 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed

tests (LDTs).

- The FDA has been notified that more than 225 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
- The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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The FDA Intergovernmental Affairs team would like to bring to your attention the following [actions](#) taken yesterday by the FDA in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov) for further information. Thank you!

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued a [guidance on non-invasive fetal and maternal monitoring devices](#) to help increase the availability and capability of these devices used to support patient monitoring during the COVID-19 pandemic. These prescription devices include fetal dopplers that lay users (such as patients or caregivers) could be instructed to use in a home setting under the direction of a health care provider as well as other fetal and maternal monitoring devices that could be used by a health care provider in a home setting. Increasing the availability of these devices may increase access to important prenatal data without the need for in-clinic visits and facilitate patient management by health care providers while reducing the need for in-office or in-hospital services during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The FDA issued a [guidance](#) to help increase availability and capability of imaging systems needed for diagnosis and treatment monitoring of lung disease in patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. These imaging products include medical x-ray, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging systems, and image analysis software that are used to diagnose and monitor medical conditions. Increasing the availability of mobile and portable imaging systems may increase options to image patients inside and outside of healthcare facilities, which could help to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- The FDA issued [guidance](#) to communicate its temporary policy regarding certain requirements under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act Accredited Third-Party Certification Program for foreign food entities and their products. The guidance addresses the current challenges with conducting onsite monitoring activities during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing temporary flexibility so that recognized accreditation bodies (ABs) can maintain the accreditations of certification bodies (CBs), and so that already-issued certifications need not lapse, where certain safeguards are in place. See [constituent update](#) for more.
- The FDA's [Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), is now available in [Spanish](#).
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 360 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 44 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 18 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed

tests (LDTs).

- The FDA has been notified that more than 220 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
- The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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The FDA Intergovernmental Affairs team would like to bring to your attention the following [actions](#) taken by the FDA in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov) for further information. Thank you!

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today continued to take action in the ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Today, the FDA issued an immediately in effect guidance Notifying the Center for Devices and Radiological Health of a Permanent Discontinuance or Interruption in Manufacturing of a Device Under Section 506J of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This [guidance](#) is intended to assist manufacturers in providing FDA timely, informative notifications about changes in the production of certain medical device products that will help the Agency prevent or mitigate shortages of such devices during the COVID-19 public health emergency. On May 11, 2020, the FDA will host a [webinar for medical device manufacturers and others](#) interested in learning more about the guidance.
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 385 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 60 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - The FDA has been notified that more than 240 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.
  - The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

### **Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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Good morning –

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team would like to bring your attention to the following [update](#) on the Agency's efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope this information is helpful to you.

For general FDA-related inquiries, please feel free to contact FDA's IGA staff at [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov).

Best,  
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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Continues to Ensure Availability of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Addresses Safety Concerns**

*Agency Additionally Warns Consumers about Hand Sanitizer Sold with Fraudulent Claims*

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provided an update on its efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the agency's significant flexibility, more than 1,500 additional manufacturers have registered with the agency to produce hand sanitizer. At the same time, the agency is addressing safety concerns related to products being sold that are not in line with the FDA's policy and others being marketed with unproven claims.

"We appreciate industry's willingness to help supply alcohol-based hand sanitizer to the market to meet the increasing demand for these products and are grateful for their efforts," said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. "With this increased supply comes our continued mission to ensure safety of these products. It is important that hand sanitizer be manufactured in a way that makes them unpalatable to people, especially young children, and that they are appropriately labeled to discourage accidental or intentional ingestion.



Additionally, hand sanitizers are not proven to treat COVID-19, and like other products meant for external use, are not for ingestion, inhalation, or intravenous use.”

Following the FDA’s guidance aimed at increasing availability of alcohol-based hand sanitizers, the agency has received feedback and questions over the past few weeks from industry and congressional members, particularly regarding the need to use denatured alcohol for these products. Adding these denaturants to the alcohol renders the product more bitter and less appealing to ingest, particularly for young children. While the agency understands the economic and business reasons behind foregoing this step in the manufacturing process, such an approach undermines the agency’s mission of helping to ensure the safety of FDA-regulated products for consumer use, which is the FDA’s top priority. This approach is consistent with the FDA’s policies prior to the COVID-19 pandemic on including denatured alcohol in hand sanitizer and is even more important now as more consumers rely on its use as a mitigation tool against the deadly virus.

To illustrate the importance of using denatured alcohol and, according to an FDA analysis of data provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Association of Poison Control Centers surveillance team, calls to the National Poison Data System last month related to hand sanitizer increased by 79% compared to March 2019. The majority of these calls were for unintentional exposures in children 5 years of age and younger. Every year, there are hundreds of calls to poison control centers regarding exposure to hand sanitizer, many of which result in adverse events, including death. Unfortunately, ingestion of only a small amount of hand sanitizer may be potentially lethal in a young child.

This month, the agency received an adverse event report of a 13-year-old child drinking hand sanitizer packaged in a liquor bottle from a distiller. The sanitizer was not denatured and was reported to taste like normal drinking alcohol. To protect consumers, especially children, it is important to make hand sanitizer unpalatable.

The FDA also found that the product ingested by the 13-year-old child was not consistent with the labeling component of the agency’s temporary policy— underscoring the importance that these products include a Drug Facts Label, warnings to keep the product out of reach of children, information to get medical help or call a poison control center right away if swallowed and to supervise use in children under 6 years of age to prevent accidental swallowing. These safety measures apply regardless of where the product is intended to be used, as it can easily be distributed beyond the original intended setting.

The FDA is also concerned about hand sanitizer products being sold by some manufacturers during the COVID-19 pandemic with unproven claims. Last week, the agency issued its first warning letter for a hand sanitizer product marketed with unproven COVID-19-related claims, in violation of federal law. The letter was issued to [Prefense LLC](#) for selling their product with misleading claims, for example, “Prefense...protects you from germs with just one application per day! It’s like wearing an invisible glove.” The company’s webpage also states that Prefense can, “protect you from pathogens up to 24 hours or for 10 hand washes.” The FDA is not aware of any evidence that hand sanitizer products can protect consumers for 24 hours or after multiple hand-washings. These types of claims may put consumers at risk by leading to a false sense of security and resulting in infrequent hand washing or hand sanitizing. The agency urges consumers to be vigilant of products sold with misleading, unproven claims, by following our updates on [our website](#).

The FDA remains committed to working with manufacturers, compounders, state boards of pharmacy and the public to increase the safe supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer available to Americans, as well as continuing to take appropriate action against manufacturers making unproven claims.

Consumers, manufacturers or distributors who have questions for the FDA regarding hand sanitizers should email [COVID-19-Hand-Sanitizers@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:COVID-19-Hand-Sanitizers@fda.hhs.gov)

Additional Resources:

- [FDA: Novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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Good morning-

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team would like to bring your attention to the following [statement](#) concerning the Agency's efforts to combat the extremely concerning actions by companies and individuals that are exploiting or taking advantage of widespread fear among consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope this information is helpful to you.

For general FDA-related inquiries, please feel free to contact FDA's IGA staff at [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov).

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Continues to Combat Fraudulent COVID-19 Medical Products**

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is providing an update on the agency's efforts to combat the extremely concerning actions by companies and individuals that are exploiting or taking advantage of widespread fear among consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to scammers on the internet selling unproven medical products, the FDA has taken – and continues to take – a number of steps to find and stop those selling unapproved products that fraudulently claim to mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19.

“While we seek to ensure access to critical medical products, it is imperative that we continue our efforts to find and prevent the sale and distribution of products that may be harmful to the public health. Americans can rest assured that we’re leveraging our experience investigating, examining, and reviewing medical products, both at the border and within domestic commerce, to help ensure that the critical resources reaching the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19 are appropriate,” said FDA Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs Judy McMeekin, Pharm.D. “We take seriously our responsibility to determine whether the medical products coming into our country are

fraudulent, counterfeit or illegitimate, and take action as needed.”

To date, the FDA has issued 42 [warning letters](#) to companies making bogus COVID-19 claims, including one to a seller of fraudulent chlorine dioxide products, equivalent to industrial bleach, frequently referred to as “Miracle Mineral Solution” or “MMS”, as a treatment for COVID-19. After the seller refused to take corrective action, a federal court issued a [temporary injunction](#) requiring the seller to immediately stop distributing its unproven and potentially dangerous product.

Additionally, as part of the FDA’s *Operation Quack Hack*, in just a few short weeks, the agency has discovered hundreds of such products including fraudulent drugs, testing kits and personal protective equipment (PPE) sold online with unproven claims. We continue to work with online marketplaces, domain name registrars, payment processors and social media websites to remove from their platforms products that fraudulently claim to mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19 and to keep those products from reappearing under different names. At this time, the FDA has sent hundreds of abuse complaints to domain name registrars and internet marketplaces, who in most instances, have voluntarily removed the identified postings. We will continue to monitor the online ecosystem for fraudulent products peddled by bad actors seeking to profit from this global pandemic. We encourage anyone aware of suspected fraudulent medical products for COVID-19 to [report](#) them to the FDA.

There are a number of examples of unproven products that the FDA is keeping out of the country. Recently, the agency intercepted and investigated a [case](#) of mislabeled COVID-19 “treatment kits” offered for import. As a result, Special Agents with the FDA’s Office of Criminal Investigations, with the help of domestic and international law enforcement counterparts in the United Kingdom, led the Department of Justice to bring a criminal complaint against a British man who sought to profit from this pandemic and jeopardize public health.

Until the curve is flattened, and even after, the FDA will continue to carry out the agency’s mission of protecting the health and safety of American consumers and strive to prevent unlawful FDA-regulated products from entering, or being distributed in, domestic commerce.

Additional Resources:

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Fraudulent Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Products](#)
- [Beware of Fraudulent Coronavirus Tests, Vaccines and Treatments](#)

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Good afternoon,

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team would like to bring your attention to the following [announcement](#) concerning the emergency use authorization for the investigational drug remdesivir for the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Potential COVID-19 Treatment**

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-issues-emergency-use-authorization-potential-covid-19-treatment>

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [issued an emergency use authorization](#) for the investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. While there is limited information known about the safety and effectiveness of using remdesivir to treat people in the hospital with COVID-19, the investigational drug was shown in a clinical trial to shorten the time to recovery in some patients.

**"FDA's emergency authorization of remdesivir, two days after the National Institutes of Health's clinical trial showed promising results, is a significant step forward in battling COVID-19 and another example of the Trump Administration moving as quickly as possible to use science to save lives," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "NIH, FDA, and scientists across America and around the world have worked tirelessly with patients to get us this new potential treatment for COVID-19. The seamless cooperation between government and private industry under the President's all-of-America approach to COVID-19 is getting treatment options to patients in record time."**

The emergency use authorization allows for remdesivir to be distributed in the U.S. and administered intravenously by health care providers, as appropriate, to treat suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with low blood oxygen levels or needing oxygen therapy or more intensive breathing support such as a mechanical ventilator.

"From day one, the FDA has been committed to expediting the development and availability of potential COVID-19 treatments. Today's action is an important step in our efforts to collaborate with innovators and researchers to provide sick patients timely access to new

therapies where appropriate, while at the same time supporting research to further evaluate whether they are safe and effective,” said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. “There’s tremendous interest among all parties to identify and arm ourselves with medicines to combat COVID-19, and through our [Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program](#), the FDA is working around-the-clock and using every tool at our disposal to speed these efforts.”

Based on evaluation of the emergency use authorization criteria and the scientific evidence available, it was determined that it is reasonable to believe that remdesivir may be effective in treating COVID-19, and that, given there are no adequate, approved, or available alternative treatments, the known and potential benefits to treat this serious or life-threatening virus currently outweigh the known and potential risks of the drug’s use.

The EUA also requires that fact sheets that provide important information about using remdesivir in treating COVID-19 be made available to [health care providers](#) and [patients](#), including dosing instructions, potential side effects and drug interactions. Possible side effects of remdesivir include: increased levels of liver enzymes, which may be a sign of inflammation or damage to cells in the liver; and infusion-related reactions, which may include low blood pressure, nausea, vomiting, sweating, and shivering.

Following the declaration by the Secretary of HHS that circumstances exist justifying the emergency use of unapproved products, the FDA may issue an emergency use authorization to allow unapproved medical products or unapproved uses of approved medical products to be used in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions caused by chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats when there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives.

The issuance of an EUA is different than FDA approval. In determining whether to issue an EUA, the FDA evaluates the available evidence and carefully balances any known or potential risks of any unproven products with any known or potential benefits of making them available during the emergency.

The EUA was issued to Gilead Sciences Inc. The FDA previously allowed for study of the investigational drug under clinical trials, as well as expanded access use for individual patients and through a multi-patient expanded access program coordinated by Gilead.

The EUA will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biologics for prevention and treatment of COVID-19 is terminated and may be revised or revoked if it is determined the EUA no longer meets the statutory criteria for issuance.

The FDA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, protects the public health by assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices. The agency also is responsible for the safety and security of our nation’s food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation, and for regulating tobacco products.

We hope this information is helpful to you.

For general FDA-related inquiries, please feel free to contact FDA's IGA staff at [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov).

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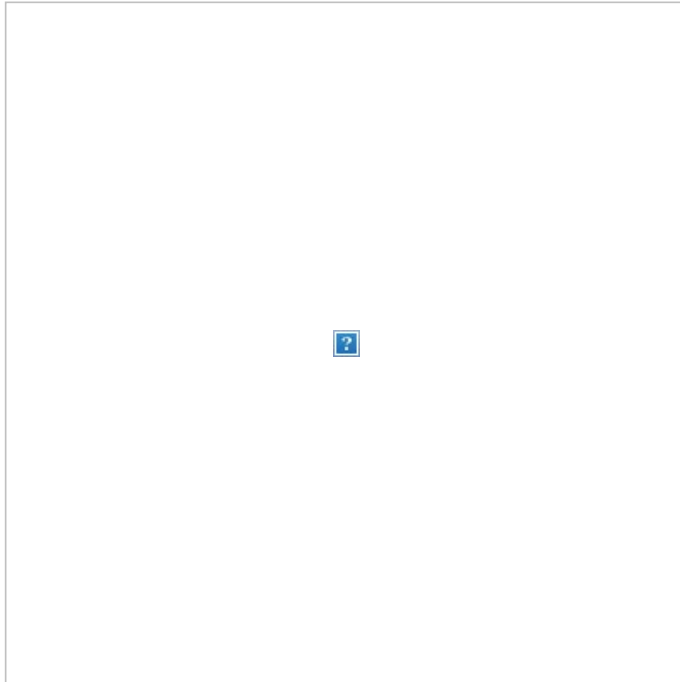
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**May 7, 2020**

This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated on the [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) as it becomes available.

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## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

**As of May 7, 2020**

In the United States, there have been 1,219,066 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



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Dear Colleagues,

This morning, the FDA revised its policy to improve antibody testing quality. The [revised policy](#) is entitled, "Policy for Coronavirus Disease-2019 Tests During the Public Health Emergency (Revised): Immediately in Effect Guidance for Clinical Laboratories, Commercial Manufacturers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff." FDA is issuing this guidance to provide a policy to help accelerate the availability of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency. This guidance describes a policy for laboratories and commercial manufacturers to help accelerate the use of tests they develop in order to achieve more rapid and widespread testing capacity in the United States. Under the new policy, FDA expects commercial manufacturers to submit Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requests, including their validation data, within 10 days of publication of the updated policy or the date they notify FDA of their test validation, whichever is later. FDA has also issued several documents with more information:

- [FDA Voices](#): "Insight into FDA's Revised Policy on Antibody Tests: Prioritizing Access and Accuracy," by Anand Shah, M.D., Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs, FDA, and Jeff Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA
- [FDA Fact Sheet](#): "Antibody Test Oversight & Use for COVID-19" (May 4, 2020)

We expect to issue a related Press Release later today with more information, and will forward that to you when it becomes available.

**In addition, FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff will be hosting a conference call for Governors' offices Federal-State Representatives, and staff of the National Governors Association, at 12:30 p.m. EST today to discuss this policy change.** Presenting on behalf of FDA on the call will be Dr. Jeff Shuren, Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, and Dr. Anand Shah, the Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs. Karen Meister, Acting Director of FDA's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, will host the call.

To join the call, please use the numbers below:

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If you should have any questions, please contact **FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff** at: [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov)

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FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff would like to bring your attention to a revised [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for disposable filtering facepiece respirators manufactured in China that do not meet NIOSH standards. FDA is concerned that certain filtering facepiece respirators manufactured in China may not provide consistent and adequate respiratory protection to health care personnel exposed to COVID-19. These concerns are based on [test results](#) from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) showing that some of these respirators did not meet the expected performance criteria of greater than or equal to 95 percent particulate efficiency. The revised EUA includes an updated [appendix](#) that lists the respirators that have been authorized for use in health care settings by health care providers (HCPs) to prevent exposure to SARS-CoV-2. The appendix was updated to remove certain respirators that are no longer authorized under the EUA.

FDA today also issued a [Letter to Health Care Providers](#), which describes:

- Changes to the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization for respirators manufactured in China and removal of some of these respirators from the Appendix listing authorized respirators.
- Considerations for health care organizations when using or purchasing respirators.
- Actions the FDA has taken to help ensure the quality of respirators.
- Instructions for reporting problems with respirators to the FDA.

**Additional Resources:**

- [FAQs on the EUAs for Non-NIOSH Approved Respirators During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

If you have any questions, please contact FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff at: [iga@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:iga@fda.hhs.gov), or Karen Meister, Acting Director of FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs office, at [karen.meister@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:karen.meister@fda.hhs.gov)

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Good afternoon-

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team wanted to share with you that today the Agency updated three guidance documents to reflect the new Sept. 9th premarket review submission date and new statutory minimum age of sale for tobacco products.

On July 12, 2019, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland ordered FDA to require manufacturers of e-cigarettes, cigars and other deemed new tobacco products that were on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016 to submit applications for premarket review by May 12, 2020. Last week, the court [granted FDA's request for a 120-day extension](#) – which FDA made solely as a result of the coronavirus pandemic – for manufacturers subject to the May 12, 2020 date. Applications that were originally due on May 12, 2020 are now due Sept. 9, 2020.

FDA strongly encourages applicants who are able to submit applications in advance of the Sept. 9 deadline to do so as soon as possible. Those who plan on submitting applications for a large number of products are encouraged to contact the agency as soon as possible to discuss their plans and method of submission. To help manufacturers preparing and submitting tobacco product applications by Sept. 9, FDA recently posted a [compilation of information and resources](#) on FDA's website.

In accordance with this new date for submission of premarket applications to the Agency and the new statutory minimum age of sale for tobacco products, today FDA issued changes to three guidance documents:

**1. Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization**

FDA revised the guidance for industry, "[Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems \(ENDS\) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization \(Revised\)](#)." This is a revision to the January 2020 guidance which describes, among other things, how FDA intends to prioritize its enforcement resources with regard to ENDS products that do not have premarket authorization.

[The guidance](#) outlines FDA's intention to prioritize, as of Feb. 6, 2020, earlier enforcement against certain illegally marketed ENDS products that may be used by or appeal to youth. The guidance also originally stated that FDA intends to independently prioritize enforcement for any other ENDS product that was on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016 that is offered for sale after May 12, 2020, and for which the manufacturer has not

submitted a premarket application (or after a negative action by FDA on a timely submitted application). The guidance also set forth FDA's enforcement priorities for other deemed new tobacco products beginning May 12, 2020. The date for prioritized enforcement of premarket requirements for these products without a submitted application (excluding ENDS subject to earlier enforcement) has now been changed to Sept. 9, 2020.

The revised guidance does not in any way alter the fact that it is illegal to market any new tobacco product without premarket authorization. FDA is continuously evaluating new information and adjusting its enforcement priorities in light of the best available data, and it will continue to do so. FDA will take appropriate action regarding tobacco products that are marketed without premarket authorization, including as warranted based on changed circumstances, new information, or to better address minors' use of those products.

**2. FDA Deems Certain Tobacco Products Subject to FDA Authority, Sales and Distribution Restrictions, and Health Warning Requirements for Packages and Advertisements**

FDA revised the guidance for small businesses, "[FDA Deems Certain Tobacco Products Subject to FDA Authority, Sales and Distribution Restrictions, and Health Warning Requirements for Packages and Advertisements \(Revised\)](#)".\* "This Small Entity Compliance Guide is intended to help small businesses understand and comply with FDA's Deeming Rule. FDA revised this guidance to reflect the new premarket review submission deadline of Sept. 9, 2020 for new deemed tobacco products on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016. The revisions also include updates to reflect that the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products has been increased to 21, and that FDA has been instructed to issue a final rule to, among other things, update all references to persons younger than 18 years of age to 21.

**3. Extension of Certain Tobacco Product Compliance Deadlines Related to the Final Deeming Rule**

FDA withdrew the guidance, "[Extension of Certain Tobacco Product Compliance Deadlines Related to the Final Deeming Rule](#)" which was originally issued in May 2017. FDA withdrew the guidance because the compliance deadlines contained in the guidance have passed, have been vacated or stayed, or are otherwise described in other guidance.

View FDA's Tobacco Guidance Page: <https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/rules-regulations-and-guidance/guidance>

If you have questions related to this or other tobacco-related issues, please let me know if I can assist you further. My contact information is below.

For general FDA-related inquiries, please feel free to contact FDA's IGA staff at [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov).

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Good morning-

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team wanted to share with you the following [announcement](#) that today the Agency issued warning letters (WLs) to 10 companies for illegally selling electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products that do not have premarket authorization and are targeted to youth or likely to promote use by youth.

If you have questions related to this or other tobacco-related issues, please let me know if I can assist you further. My contact information is below.

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## **FDA Warns Manufacturers and Retailers to Remove Certain E-cigarette Products Targeted to Youth from the Market**

*Agency Continues to Target the Sale of Unauthorized, Flavored E-cigarette Products That Appeal to Youth*

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued ten warning letters to retailers and manufacturers who sell, manufacture and/or import unauthorized electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products targeted to youth or likely to promote use by youth. The warning letters were sent to establishments marketing unauthorized products, such as a backpack and sweatshirt designed with stealth pockets to hold and conceal an e-cigarette, ENDS products that resemble smartwatches, or devices appearing as children's toys such as a portable video game system or fidget spinner. Warning letters were also issued to companies marketing e-liquids that imitate packaging for food products that often are marketed and appeal to youth, such as

candy, or feature cartoon characters like SpongeBob SquarePants.

These warning letters are part of the [FDA's ongoing enforcement efforts](#) against ENDS and other deemed tobacco products illegally on the market. The warning letters are also in line with the agency's stated [enforcement priorities](#) against any ENDS product targeted to youth or likely to promote use by youth. If the recipients of these warning letters do not cease the manufacture, distribution and/or sale of these unauthorized tobacco products, they risk additional FDA action such as an injunction, seizure and/or civil money penalty actions.

**“The FDA is focused on manufacturers and retailers that make and sell ENDS products that are targeted to youth and increase their appeal. The public should really be outraged by these products. The FDA is especially disturbed by some of these new products being marketed to children and teens by promoting the ease with which they can be used to conceal product use, which appeals to kids because it allows them to conceal tobacco product use from parents, teachers, law enforcement or other adults,”** said Mitch Zeller, J.D., director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products. **“Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not lost our focus on protecting youth against the dangers of e-cigarettes and will do everything we can to take action. These warning letters should send a clear message to all tobacco product manufacturers and retailers that the FDA is keeping a close watch on the marketplace. If you're marketing or selling these products to youth, the FDA will not tolerate it.”**

The following retailers and/or manufacturers or importers received a [warning letter](#):

- Vapewear Gear, LLC (manufacturer, online retailer)
- Vapewear, LLC (manufacturer, online retailer)
- Wizman Limited (manufacturer, online retailer)
- EightCig, LLC (online retailer)
- Ejuicepack, LLC (online retailer)
- Vape Royalty, LLC (online retailer)
- VapeCentric, Inc. (online retailer)
- Dukhan Store (online retailer)
- VapeSourcing (online retailer)
- Shenzhen Uwell Technology Co., Ltd. d/b/a DTD Distribution Inc. (importer, retailer)

These products appeal to youth in the way they are designed and labeled. For example, Vapewear Gear's pullover and backpack products hold pod systems that deliver vapor through hosing discreetly woven through hidden pockets. This design allows the products to be used for vaping without raising the attention of parents, teachers or other adults. Similarly, the Vapewear vWaTch Starter Kit, Wizman Puff Boy Mod and VooPoo Rota 340mAh Pod System Kit look like products that are popular with kids, such as smartwatches, video game systems and fidget spinners, that can be carried or worn without revealing they are tobacco products. Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), all these products are considered tobacco products because they are made or derived from tobacco and intended for

human consumption or components or parts of such products. Images and additional details of each product are included in the individual warning letters [available on CTP's website](#).

The FDA has also issued warning letters to [73 brick-and-mortar retailers](#) for selling unauthorized flavored, cartridge-based ENDS products. This [follows 22 warning letters that FDA issued last month](#) for similar violations to online and brick-and-mortar retailers and manufacturers across the country. These warning letters are part of a series of ongoing actions consistent with the FDA's recently issued [policy of enforcement priorities](#) for e-cigarettes and other deemed products on the market.

Last month, in line with the agency's actions to protect the health and well-being of staff during the COVID-19 outbreak, the FDA issued a partial stop work order to the entities the agency contracts with at the state level for activities such as compliance checks and vape shop inspections. The inspections related to the actions announced today occurred before the stop work order. The FDA continues to evaluate the effect of COVID-19 on its programmatic activities and will continue to communicate any changes as they occur. Guided by health and safety considerations, the FDA will continue taking appropriate actions, as outlined by its priorities, on a rolling basis.

These warning letters notify the retailers and manufacturers that new ENDS products without a marketing authorization order are adulterated and misbranded, and selling or distributing these products to customers in the U.S. is prohibited under the FD&C Act. Retailers and distributors are encouraged to communicate with their suppliers to discuss possible options for the unauthorized products in their inventory.

Additionally, as part of the agency's efforts, the FDA has issued import alerts ([here](#) and [here](#)) for unauthorized tobacco products, including certain unauthorized ENDS products, imported into the U.S. informed by the agency's enforcement priorities outlined in FDA's [guidance](#). Adulterated and misbranded tobacco products offered for import into the United States are subject to detention and refusal of admission. The FDA has also [issued letters to more than 110 companies](#) seeking information about the legal marketing status of more than 140 ENDS products.

Ultimately, manufacturers that intend to continue marketing any deemed, new tobacco product on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016—including ENDS products—must submit an application to the FDA by Sept. 9, 2020 that demonstrates that the product meets the applicable standard in the law, such as whether the product is appropriate for the protection of the public health. This date was [recently extended](#) (from May 12, 2020) due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. As a resource for manufacturers preparing and submitting tobacco product applications for new deemed products, the FDA recently launched a [new webpage](#) to provide a single location for all relevant information, including tips and resources on the application submission processes. For certain deemed tobacco products, the FDA is already prioritizing its enforcement, as outlined in its [guidance](#) on enforcement priorities for ENDS and other deemed tobacco products.

All of these efforts, in addition to enforcement of the new law [raising the federal minimum age for sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years](#) and the recent

expansion of the FDA's [public education campaign](#) to include videos featuring teenagers sharing cautionary tales about their e-cigarette addiction, are aimed at keeping these products out of the hands of youth. The agency also recently released [new resources with Scholastic](#)~~External Link Disclaimer~~ for middle and high-school educators and school administrators. The materials, which include new lessons, worksheets and videos, are available online for free and are adaptable for virtual learning.

The FDA continues to monitor youth use of all e-cigarette products and will continue to expand its public education efforts and use the agency's regulatory authority—changing course as necessary—to further ensure all tobacco products, and e-cigarette products in particular, are not marketed to, sold to, or used by youth.

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FEMA ADVISORY – APRIL 24, 2020

# Coronavirus Pandemic: Additional \$100 million available to Firefighters

Fire service organizations nationwide with membership on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

FEMA will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S) on Tuesday, April 28. The deadline for applications is May 15. AFG-S provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations and state fire training academies. Those who would like to start planning their application before the application period can access the Notice of Funding Opportunity and technical assistance tools on the [FEMA website](#). The online AFG-S Grant Program application is available through the AFGP [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(GO\) application portal](#).

## Contact Us

If you have questions about the technical assistance tools, e-mail the [AFG Grants Help Desk](#) or call at (866) 274-0960. The AFG Help Desk is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT, Monday – Friday.

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FEMA ADVISORY – APRIL 24, 2020

# Coronavirus Pandemic: Additional \$100 million available to Firefighters

Fire service organizations nationwide with membership on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

FEMA will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S) on Tuesday, April 28. The deadline for applications is May 15. AFG-S provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations and state fire training academies. Those who would like to start planning their application before the application period can access the Notice of Funding Opportunity and technical assistance tools on the [FEMA website](#). The online AFG-S Grant Program application is available through the AFGP [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(GO\) application portal](#).

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If you have questions about the technical assistance tools, e-mail the [AFG Grants Help Desk](#) or call at (866) 274-0960. The AFG Help Desk is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT, Monday – Friday.

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These funds were appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to ease financial hardship caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Funding will go to organizations dedicated to feeding, sheltering, and providing critical resources to people experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing, hunger and homelessness. In addition to the \$200 million supplemental funding from the CARES Act, Congress also appropriated \$120 million in FY 2019 annual funding to the EFSP. The funding, totaling \$320 million, will be distributed beginning in early June 2020 to human service organizations assisting those in need throughout the country.

The National Board is chaired by FEMA with representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and United Way Worldwide. The National Board administers the program, establishing its policies, procedures, and guidelines. United Way Worldwide, selected by the National Board to serve as its Secretariat and Fiscal Agent, carries out the work of the EFSP daily.

EFSP funding is allocated to qualifying local jurisdictions (counties and cities) based on a formula using the most recent national population, unemployment, and poverty data. Each funded jurisdiction establishes a Local Board that awards the grant funds to local social service organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, that can best address the identified needs of the community. With the FY 2019 and CARES Act funding, and the FY 2020 funding of \$125 million that is to be allocated to jurisdictions a couple months later, the total aid disbursed in the EFSP's 38-year history will be more than \$5 billion.

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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 7, 2020

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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Topline messaging includes:

- As of May 5, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 86.1 million N95 respirators, 123.5 million surgical masks, 8.2 million face shields, 19.4 million surgical gowns, 948.6 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of May 5, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.4 million samples.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - As of May 4, the FDA has issued 60 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- While FEMA continues to lead the federal operations to the whole-of-America response to the pandemic, the agency continues to prepare for and respond to other disasters that may occur during this time.
  - This week is Hurricane Preparedness Week and there has been great interest in how FEMA is preparing to lead response and recovery efforts for additional

disasters, such as hurricanes, during the COVID-19 environment.

- FEMA has already responded to severe weather during this pandemic, with devastating tornadoes in the southeast, while the agency also prepares for the start of the 2020 hurricane season in just less than a month.
- FEMA continues to take deliberate and proactive steps to safeguard our ability to respond and recover from future disaster that may arise during this pandemic.
- On April 27, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
  - The President's Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.
- To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
  - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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- On May 5, the Treasury Department began distributing \$4.8 billion in critical funds from the CARES act to tribal governments.
  - The CARES act provides a total of \$8 billion to address coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The Administration has allocated over \$1 billion through the Indian Health Service (IHS), to support tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in their coronavirus response efforts.
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- On April 16, President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country's economy in several phases, depending on location.
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.
- On April 22, HHS launched [Telehealth.hhs.gov](https://telehealth.hhs.gov). The site is a central source of information on telehealth resources and tools for patients and providers.
  - In his blog post "[Health Providers: Join the Telehealth Revolution](#)," the Surgeon General of the United States, Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams M.D., M.P.H., outlines the benefits of using telemedicine tools.
  - Working from the safety of home, these tools allow clinicians to perform virtual visits, refill and adjust essential medications, and modify treatments that will preserve and improve conditions that if left untreated, put patients at risk.
- As of April 23, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the

delivery of or are currently shipping: 66.9 million N95 respirators, 105 million surgical masks, 6.7 million face shields, 14.9 million surgical gowns, 747 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

- FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through [Project Airbridge](#).
- The U.S. has now processed 4.9 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.
  - States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - On April 16, the FDA [announced an expansion of testing options](#) through use of synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose.

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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 7, 2020

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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Topline messaging includes:

- As of May 5, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 86.1 million N95 respirators, 123.5 million surgical masks, 8.2 million face shields, 19.4 million surgical gowns, 948.6 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of May 5, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.4 million samples.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - As of May 4, the FDA has issued 60 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- While FEMA continues to lead the federal operations to the whole-of-America response to the pandemic, the agency continues to prepare for and respond to other disasters that may occur during this time.
  - This week is Hurricane Preparedness Week and there has been great interest in how FEMA is preparing to lead response and recovery efforts for additional



disasters, such as hurricanes, during the COVID-19 environment.

- FEMA has already responded to severe weather during this pandemic, with devastating tornadoes in the southeast, while the agency also prepares for the start of the 2020 hurricane season in just less than a month.
- FEMA continues to take deliberate and proactive steps to safeguard our ability to respond and recover from future disaster that may arise during this pandemic.
- On April 27, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President’s [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
  - The President’s Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation’s testing needs.
- To support the Administration’s [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
  - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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FEMA ADVISORY – APRIL 24, 2020

# FEMA Implementation of Allocation Order on Exports of Scarce PPE and Notice of Exemptions

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On April 21, FEMA published a “[Notification of Exemptions](#)” in the Federal Register to supplement the rule. Every exporter is required to submit data about their shipment into the Automated Export System (AES) to electronically declare their international exports. When reviewing this data, CBP will determine if products are covered under the allocation order or exempt from being held. If no exemptions apply, CBP will notify FEMA for a determination on the shipment.

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Office of the First Lady

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May 7, 2020

### **FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF "BE BEST"**

*"Today marks the second year since the launch of my Be Best Initiative. I'm proud of the work we have done to bring awareness to the many issues children face including online safety, opioid and drug abuse, and the importance of their overall well-being. It is always inspiring to see the life-changing work happening every day within our communities and around the world. I will continue to promote positive solutions and advocate for the tools our children need to grow up with a stronger social and emotional foundation. Now more than ever, we must continue to work together and champion these causes in order to strengthen and protect our children and provide them with a safe and more secure future."*

- First Lady Melania Trump

Today, First Lady Melania Trump celebrated the two year anniversary of **BE BEST**, her initiative dedicated to bringing awareness to issues that impact the lives of children. The mission of **Be Best** is to promote the values of encouragement, kindness, compassion, healthy living, and respect in children.

**Be Best** has three pillars: Well-Being, Online Safety, and Opioid Abuse. Over the past two years, the First Lady has traveled domestically and overseas, highlighting people and programs dedicated to helping children learn, work through, and overcome these issues.

While our nation combats the invisible enemy, COVID19, the First Lady has found opportunities to apply the values of **Be Best** in new ways. With the goal of educating children and families, the First Lady created numerous Public Service Announcements, providing guidance and information on what people can do to stay safe and healthy. When the White House Easter Egg Roll was canceled, Mrs. Trump donated the thousands of unused Commemorative eggs to staff at local grocery stores and hospitals. She has also worked to spread the values of kindness and compassion by donating hundreds of meals

and care packages to those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic.

### **BE BEST ANNIVERSARY – SURPRISE ZOOM CALL**

While Americans continue to practice social distancing guidelines, millions of family homes have been turned into classrooms for their children. Nearly overnight, educators had to apply distance learning methods to their curriculum and have stayed connected to their students through Zoom or other video conference services.

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week and the second anniversary of the First Lady's BE BEST initiative, Mrs. Trump joined a Zoom call with first grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Horton, and her students from Tomek Eastern Elementary School in Fenton, Michigan.

Mrs. Trump expressed her thanks to Mrs. Horton and her students for allowing her to join them. Mrs. Horton started class by describing the Positivity Project, which is the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) technique that her school uses in their curriculum.

The First Lady discussed the importance of kindness and compassion with the students, values of their SEL curriculum and Be Best. Mrs. Trump engaged in a conversation with the students on how they can apply these ideals while at home. Mrs. Horton and the students also provided the First Lady with an update on how they have been navigating and participating in distance learning since the closure of their school due to the coronavirus pandemic.

During the call, the First Lady also learned about the creative activities the students have been participating in. Activities range from weekly dress-up themes with special mystery guests to sharing stories of their favorite activities while at home with their families. Most importantly, Mrs. Horton emphasized that her goal is to make learning fun and during each Zoom call she incorporates reading, dancing, jokes or puppet shows.

Towards the end of the call, the First Lady expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Horton and her students by surprising them with a gift of items from her Be Best initiative. Mrs. Trump donated the gifts as a token of her appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Horton and her students for allowing her to join them.

The First Lady concluded the call by thanking Mrs. Horton and the students for allowing her to be a guest and stressed the importance of continuing their education during these difficult times and also reminded them that they will return back to their classroom and school once again soon.

### **BE BEST HIGHLIGHTS**

- First Lady Melania Trump has visited over 20 classrooms and met with nearly 4,000 students from around the world
- First Lady Melania Trump has toured nearly 20 hospitals both domestically and internationally, highlighting their innovative programs and thanking the medical staff for their devotion to their patients
- Nearly every government agency has a Be Best Ambassador who focuses on resources and opportunities available within their agency and uses them to make a difference in the lives of children
- First Lady Melania Trump invited thousands of children to the White House over the past two years to participate in Be Best activities
- First Lady Melania Trump has participated in numerous summits, roundtables and conferences; meeting with a diverse group of stakeholders, including Governors, Legislators and their spouses, in order to highlight the mission and values of Be Best
- Received the annual “Woman of Distinction” award from Palm Beach Atlantic University in February 2020 in recognition of the First Lady’s work through the Be Best initiative

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Trey and Jordan,

HHS/CDC are conducting their 1-on-1 follow-up technical assistance COVID-19 testing call with your state tomorrow (Friday, May 1). I've been informed your state health officials are tracking this call.

**We wanted to ensure someone from governor's senior leadership team is also joining.** Below is the time and call-in information for the call. I've been asked that we limit the additional person from the governors office to 1 or 2 people to ensure a productive call.

**State:** South Carolina

**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020

**Time:** 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. EST

**Call-In Information:**

- Phone: [REDACTED]
- Code: [REDACTED]

Wanted to ensure you were tracking this. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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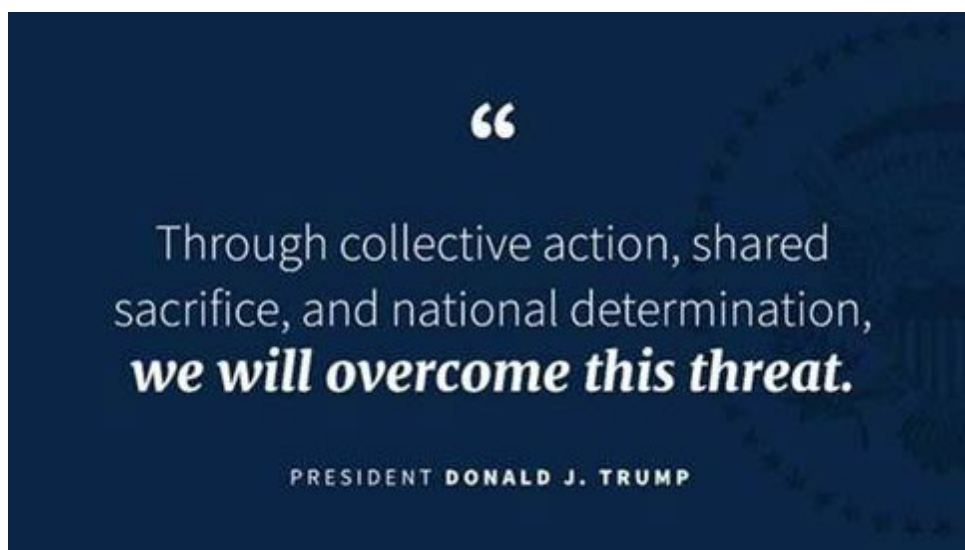
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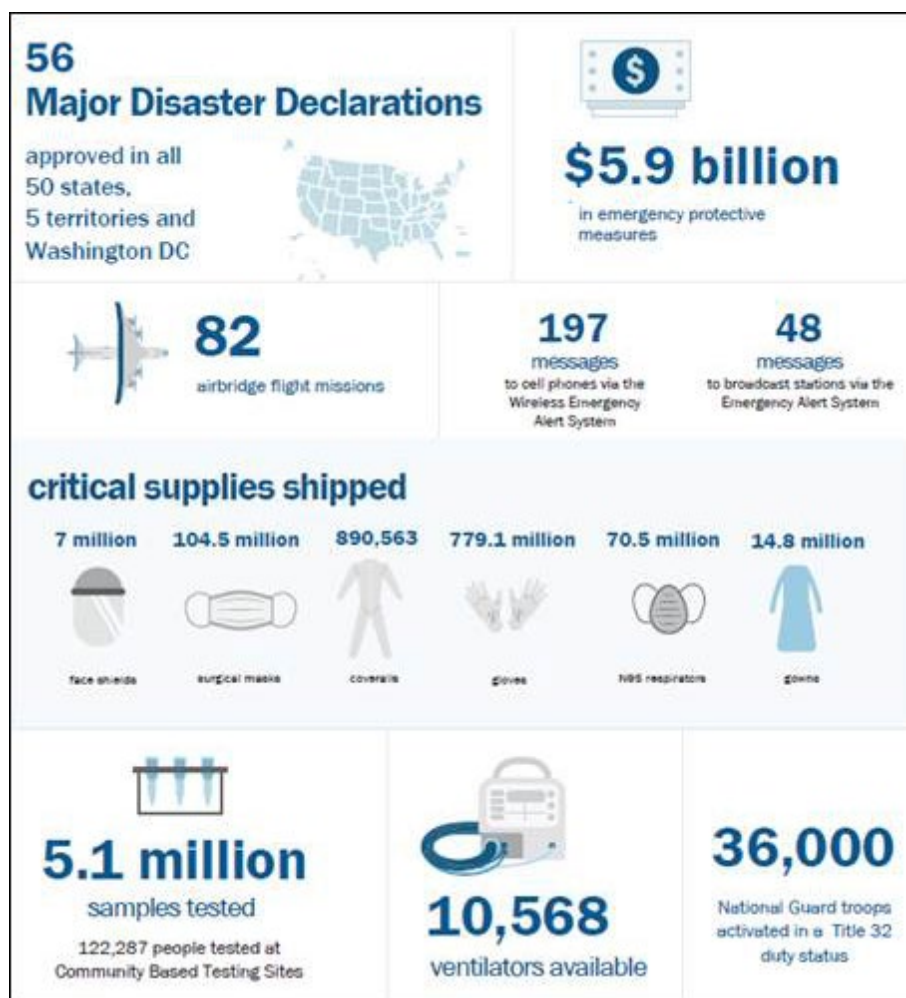
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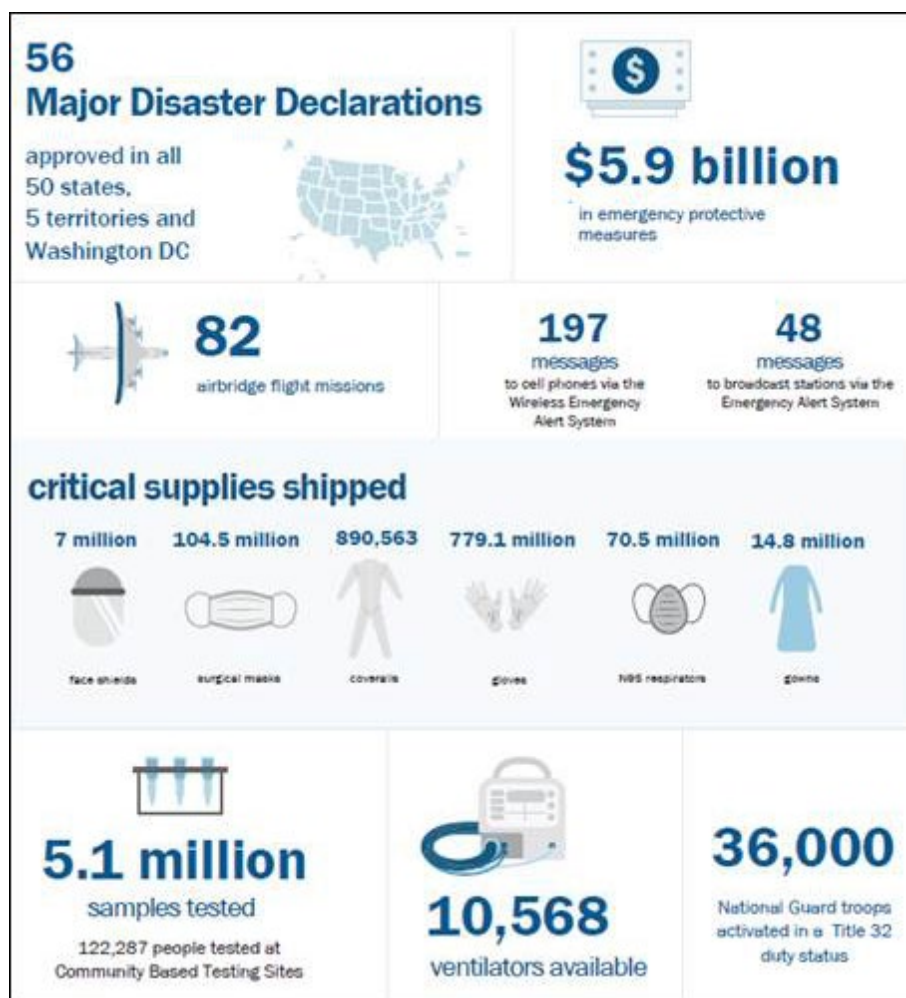
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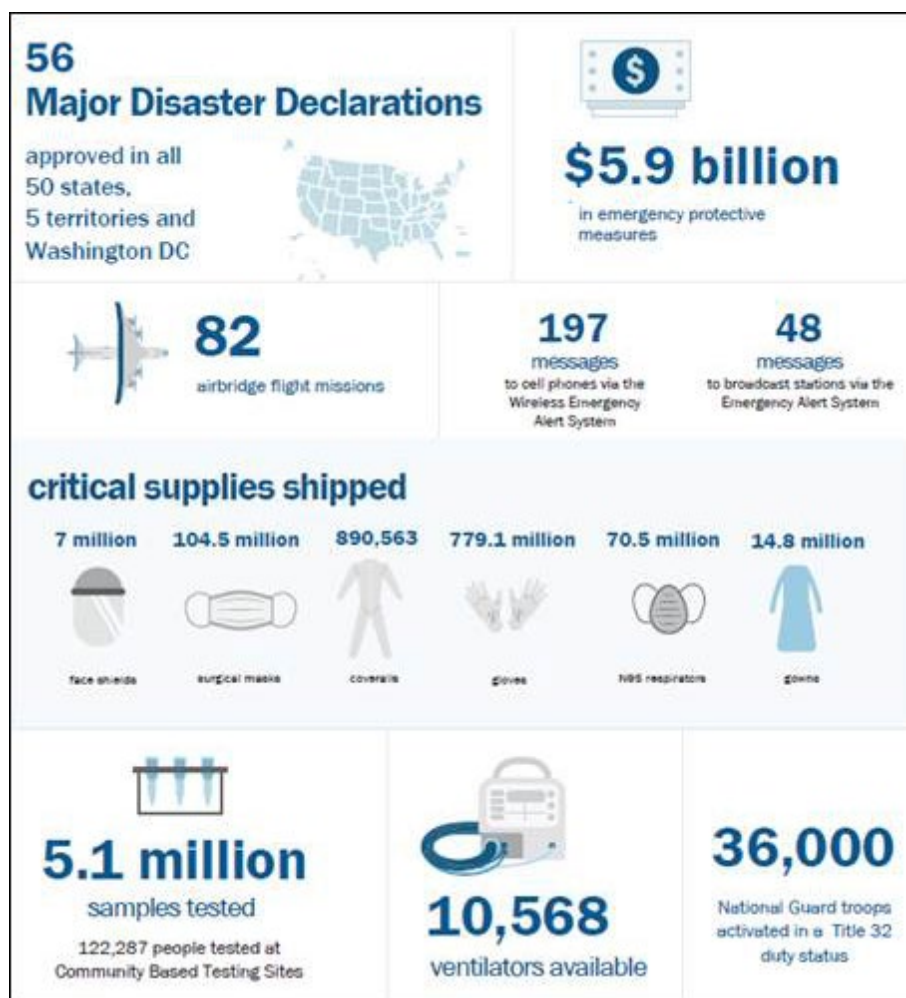
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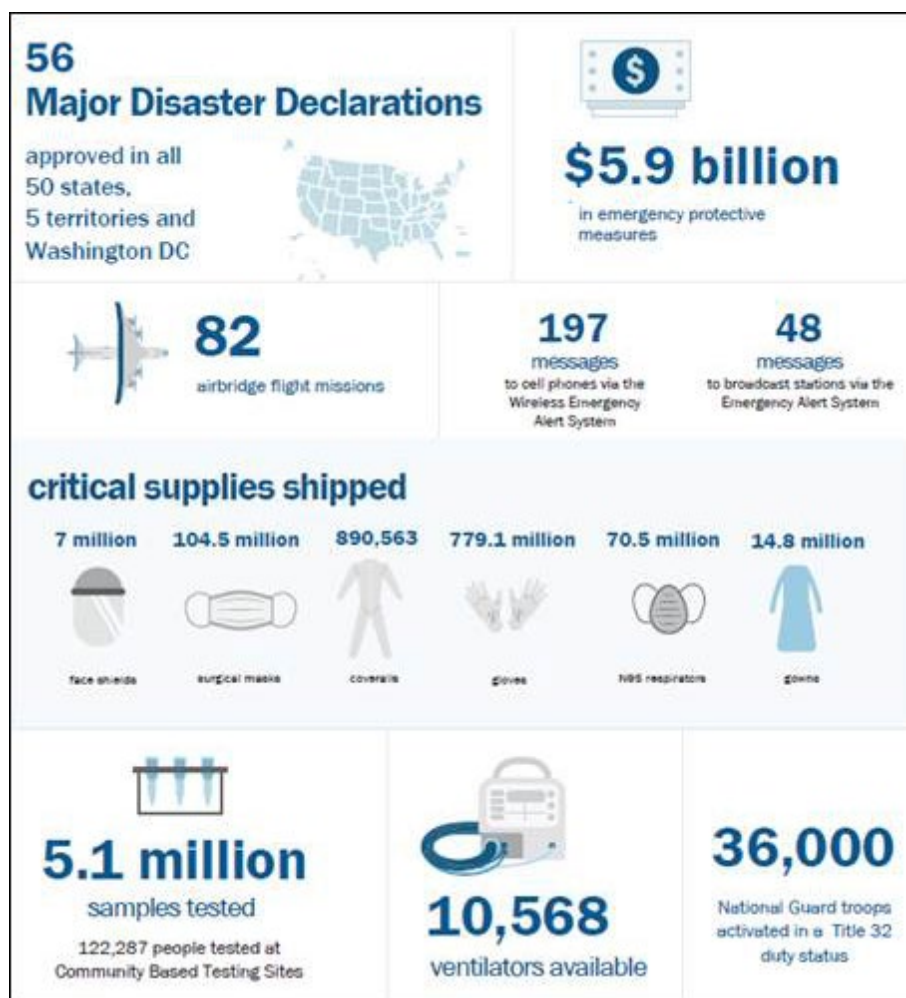
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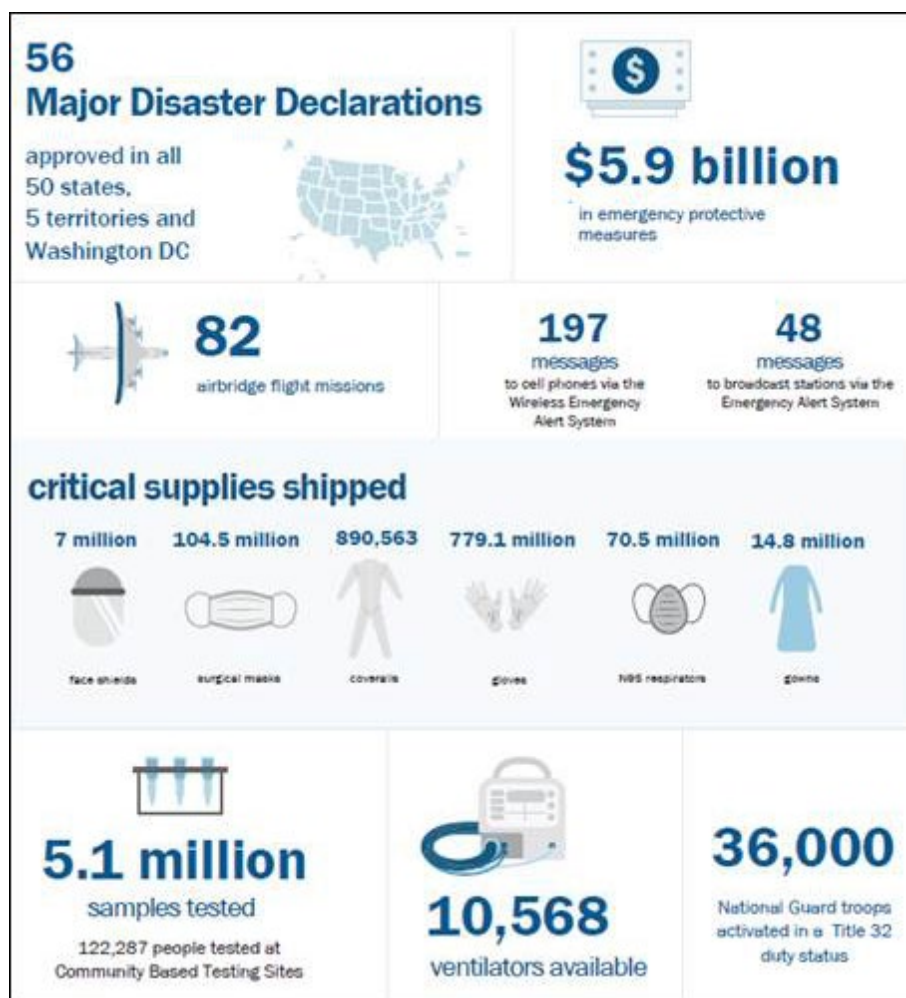
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- **U.S. Department of Education Makes Available Over \$13 Billion to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students:** Thursday, April 23, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced more than \$13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are available to State and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. Read more [here](#). Find more COVID-19 resources from the Department of Education [here](#).



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Through collective action, shared  
sacrifice, and national determination,  
***we will overcome this threat.***

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

## COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On March 31, the White House announced updated [Coronavirus Guidelines for America \(Español\)](#), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [guidance](#) recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission). On April 8, CDC also provided [guidelines](#) regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA’s public

assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug

Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

### **The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

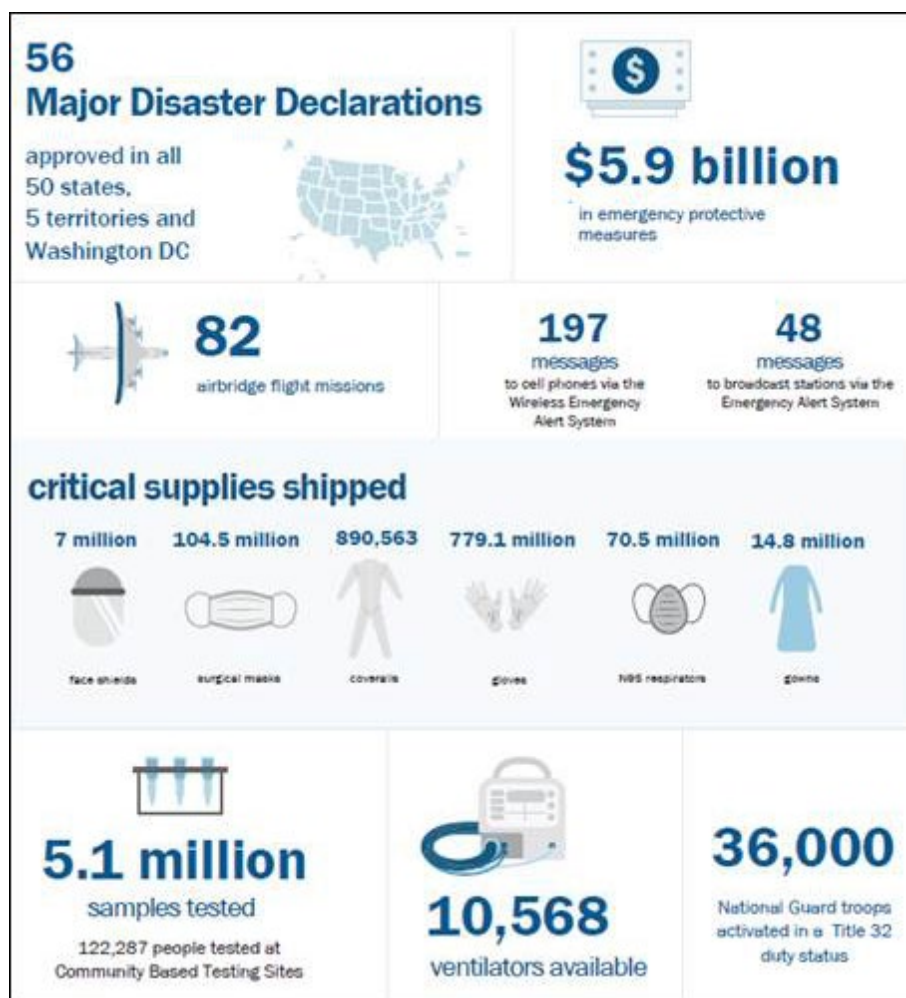
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# **White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call Readout *April 22, 2020***



**Graphic Provided by FEMA – Numbers as of 4/25/2020**

## **Recovery and Response Update**

### ***Topline***

- As of April 24, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 70.5 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.8 million surgical gowns, 779.1 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
- FEMA and HHS have obligated \$51.1 billion to support COVID-19 response efforts from the first three emergency supplemental appropriations.

### ***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention***

- On Thursday, April 16, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the [\*\*Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!\*\*](#) (slide deck). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response.
- The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or

positive tests during the same 14-day window.

- They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild).
- The guidelines also outline state responsibilities to have in place before moving into a reopening plan: protecting workers in critical industry, particularly protecting the most vulnerable, those who live and work in senior care facilities, and having a plan for testing symptomatic individuals with a focus on vulnerable populations.

### ***U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)***

- **Topline:** As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 4.9 million COVID-19 tests. This is more total tests than those performed in Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom combined. The Administration continues to take actions to scale and expand testing options – on April 16, FDA [announced](#) an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs to test patients. States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
- **Food and Drug Administration Approves First COVID-19 Home Collection Kit:** FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn announced that the FDA [approved](#) the first COVID-19 home collection kit. The FDA continues to facilitate test development to ensure access to accurate diagnostics working with over 350 test developers and authorizing 63 types of tests to date.
- **Recommendations for State and Local Elected Officials**
  - Work with your State and Local Public health departments to optimize the testing ecosystem within your State.
  - Each State will have very different requirements for testing. Optimize your testing strategy to include each type of platform and use them in the appropriate situations.
  - At present the commercial laboratories are operating at 50% capacity. Remember to factor these into your testing ecosystem.

### **Economy/CARES Act Update**

#### ***U.S. Department of the Treasury – Coronavirus Relief Fund***

*See above*

- [U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance](#)
- [Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments](#)
- [President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#)

#### ***U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Support and Coronavirus Food Assistance Program***

- On Friday, April 17 Secretary Perdue [announced](#) the Corona Virus Food Assistance



Program. President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to expedite assistance to our farmers, ranchers and consumers. CFAP will use the funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and current CCC funds. The programs announced spend approximately \$19 billion to support farmers, ranchers, and consumers through \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers and \$3 billion in a new innovative Food Box Distribution Program.

- USDA is working to be as flexible as possible to get food out to the people who need it during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Most recently, USDA announced Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) benefits, providing assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures to repurpose their school lunch money to SNAP benefits. States are continuing to apply for this program and USDA is approving plans on an ongoing basis. USDA has extended its innovative SNAP online pilot program to a number of states to allow the online purchasing of food through authorized SNAP retailers.
- USDA is working to ensure children are fed in the event of school closures, and we continue to waive restrictions and expand flexibilities across our programs. USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. These boxes will contain five days' worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, individually packaged foods that meet USDA's summer food requirements. The use of this innovative delivery system will ensure rural children receive nutritious food while limiting exposure to COVID-19. USDA has also partnered with Panera who will work with the Children's Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio to provide meals at library meal sites.

## **DHS – Critical Workers Infrastructure Guidance**

- On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers [guidance](#) to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19.
- Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers.
- Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to "employees" or "contractors" have been changed to "workers."

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A story we are echoing.

FOX Carolina Greenville: [FEMA sent 15 Abbott ID Now rapid-response testing devices to South Carolina](#)

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## NEWS ALERT

May 1, 2020

Here is a summary of recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) actions taken in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts. To keep up with the important work the Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19, click here [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). For information specific to CMS, please visit the [CMS News Room](#) and [Current Emergencies Website](#). CMS updates these resources on an ongoing basis throughout the day; the information below is current as of May 1, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. ET

### **Trump Administration Issues Second Round of Sweeping Changes to Support U.S. Healthcare System During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Building on its recent historic efforts to help the U.S. healthcare system manage the COVID-19 pandemic, CMS issued another round of sweeping regulatory waivers and rule changes to deliver expanded care to the nation's seniors and provide flexibility to the healthcare system as America reopens. These changes include making it easier for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to get tested for COVID-19 and continuing CMS's efforts to further expand beneficiaries' access to telehealth services. The temporary changes will apply immediately for the duration of the Public Health Emergency declaration.

[Press Release](#)  
[Additional Information](#)

### **CMS Announces Independent Commission to Address Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes**

CMS announced a new independent Commission that will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission will help inform efforts to safeguard the health and quality of life of vulnerable Americans as CMS continues to battle COVID-19 as well as prepare for future threats to resident safety and public health. This unprecedented effort builds on the agency's [five-part plan](#) unveiled last April to ensure safety and quality in America's nursing homes, as well as recent CMS efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 within these facilities.

[Press Release](#)  
[Fact Sheet](#)



### **New Frequently Asked Questions on EMTALA**

CMS issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) clarifying requirements and considerations for hospitals and other providers related to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAQs address questions around patient presentation to the emergency department, EMTALA applicability across facility types, qualified medical professionals, medical screening exams, patient transfer and stabilization, telehealth, and other topics.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### **Guidance Available on Telehealth and HHS-Operated Risk Adjustment for Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Health Plans**

In response to the increased need for providing telehealth due to COVID-19, CMS has given additional consideration to telehealth services in HHS-operated risk adjustment for issuers in the individual and small group health insurance markets inside and outside the Marketplaces. CMS' new guidance clarifies which telehealth services are valid for HHS-operated risk adjustment data submission in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### **Dear Clinician: CMS Adds New COVID-19 Clinical Trials Improvement Activity to the Quality Payment Program**

CMS issued a letter thanking clinicians for their ongoing efforts to treat patients and combat COVID-19 and shared additional details on the new Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) improvement activity. [As announced earlier this month](#), clinicians who participate in a COVID-19 clinical trial and report their findings to a clinical data repository or registry many now earn credit in MIPS under the Improvement Activities performance category for the 2020 performance period by attesting to this new activity.

[Dear Clinician Letter](#)

### **CMS Gives States Additional Flexibility to Address Coronavirus Pandemic**

CMS has approved 140 requests for state relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including recent approvals for Arkansas, Hawaii, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wyoming. These approvals help to ensure that states have the tools they need to combat COVID-19 through a wide variety of waivers, amendments, and Medicaid state plan flexibilities, including for programs that care for the elderly and people with disabilities. CMS developed a [toolkit](#) to expedite the application and review of each request and has approved these requests in record time. These approved flexibilities support President Trump's commitment to a COVID-19 response that is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

[Section 1135 Waivers](#)

[Section 1115\(a\) Waivers](#)

[1915\(c\) Waiver Appendix K Amendments](#)

[Medicaid State Plan Amendments](#)

[CHIP State Plan Amendments](#)

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**From:** [Hunter, Rhonda K. \(CMS/OPOLE\)](#)  
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You are welcome to attend. Please share and distribute.

Thank you,

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**From:** [IGA](#)  
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The FDA Intergovernmental Affairs team would like to bring to your attention the following [actions](#) taken Friday by the FDA in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov) for further information. Thank you!

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Friday announced the following actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The FDA issued an immediately in effect guidance, [Enforcement Policy for Remote Digital Pathology Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#), to help expand the availability of devices for remote reviewing and reporting of scanned digital images of pathology slides during this public health emergency. Increased availability of these devices may help to facilitate continuity of patient care by preventing disruptions to critical pathology services rendered by clinical laboratories, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities, and reduce healthcare personnel contact and risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2.
- The FDA [issued](#) a [Drug Safety Communication](#) regarding known side effects of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, including serious and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm problems, that have been reported with their use for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19, for which they are not approved by the FDA. These risks, which are in the drug labels for their approved uses, may be mitigated when health care professionals closely screen and supervise these patients such as in a hospital setting or a clinical trial, as indicated in the [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) for these drugs to treat COVID-19.
- The FDA and Federal Trade Commission issued a warning letter to a seller of fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. The seller warned, [Prefense LLC](#), offers unapproved and misbranded hand sanitizer products for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the products are safe and/or effective for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. There are currently no FDA-approved products to prevent or treat COVID-19. Consumers concerned about COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider.
- Diagnostics update to date:
  - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting emergency use authorizations (EUA) requests to FDA for tests that detect the virus.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 44 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 19 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - The FDA has been notified that more than 225 laboratories have begun testing under

the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.

- The FDA also continues to keep its [COVID-19 Diagnostics FAQ](#) up to date.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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Greetings,

On April 30, 2020, CMS released a new interim final rule that further expands the waivers that were previously released,

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-medicare-and-medicaid-ifc2.pdf>
- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf>
- <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-issues-second-round-sweeping-changes-support-us-healthcare-system-during-covid-0>

As many of you are aware, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has been hosting regular calls with providers and stakeholders. We've also fielded thousands of individual inquiries and requests for waivers. From these interactions, we've heard many suggestions for additional flexibilities that would help you serve our Medicare beneficiaries.

Our *Current Emergencies* page has links to a variety of resources on all aspects of the pandemic, <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>. Our *Coronavirus Waivers & Flexibilities* page aggregates the most current information about the waivers and breaks out the information for all provider types, <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers>.

If you have questions that these resources don't address, we have two separate resource mailboxes to help you.

- [1135waiver@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:1135waiver@cms.hhs.gov) is available for all of your explicit waiver-related questions.
- [COVID-19@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:COVID-19@cms.hhs.gov) is where you can send any general inquiry about Medicare and COVID-19.

Let me thank all of you for your continued work to serve Medicare, Medicaid, and Marketplace beneficiaries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that many of you have made personal and professional sacrifices in addressing this public health emergency, and we appreciate all that you do. As always, CMS Atlanta is ready to assist you in any way. If you would like a call or a webinar with your members, would like to share best practices or suggestions, or want to let us know other ways in which we can help you, please respond to [OPOLE\\_LEA\\_ATL\\_Inq@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:OPOLE_LEA_ATL_Inq@cms.hhs.gov) mailbox.

Best regards,

Sherard

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Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his appointment of the following individual to a key position in his Administration:

**Jordan Karem, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.**

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**From:** [Johnston, Darcie \(HHS/IEA\)](#)  
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**To:** Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Supplier issue for producers of handsanitizer - Distillers Association

Darcie,

Her title is at the bottom. I think the Plastics Industry Association has found a couple member companies that will help them source the bottles.

Thanks,

Dianne

Best regards,

Dianne

Dianne K. Quebral  
Office of the Secretary  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
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**From:** Anastasia Mukherjee <[Anastasia.Mukherjee@trade.gov](mailto:Anastasia.Mukherjee@trade.gov)>  
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**To:** Quebral, Dianne <[dquebral@ustda.gov](mailto:dquebral@ustda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Supplier issue for producers of handsanitizer - Distillers Association

[EMAIL FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE]

[EMAIL FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE]

Dear Dianne,

Thank you so much for jumping on the call with me and I do hope we can find a good sustainable solution for all of these companies who are producing this much needed product for the states to start to reopen safely. Here is the information for the people whom I have been in communication with and their reported needs. There is definitely bottling issue here in the Carolinas, which I would like to address for my local community, but also a greater need reported by the national association and they can speak to where the alcohol need has been reported. Thank you also for your concern for the reopening states, we will need to all work together to make this transition.

**Margie A.S. Lehrman** – reported the need for isopropyl alcohol and bottles across the country for small craft distilleries switching to producing handsanitizer, for all essential businesses, including grocery stores, farmers markets, banks, and manufacturers. Reported that GM reached out for supply of handsanitizer.

<https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=a8e1be07-f4b4b714-a8e18f38-0cc47adb5650-f57b9421fbc05975&u=https://americancraftspirits.org/about-acsa/staff-advisors/>

Contact **Margie A.S. Lehrman**, Chief Executive Officer at (202) 669-3661, [margie@americancraftspirits.org](mailto:margie@americancraftspirits.org).

**Carol Shaw** – Distillers Association of North Carolina 919-272-5372 – reported bottle shortages for the distilleries who have either supplemented production with making sanitizer or completely pivoted. Supplying to food services, banks, other essential businesses.

**John Hammond** – NC DA first to report the bottle shortage to me a few weeks ago, it is an ongoing struggle and he is the one who put me in touch with the Association contacts.

There are a number of SC distilleries who have pivoted to producing handsanitizer, but I have not received a confirmation regarding bottle of alcohol needs. I am in the process of verifying that it is there and will touch bases with you asap on that.

Sincere regards,

Anastasia Mukherjee

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:13 PM

**To:** Anastasia Mukherjee <[Anastasia.Mukherjee@trade.gov](mailto:Anastasia.Mukherjee@trade.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Supplier issue for producers of handsanitizer - Distillers Association

Hi Anastasia,

Are you able to give me a call? I've tried to call twice and there is no answer. 703-229-7179.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Dianne

Dianne K. Quebral

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12:10 will work. 803-719-7650

Sincere regards,

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Anastasia,

I am on another call w/HHS right now. Can I call you when I'm done? Probably by 12:10. Also, what's the best number for you? Thank you.

Best regards,

Dianne

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Thank you for getting back to me so quickly, Dianne.  
I will call at 12 (noon). Looking forward to connecting.

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Hi Anastasia,

I'm available in the morning, from 8:30 to 10:30 or around 11:15, and again from 12 to 1230. I look forward to talking with you.

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I hope this message finds you well, though I am sure you are busy.

If at all possible, could we have a quick call to discuss the background of the discussions

I have been having with local community?

I have a pretty open schedule tomorrow in the am and Wednesday, if that works for you.

Sincere regards,

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**Subject:** [External] Fwd: President Donald J. Trump Approves South Carolina Disaster Declaration  
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This assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.



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Damage assessments are continuing in other areas, and more counties may be designated after the assessments are fully completed.

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**To:** [Johnston, Darcie \(HHS/IEA\)](#); [Stevens, Lee \(OS/IEA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [External] HHS Awards Nearly \$583 Million to Health Centers to Expand COVID-19 Testing  
**Date:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:13:10 PM

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"This new funding secured by President Trump will expand the work health centers are doing to test Americans for COVID-19," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Widespread testing is a critical step in reopening America, and health centers are vital to making testing easily accessible, especially for underserved and minority populations. Further, because health centers can help notify contacts of patients who test positive, they will continue playing an important role in cooperating with state and local public health departments."

HRSA-funded health centers will use this funding to expand the range of testing and testing-related activities to best address the needs of their local communities, including the purchase of personal

protective equipment; training for staff, outreach, procurement and administration of tests; laboratory services; notifying identified contacts of infected health center patients of their exposure to COVID-19; and the expansion of walk-up or drive-up testing capabilities.

“Health centers are a first line of defense, as they are testing for coronavirus and delivering high-quality primary care to our nation’s most vulnerable populations.” said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. “In the fight against COVID-19, we must marshal all of our resources to keep Americans healthy and care for those who become ill.”

Today’s investments build upon the \$1.42 billion HRSA has awarded to health centers to address COVID-19, which will bring the Trump Administration’s total COVID-19 investment in health centers to nearly \$2 billion.

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**COVID-19 High-Impact Distribution:**

Recognizing the particular impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on hospitals in certain parts of the nation, and that inpatient admissions are a primary driver of costs to hospitals related to COVID-19, HHS is distributing \$12 billion to 395 hospitals who provided inpatient care for 100 or more COVID-19 patients through April 10, 2020, \$2 billion of which will be distributed to these hospitals based on their Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share and uncompensated care payments.

These 395 hospitals accounted for 71 percent of COVID-19 inpatient admissions reported to HHS from nearly 6,000 hospitals around the country. The distribution uses a simple formula to determine what each hospital receives: hospitals are paid a fixed amount per COVID-19 inpatient admission, with an additional amount taking into account their Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share

and uncompensated care payments.

These hospitals will begin receiving funds via direct deposit in the coming days.

[View the state and county breakdown.](#)

**Rural Distribution:**

Rural hospitals, many of whom were operating on thin margins prior to COVID-19, have also been particularly devastated by this pandemic. As healthy patients delay care and cancel elective services, rural hospitals are struggling to keep their doors open.

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The \$22 billion funding represents [the next tranches of disbursement](#) from the Provider Relief Fund, authorized by the CARES Act.

Here is more detail on each tranche.

### **\$12 Billion to 395 Hospitals in Hot Spot/High Impact Areas**

- A total of \$12 billion will be going to those hospitals who are serving in areas where COVID-19 has been particularly severe – the so-called hot spots. \$10 of the \$12 billion is based on the number of COVID-19 patients served by a hospital through April 10.
- Any hospital who reported serving 100 or more COVID-19 patients through the portal HHS set up in April is receiving funding.
- The distribution was based on a simple formula: hospitals are paid a fixed amount per COVID-19 inpatient admission, with an adjustment added on top.
- The adjustment on top – a total of \$2 billion - is added to the hospitals located in hot spot areas and based on their Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share and uncompensated care payments. This \$2 billion plus-up is to provide the extra funding needed by these frontline hospitals who have little-to-no reserve to scale up for handling heavy COVID-19 patient caseloads.
- Based on these calculations, a total of 395 hospitals will be receiving the funding.
- Those 395 hospitals represent 71% of COVID-19 Admissions.
- In total, the hotspot funding will be going to 33 states.
- Hospitals will begin receiving funds via direct deposit in the coming days.
- To see how much each state received from the \$12 billion and how many providers received money in each state, [go to this link](#).

### **\$10 Billion to Rural Health Providers**

- We recognize that rural hospitals and other rural providers operate on thin margins even during “normal” times, but with the advent of COVID-19, they are particularly hard hit.
- Therefore, under this targeted provider relief, four kinds of rural healthcare providers will receive dollars:
  - Rural Acute Care General Hospitals

- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs),
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and
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- Hospitals and RHCs will each receive a minimum base payment, plus a percent of their annual expenses. This expense-based method accounts for operating cost and lost revenue incurred by rural hospitals for both inpatient and outpatient services.
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- Rural acute care general hospitals and CAHs will receive a minimum level of support of no less than \$1,000,000, with additional payment based on operating expenses.
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**Expanding Testing Capacity:** BARDA expanded an [existing partnership with Hologic, Inc.](#), headquartered in Marlborough, Massachusetts, to accelerate development of the new Aptima<sup>®</sup> molecular assay to detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus in respiratory specimens. The SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic tests developed by Hologic, Inc. will increase testing capacity and expand access to testing in the U.S. to more rapidly identify, isolate, and treat those with COVID-19.

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Today, HHS announced the release of \$22 billion to support areas highly impacted by COVID-19, as well as the hospitals and clinics serving rural communities.

The \$22 billion funding represents [the next tranches of disbursement](#) from the Provider Relief Fund, authorized by the CARES Act.

Here is more detail on each tranche.

### **\$12 Billion to 395 Hospitals in Hot Spot/High Impact Areas**

- A total of \$12 billion will be going to those hospitals who are serving in areas where COVID-19 has been particularly severe – the so-called hot spots. \$10 of the \$12 billion is based on the number of COVID-19 patients served by a hospital through April 10.
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- The distribution was based on a simple formula: hospitals are paid a fixed amount per COVID-19 inpatient admission, with an adjustment added on top.
- The adjustment on top – a total of \$2 billion - is added to the hospitals located in hot spot areas and based on their Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share and uncompensated care payments. This \$2 billion plus-up is to provide the extra funding needed by these frontline hospitals who have little-to-no reserve to scale up for handling heavy COVID-19 patient caseloads.
- Based on these calculations, a total of 395 hospitals will be receiving the funding.
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- In total, the hotspot funding will be going to 33 states.
- Hospitals will begin receiving funds via direct deposit in the coming days.
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### **\$10 Billion to Rural Health Providers**

- We recognize that rural hospitals and other rural providers operate on thin margins even during “normal” times, but with the advent of COVID-19, they are particularly hard hit.
- Therefore, under this targeted provider relief, four kinds of rural healthcare providers will receive dollars:
  - Rural Acute Care General Hospitals



- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs),
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and
- Community Health Centers located in rural areas.
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### **Treatment and Testing**

**Remdesivir as Potential COVID-19 Treatment:** The FDA issued an [emergency use authorization for the investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for](#) the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. While there is limited information known about the safety and effectiveness of using remdesivir to treat people in the hospital with COVID-19, the investigational drug was shown in a clinical trial to shorten the time to recovery in some patients. The emergency use authorization allows for remdesivir to be distributed in the U.S. and administered intravenously by health care providers, as appropriate, to treat suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with low blood oxygen levels or needing oxygen therapy or more intensive breathing support such as a mechanical ventilator.

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### **Testing Updates**

**Improving Antibody Testing Quality:** FDA has [revised its policy to improve antibody testing quality](#). FDA is issuing this guidance to provide a policy to help accelerate the availability of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency. This guidance describes a policy for laboratories and commercial manufacturers to help accelerate the use of tests they develop in order to achieve more rapid and widespread testing capacity in the United States. Under the new policy, FDA expects commercial manufacturers to submit Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requests, including their validation data, within 10 days of publication of the updated policy or the date they notify FDA of their test validation, whichever is later. Additional information can be found in a [fact sheet on antibody testing oversight and use](#) for COVID-19, as well as in a blog posting that notes the new emphasis on [prioritizing access and accuracy](#).

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**Symptom Based Strategy for Discontinuing Isolation:** CDC released a decision memo that outlines the updated [recommendations for discontinuing isolation](#). In the context of community transmission where continued testing is impractical, available evidence at this time indicates that an interim strategy based on time-since-illness-onset and time-since-recovery can be implemented to establish the end of isolation. Practical application of a symptom-based strategy cannot prevent all infections.

**Updated Information on Discontinuing Isolation:** CDC also updated their [discontinuation of isolation for persons](#) with COVID-19 not in healthcare settings. This guidance is for healthcare providers and public health officials managing persons with COVID-19 under isolation who are not in healthcare settings. This includes, but is not limited to, at home, in a hotel or dormitory room, or in a group isolation facility. Updates include extending the home isolation period based on evidence suggesting a longer duration of viral shedding and will be revised as additional evidence becomes available. The [clinical care guidance for health professionals](#) and information on [what to do if you are sick](#) was also updated to reflect this change.

**Updates on Convalescent Plasma:** The FDA updated its [guidance](#) on convalescent plasma and associated [web page](#). The updated guidance provides clarification for investigators on how to submit investigational applications for COVID-19 convalescent plasma. In addition, the guidance includes updated information regarding potential donors. Previously, the FDA's guidance noted that to qualify, individuals should have complete resolution of symptoms for 28 days or resolution for 14 and a negative diagnostic test. The revised guidance recommends that individuals have complete resolution of symptoms for at least 14 days prior to donation. A negative lab test for COVID-19 disease is not necessary to qualify for donation. The revised guidance also clarifies that FDA does not recommend storing a retention sample from the convalescent plasma donation for single patient emergency INDs.

**Expanding Dialysis Therapy Options:** To help address shortages of continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) products during the COVID-19 public health emergency, today the FDA issued an EUA to [Fresenius Medical Care](#) for emergency use of the multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions. CRRT is a type of dialysis therapy used to filter and clean the blood when the kidneys are damaged or are not functioning normally. The Fresenius multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions have been authorized to provide CRRT to treat patients in an acute care environment during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Additional Information on Remdesivir:** FDA released [Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization for Remdesivir](#) for Certain Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients. The FAQs cover EUA for the drug, the side effects, additional information about the uses and the study on Remdesivir and how to obtain the drug.

**Convalescent Plasma Guidance and Recommendations:** FDA updated their [general guidance and recommendations](#) on convalescent plasma. The guidance includes recommendations on pathways for use of plasma, patient eligibility, collection of convalescent plasma, and recordkeeping. Because



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**New Study on Coronavirus and Children:** NIAID announced a new study to [determine incidence of novel coronavirus infection in US children](#). The study, called Human Epidemiology and Response to SARS-CoV-2 (HEROS), also will help determine what percentage of children infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop symptoms of the disease. In addition, the HEROS study will examine whether rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection differ between children who have asthma or other allergic conditions and children who do not.

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**PPE Shipments to Nursing Homes:** FEMA has released additional details in a [fact sheet on PPE shipments to nursing homes](#). Announced last week, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation. Shipments are expected to begin in the first week of May and a second shipment will occur in June. Each facility will receive an allotment of surgical masks, gloves, goggles, and gowns. Each facility will receive an allotment of all four items based on the staff size of the facility.

### **Funding and Resources**

**\$40 Million to Support Education to Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities:** The Office of Minority Health [announced a competitive funding opportunity](#) to invest up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The information network will strengthen efforts to link communities to COVID-19 testing, healthcare and social services and to best share and implement effective response, recovery and resilience strategies. Applications are due by 6:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, May 11.

**30 States Receive Assistance for Crisis Counseling:** FEMA announced approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its [Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program](#). The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA's Crisis Counseling program helps people and communities to recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters through short-term interventions that provide emotional support, crisis counseling, and connection to familial and community support systems.

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### **Information for General Populations:**

**COVID-19 At a Glance:** The FDA has also posted an updated [COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#). It contains updates on major agency activities as well as some important facts and figures.

**Tips about Grocery Shopping:** Given the many questions people have about grocery shopping safety, the FDA has posted a video, [12 Tips for Grocery Shopping During the Pandemic](#), to advise consumers.

### **Information for Specific Populations:**

**Tips for Healthcare Systems to Operative Effectively:** CDC released a new document with [10 ways healthcare systems can operate](#) effectively during the covid-19 pandemic. This document provides practical approaches that can be used to protect healthcare personnel (HCP), patients, and communities. The tips include information on work safety and support, patient service delivery, data streams for situational awareness, facility practices and communications.

**Information on Caring for Someone at Home:** CDC updated their information on [Caring for Someone Sick at Home](#) or other non-healthcare setting. The guidance includes information on how to protect yourself and others. Advice includes learning what to do when someone has symptoms of COVID-19 or when someone has been diagnosed with the virus. This information also should be followed when caring for people who have tested positive but are not showing symptoms.

**Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers:** CDC updated their resources for [Pediatric Healthcare Providers](#) on what to do when managing pediatric patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The webpage has information on maintaining childhood immunizations during the pandemic, the burden of COVID-19 among children, the clinical presentation of COVID-19 in children, treatment and prevention for children, and additional resources.

**Information for Businesses:** CDC updated their [FAQ document for businesses](#). The FAQs cover topics including suspected or confirmed cases in the workplace, reducing the spread in workplaces, healthy business operations, cleaning and disinfecting, critical infrastructure and additional resources.

**Information for Dentists:** CDC updated their [infection prevention and control guidance for dental settings during](#) the COVID-19 response. The key information notes that dental settings have unique characteristics that warrant additional infection control considerations and advises dentists to postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, proactively communicate to both staff and patients the need for them to stay at home if sick, and know steps to take if a patient with COVID-19 symptoms enters your facility. CDC recommends dentists actively screen patients and colleagues before every shift.

**Information for Community and Faith-based Organizations:** CDC updated their information for [community and faith-based organizations](#) in preparations for re-opening. The resources include

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Dear Colleague:

As governors move forward on decisions to reopen some or parts of their states, HHS continues to offer support by issuing guidance for the wide range of situations that are part of reopening. We also continue to work closely with states as they solidify their testing and contact tracing capabilities, working individually with them to address their needs. Today's updates fall heavily into these areas.

### **Testing Updates**

**Improving Antibody Testing Quality:** FDA has [revised its policy to improve antibody testing quality](#). FDA is issuing this guidance to provide a policy to help accelerate the availability of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency. This guidance describes a policy for laboratories and commercial manufacturers to help accelerate the use of tests they develop in order to achieve more rapid and widespread testing capacity in the United States. Under the new policy, FDA expects commercial manufacturers to submit Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requests, including their validation data, within 10 days of publication of the updated policy or the date they notify FDA of their test validation, whichever is later. Additional information can be found in a [fact sheet on antibody testing oversight and use](#) for COVID-19, as well as in a blog posting that notes the new emphasis on [prioritizing access and accuracy](#).

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**Information on Evaluation and Testing Patients:** CDC updated their guidance on [evaluating and testing persons](#) for COVID-19. The changes include updated recommendations for testing, specimen collection, and reporting patients and reporting positive test results, and specification of testing priorities.

**CDC Resources for Testing:** CDC released a new fact sheet on [federal resources for COVID-19 contact tracing staff](#). This fact sheet describes several ways health departments can access additional staffing for COVID-19 contact tracing, including through State Service Commissions and AmeriCorps Programs, CDC, and FEMA.

**Information for Laboratories:** CDC updated their FAQ document for [testing and reporting by laboratories](#). The FAQs include information on accessing laboratory testing, data and reporting, test developers, serology, and ordering supplies.

## **Treatment Updates**

**Symptom Based Strategy for Discontinuing Isolation:** CDC released a decision memo that outlines the updated [recommendations for discontinuing isolation](#). In the context of community transmission where continued testing is impractical, available evidence at this time indicates that an interim strategy based on time-since-illness-onset and time-since-recovery can be implemented to establish the end of isolation. Practical application of a symptom-based strategy cannot prevent all infections.

**Updated Information on Discontinuing Isolation:** CDC also updated their [discontinuation of isolation for persons](#) with COVID-19 not in healthcare settings. This guidance is for healthcare providers and public health officials managing persons with COVID-19 under isolation who are not in healthcare settings. This includes, but is not limited to, at home, in a hotel or dormitory room, or in a group isolation facility. Updates include extending the home isolation period based on evidence suggesting a longer duration of viral shedding and will be revised as additional evidence becomes available. The [clinical care guidance for health professionals](#) and information on [what to do if you are sick](#) was also updated to reflect this change.

**Updates on Convalescent Plasma:** The FDA updated its [guidance](#) on convalescent plasma and associated [web page](#). The updated guidance provides clarification for investigators on how to submit investigational applications for COVID-19 convalescent plasma. In addition, the guidance includes updated information regarding potential donors. Previously, the FDA's guidance noted that to qualify, individuals should have complete resolution of symptoms for 28 days or resolution for 14 and a negative diagnostic test. The revised guidance recommends that individuals have complete resolution of symptoms for at least 14 days prior to donation. A negative lab test for COVID-19 disease is not necessary to qualify for donation. The revised guidance also clarifies that FDA does not recommend storing a retention sample from the convalescent plasma donation for single patient emergency INDs.

**Expanding Dialysis Therapy Options:** To help address shortages of continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) products during the COVID-19 public health emergency, today the FDA issued an EUA to [Fresenius Medical Care](#) for emergency use of the multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions. CRRT is a type of dialysis therapy used to filter and clean the blood when the kidneys are damaged or are not functioning normally. The Fresenius multiFiltrate PRO System and multiBic/multiPlus Solutions have been authorized to provide CRRT to treat patients in an acute care environment during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Additional Information on Remdesivir:** FDA released [Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization for Remdesivir](#) for Certain Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients. The FAQs cover EUA for the drug, the side effects, additional information about the uses and the study on Remdesivir and how to obtain the drug.

**Convalescent Plasma Guidance and Recommendations:** FDA updated their [general guidance and recommendations](#) on convalescent plasma. The guidance includes recommendations on pathways for use of plasma, patient eligibility, collection of convalescent plasma, and recordkeeping. Because

COVID-19 convalescent plasma has not yet been approved for use by FDA, it is regulated as an investigational product. A health care provider must participate in one of the pathways described below. FDA does not collect COVID-19 convalescent plasma or provide COVID-19 convalescent plasma. Health care providers or acute care facilities should instead obtain COVID-19 convalescent plasma from an FDA-registered blood establishment.

**New Study on Coronavirus and Children:** NIAID announced a new study to [determine incidence of novel coronavirus infection in US children](#). The study, called Human Epidemiology and Response to SARS-CoV-2 (HEROS), also will help determine what percentage of children infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop symptoms of the disease. In addition, the HEROS study will examine whether rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection differ between children who have asthma or other allergic conditions and children who do not.

### **PPE and Supplies**

**PPE Shipments to Nursing Homes:** FEMA has released additional details in a [fact sheet on PPE shipments to nursing homes](#). Announced last week, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation. Shipments are expected to begin in the first week of May and a second shipment will occur in June. Each facility will receive an allotment of surgical masks, gloves, goggles, and gowns. Each facility will receive an allotment of all four items based on the staff size of the facility.

### **Funding and Resources**

**\$40 Million to Support Education to Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities:** The Office of Minority Health [announced a competitive funding opportunity](#) to invest up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The information network will strengthen efforts to link communities to COVID-19 testing, healthcare and social services and to best share and implement effective response, recovery and resilience strategies. Applications are due by 6:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, May 11.

**30 States Receive Assistance for Crisis Counseling:** FEMA announced approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its [Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program](#). The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA's Crisis Counseling program helps people and communities to recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters through short-term interventions that provide emotional support, crisis counseling, and connection to familial and community support systems.

**\$200 Million to Local Jurisdictions for Hungry and Homeless Populations:** FEMA announced [\\$200 million in supplemental funding allocations](#) to local jurisdictions across the country to supplement local service organizations that provide critical resources to people with economic emergencies, which include our hungry and homeless populations.

### **Information for General Populations:**

**COVID-19 At a Glance:** The FDA has also posted an updated [COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#). It contains updates on major agency activities as well as some important facts and figures.

**Tips about Grocery Shopping:** Given the many questions people have about grocery shopping safety, the FDA has posted a video, [12 Tips for Grocery Shopping During the Pandemic](#), to advise consumers.

### **Information for Specific Populations:**

**Tips for Healthcare Systems to Operative Effectively:** CDC released a new document with [10 ways healthcare systems can operate](#) effectively during the covid-19 pandemic. This document provides practical approaches that can be used to protect healthcare personnel (HCP), patients, and communities. The tips include information on work safety and support, patient service delivery, data streams for situational awareness, facility practices and communications.

**Information on Caring for Someone at Home:** CDC updated their information on [Caring for Someone Sick at Home](#) or other non-healthcare setting. The guidance includes information on how to protect yourself and others. Advice includes learning what to do when someone has symptoms of COVID-19 or when someone has been diagnosed with the virus. This information also should be followed when caring for people who have tested positive but are not showing symptoms.

**Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers:** CDC updated their resources for [Pediatric Healthcare Providers](#) on what to do when managing pediatric patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The webpage has information on maintaining childhood immunizations during the pandemic, the burden of COVID-19 among children, the clinical presentation of COVID-19 in children, treatment and prevention for children, and additional resources.

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**Information for Dentists:** CDC updated their [infection prevention and control guidance for dental settings during](#) the COVID-19 response. The key information notes that dental settings have unique characteristics that warrant additional infection control considerations and advises dentists to postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, proactively communicate to both staff and patients the need for them to stay at home if sick, and know steps to take if a patient with COVID-19 symptoms enters your facility. CDC recommends dentists actively screen patients and colleagues before every shift.

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information on ongoing mitigation guidance, prevention and support, and a webinar.

**Information for Veterinarians regarding Companion Animals:** CDC updated their interim [infection prevention and control guidance for veterinary clinics](#) treating companion animals during the covid-19 response. Updates were made to clarify PPE recommendations based on situational risk factors and guidance for returning to normal clinic practices.

**Information for Environmental Health Practitioners:** CDC posted information for specific [environmental health practitioners](#) including congregate facilities and shelters such as general population disaster shelters, correctional and detention facilities, retirement communities, childcare centers that remain open, cooling centers and more. This webpage provides information for environmental health practitioners from CDC and other trusted sources.

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**Information for Centers for Independent Living:** [ACL released FAQs](#) in response to questions received by ACL on the supplemental funding provided by the CARES Act which the President signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act provides \$85 million in supplemental funds to Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to respond directly to the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$85 million was distributed on April 21, 2020. CILs are directed to utilize the entirety of the funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the surge of needs of individuals with disabilities to access or reconnect with the services and supports they need to remain safely in their communities.

**Information for Health Centers:** HRA updated their [FAQs for health centers](#) related to COVID-19. HRSA recognizes the essential work being performed by health centers during the COVID-19 pandemic, both in providing testing and care for those directly affected by the virus, while also continuing to provide quality primary health care services for the nation's underserved. HRSA is updating this document regularly.

**Detailed Information for Medicaid and CHIP Programs:** CMS posted [additional Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) to Medicaid.gov, to aid state Medicaid and CHIP agencies in their response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The new FAQs cover a variety of Medicaid and CHIP topics, including: Emergency Preparedness and Response; Eligibility and Enrollment Flexibilities; Benefit Flexibilities; Cost-Sharing Flexibilities; Financing Flexibilities; Managed Care Flexibilities; Information Technology; and Data Reporting. A [standalone document](#) containing only the new questions was also posted.

### **Information for Specific Populations:**

**Updates on Protecting the Native American Community:** The Administration is [supporting Native Communities](#) during the pandemic by delivering critical medical supplies and committing to supporting the well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Additionally, President Trump [signed a proclamation today on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day](#). To acknowledge this day and support Native American populations, HHS is developing a comprehensive, whole-person approach for strengthening these vulnerable populations through prevention, health, and education activities. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) partners with tribes and tribal organizations to strengthen responses to Native American victims of domestic violence. ACF will soon disburse \$22 million to increase the public health response and expand shelter and supportive services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating abuse in tribal communities.

**Steps to Take if Your Pet Tests Positive for COVID-19:** CDC released information on [what to do if your pet tests positive for the virus that causes COVID-19](#). The advice includes: if your pet tests positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, isolate the pet from everyone else, including other pets; do not wipe or bathe your pet with chemical disinfectants, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or any other products not approved for animal use. CDC notes that only a few pets have been confirmed to be

infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Some pets did not show any signs of illness, but those pets that did get sick all had mild disease that could be taken care of at home. None have died from the infection.

**Information for Youth with Special Needs:** CDC updated their FAQs to include new questions related to [youth with special needs](#). The questions focus on if this population is at high-risk for contracting COVID-19, how to handle the additional stress, and what to do if a child gets sick and needs to go the hospital.

**Information for School Nutrition Professionals and Volunteers:** CDC created a new document on [what school nutrition professionals and volunteers at schools need to know about COVID-19](#). This new resource provides information on what school workers and volunteers preparing and distributing meals at schools, school district sites, and other public settings can do to protect against infection. It also offers guidance on steps employers should take to help reduce transmission among employees and maintain healthy work environments and business operations.

**Information for Breastfeeding Women:** CDC updated their webpage on [care for breastfeeding women](#). The page includes information on transmission of the virus through breast milk, guidance on breast feeding in the context of COVID-19, breastfed infants of women with confirmed COVID-19, and well child checks and lactation services.

**New Childcare Resources:** ACF has created a new site that [connects COVID-19 essential workers and other parents to open child care](#). Safe and affordable child care is a necessity for essential workers and all families who are eager to get back to the workplace. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic ChildCare.gov has created a new page where parents can connect with state specific resources to help them find, and pay for child care now during the COVID -19 pandemic and as the economy rebounds.

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## **Additional Resources**

### **Opening Up America Again Guidelines & Testing Blueprint**

- On April 24, the unveiled the *Opening Up America Again* [Testing Overview](#) (18-page slide deck) and [Testing Blueprint](#) (11-page guidelines) designed to facilitate State development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response program.
- On April 16, the President unveiled the *Opening Up America Again Guidelines* (20-page slide deck; [Opening America](#)).

## **Caring for Our Nation's Seniors During the Coronavirus Pandemic and Beyond**

Last week, President Trump [took action](#) to ensure our senior citizens remain safe and have access to the healthcare resources they need during the coronavirus pandemic and [signed](#) a proclamation on Older Americans Month.

- FEMA is [sending](#) supplemental shipments of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes in America.
- CMS is [providing](#) States with \$81 million from the CARES Act to increase their inspections of nursing homes at this crucial time.
- CMS [finalized](#) a new rule requiring information about COVID-19 cases in nursing homes to be reported directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and testing data to be posted online. The rule requires nursing homes report cases to residents and their family members.
- The Administration is [establishing](#) the Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes.

## **Leading Practices from Governors**

Below are a few leading testing practices from governors.

- **Gov. Jared Polis (Colorado)** unveiled a new community-based testing site interactive [map](#) (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Brian Kemp (Georgia)** utilizing the National Guard to disinfect nursing homes (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Steve Bullock (Montana)** is expanding testing to nursing home residents and workers (more [here](#)).
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- **Reminder – FDA Delegates Authority to States:** On March 16, the FDA put in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by

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- **Additional Testing Resources:** FDA [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) and 24/7 technical assistance for labs (1-888-463-6332).
- [Personal Protective Equipment Preservation](#)
- [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#)

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Guidance for Nonprofit Hospitals Exempt from Taxation & Latest PPP Data by State**

The Small Business Administration has provided new guidance on nonprofit hospitals exempt from taxation being eligible for PPP. Guidance can be found under Question #42 [here](#).

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**Detailed Information for Medicaid and CHIP Programs:** CMS posted [additional Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) to Medicaid.gov, to aid state Medicaid and CHIP agencies in their response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The new FAQs cover a variety of Medicaid and CHIP topics, including: Emergency Preparedness and Response; Eligibility and Enrollment Flexibilities; Benefit Flexibilities; Cost-Sharing Flexibilities; Financing Flexibilities; Managed Care Flexibilities; Information Technology; and Data Reporting. A [standalone document](#) containing only the new questions was also posted.

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**Updates on Protecting the Native American Community:** The Administration is [supporting Native Communities](#) during the pandemic by delivering critical medical supplies and committing to supporting the well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Additionally, President Trump [signed a proclamation today on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day](#). To acknowledge this day and support Native American populations, HHS is developing a comprehensive, whole-person approach for strengthening these vulnerable populations through prevention, health, and education activities. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) partners with tribes and tribal organizations to strengthen responses to Native American victims of domestic violence. ACF will soon disburse \$22 million to increase the public health response and expand shelter and supportive services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating abuse in tribal communities.

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**Information for School Nutrition Professionals and Volunteers:** CDC created a new document on [what school nutrition professionals and volunteers at schools need to know about COVID-19](#). This new resource provides information on what school workers and volunteers preparing and distributing meals at schools, school district sites, and other public settings can do to protect against infection. It also offers guidance on steps employers should take to help reduce transmission among employees and maintain healthy work environments and business operations.

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**New Childcare Resources:** ACF has created a new site that [connects COVID-19 essential workers and other parents to open child care](#). Safe and affordable child care is a necessity for essential workers and all families who are eager to get back to the workplace. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic ChildCare.gov has created a new page where parents can connect with state specific resources to help them find, and pay for child care now during the COVID -19 pandemic and as the economy rebounds.

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Below are a few leading testing practices from governors.

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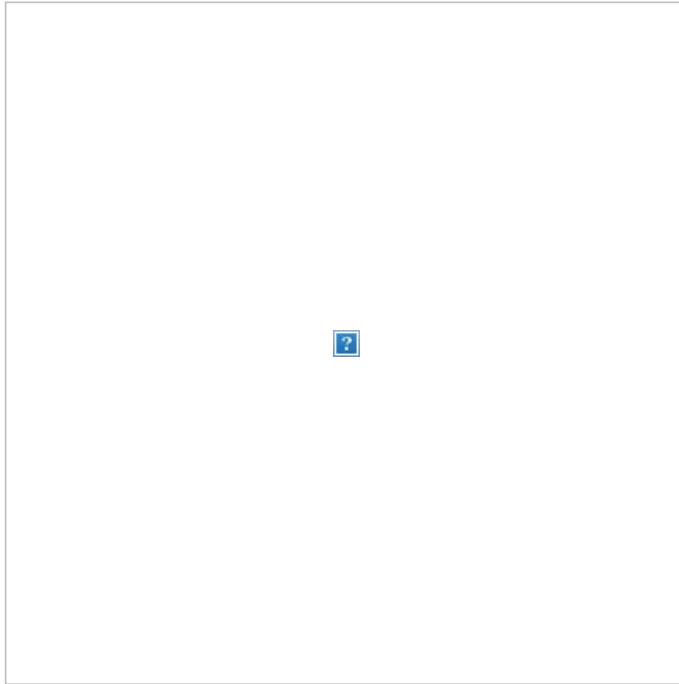
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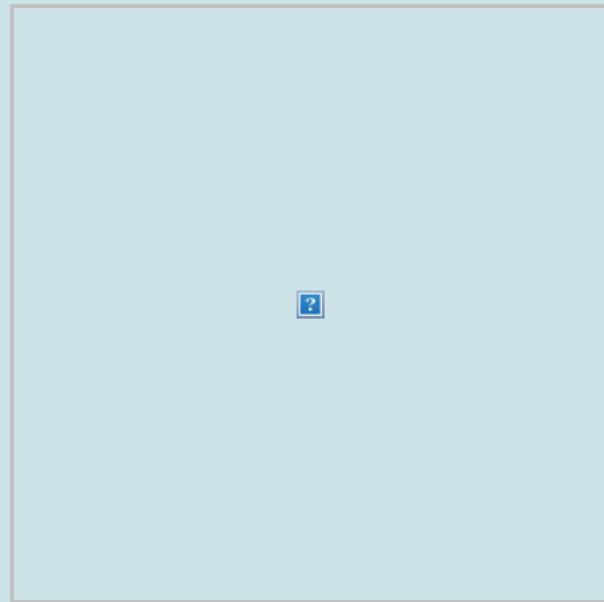
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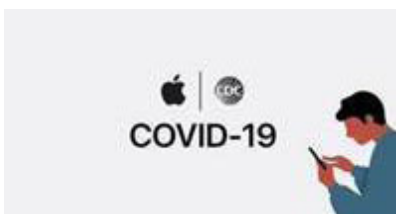
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- President Trump Signs Executive Order To Ensure Safety of Nation's Food Supply Chain:** On April 28, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#), under the authority of the Defense Production Act, to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 emergency. The [CDC and OSHA provided guidance](#) to facilities to ensure employee safety, prompt reopening, and continued operation of facilities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will work with meat processing facilities to ensure accordance with CDC and OSHA guidance, and with State and local officials to ensure plants are allowed to operate and continue to harden the security of the American food supply chain. More [here](#).
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- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Continues to Provide Waiver Flexibilities for States:** CMS has approved more than [125 requests for state relief](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including recent approvals for Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington. These approvals help to ensure that states have the tools they need to combat COVID-19 through a wide variety of waivers, amendments, and Medicaid state plan flexibilities, including for programs that care for the elderly and people with disabilities. CMS developed a [toolkit](#) to expedite the application and review of each request and has approved these requests in record time. These approved flexibilities support President Trump's commitment to a COVID-19 response that is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- U.S. Department of Education Delivers Nearly \$1.4 Billion in Additional CARES Act Relief Funds to HBCUs, Minority Serving Institutions, and Colleges and Universities Serving Low-Income Students:** On April 30, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that nearly \$1.4 billion in additional funding will be directed to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), as well as institutions serving low income students to help learning continue during the coronavirus national emergency. More [here](#).
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Allocates Second Wave of Relief Funds, Over \$500 B to Help Protect Low-Income Americans:** On May 1, HUD Secretary Ben Carson [announced](#) his Department will allocate \$685

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- **FEMA Releases Additional Guidance for Tribal Governments:** On May 1, FEMA released a list of frequently asked questions about FEMA assistance for federally recognized tribal governments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the programmatic differences of an emergency declaration, a major disaster declaration, and a tribe as a recipient or as a sub-recipient. The guidance can be found [here](#).
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## COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated [Coronavirus Guidelines for America \(Español\)](#), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [guidance](#) recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission). On April 8, CDC also provided [guidelines](#) regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA’s public

assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).



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**Joint Statement of USTR Robert Lighthizer and  
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*Washington, DC* – Today, United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Trade Elizabeth Truss announced the formal launch of trade agreement negotiations between the U.S. and the UK.

In light of the ongoing global pandemic caused by Covid-19, the first round of negotiations will be conducted virtually, with U.S. and UK negotiators engaging in discussions over the next two weeks in nearly 30 different negotiating groups covering all aspects of a comprehensive trade agreement.

Both parties agree that a Free Trade Agreement would contribute to the long-term health of our economies, which is vitally important as we recover from the challenges posed by Covid-19. An FTA is a priority for both countries and we share a commitment to secure an ambitious agreement that significantly boosts trade and investment. We will undertake negotiations at an

accelerated pace and have committed the resources necessary to progress at a fast pace.

United States Trade Representative Lighthizer said: **“Under the leadership of President Trump, the United States will negotiate an ambitious and high-standard trade agreement with the UK that will strengthen our economies, support good-paying jobs and substantially improve opportunities for trade and investment between our two countries. This will be an historic agreement that is consistent with U.S. priorities and the negotiating objectives established by Congress in U.S. law.”**

UK Secretary of State for International Trade Elizabeth Truss said: **“The US is our largest trading partner and increasing transatlantic trade can help our economies bounce back from the economic challenge posed by Coronavirus. We want to strike an ambitious deal that opens up new opportunities for our businesses, brings in more investment and creates better jobs for people across the whole of the country. As the Prime Minister has said, the UK is a champion of free trade and this deal will make it even easier to do business with our friends across the pond.”**

The US negotiating team will be led by Dan Mullaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East; and the UK negotiating team will be led by Oliver Griffiths, Director for US Negotiations at the Department for International Trade. Over 200 staff from U.S. and UK government agencies and departments are expected to take part in the negotiations.

An opening plenary today will kick off the detailed discussions, followed by multiple virtual meetings from Wednesday 6 May to Friday 15 May. The negotiations build on the work conducted through the U.S.-UK Trade and Investment Working Group, which was established in July 2017, partly to lay the ground work for these negotiations.

A comprehensive U.S.-UK trade agreement will further deepen the already very strong trade and investment ties between the United States and UK by creating new opportunities for American and UK families, workers, businesses and farmers through increased access to the other’s market.

The United States and the United Kingdom are the first and fifth largest economies in the world, respectively. Total two-way trade between the two countries is already worth about \$269 billion a year. Each country is the other’s largest source of foreign direct investment, with about \$1 trillion invested in each other’s economies. Every day, around one million Americans go to work for UK firms, while around one million Britons go to work for American firms.

The U.S.-UK trade agreement will be a modern agreement designed for the highly advanced and sophisticated U.S. and UK economies. Both governments are committed to maintaining high levels of health, safety, and environmental protection that will serve as a model free trade agreement for the world.

#### **Background:**

USTR notified Congress [in October 2018](#) of the Trump Administration’s intent to negotiate a trade agreement with the UK. In February 2019, USTR published the [U.S. negotiating objectives](#) for the UK.

The Department for International Trade published the UK government’s negotiation objectives on 2 March 2020. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Want to get to 11,700 tests per day. I'll let you translate that into a per 1,000 number.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Current Testing Capacity**

10,700/day

### **Lab Capacity**

Significant lab capacity; only operating at 30-40% capacity right now. Getting results back very quickly.

### **Expanded Testing Plans**

Will add an additional 1000 tests per day (total=11,700 tests/day) by May 1. Governor just started Accelerate South Carolina Task Force. They know they will need more tests to support containment and contact tracing as they reopen but have not set specific goal # or timeline. (Need to follow up in a week to find out if they have specific goal.)

### **Supply Requests / Needs**

Waiting on IRR request for 40 ID Now kits since 4/9 (but not emphasizing ID NOW as part of overall strategy). Noted supply chain problems with PPE and challenges getting providers to start testing without PPE; we briefly discussed moving away from NP collection so as to minimize PPE requirements

### **Data Requests / Needs**

ELR challenges; would like to better leverage HIE. In absence of ELR/HIE, would be helpful to have additional staffing support since so heavily dependent upon manual data.

### **Surveillance Requests / Needs**

N/A

### **Vulnerable Population Requests / Needs**

Interested in follow up from IHS

### **Contact Tracing Requests / Needs**

N/A. Getting creative about using state social workers, WIC coordinators, furloughed health care workers, etc.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION FACT SHEET

MAY 1, 2020

Today, May 1, 2020, President Donald J. Trump granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of South Carolina triggering the release of Federal funds to help people and communities recover from Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds that occurred April 12-13, 2020. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows:

Declaration Number:	FEMA-4542-DR
Incident: Straight-line Winds	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and
Incident Period:	April 12-13, 2020
Federal Coordinating Officer:	Allan Jarvis National FCO Program
Individual Assistance (IA): households):	(Assistance to individuals and
IA-Designated Areas: Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens Counties.	Aiken, Colleton,
Public Assistance (PA):	(Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster- damaged facilities):
PA-Designated Areas:	Barnwell, Colleton, Georgetown, Hampton, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens Counties.
Hazard Mitigation (HM):	(Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):



HM-Designated Areas: All areas in the State of South Carolina are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further assessments.

Individuals in Aiken, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens Counties can register with FEMA the following ways:

- Apply online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Constituents may call the registration phone number at 1-800-621-3362; those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

For your reference, I have attached fact sheets on the Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Office of External Affairs, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444.

Respectfully,

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State Leaders and Staff,

Below you will find a Presidential Executive Order Delegating Authority Under the DPA with Respect to Food Supply Chain Resources During the National Emergency Caused by the Outbreak of COVID-19 along with additional information. .

- **Fact Sheet** – President Donald J. Trump is Taking Action to Ensure the Safety of Our Nation's Food Supply Chain
- **Press Release** – USDA To Implement President Trump's Executive Order On Meat and Poultry Processors
- **Executive Order** – Delegating Authority Under the DPA with Respect to Food Supply Chain Resources During the National Emergency Caused by the Outbreak of COVID-19

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**Fact Sheet – President Donald J. Trump is Taking Action to Ensure the Safety of Our Nation's Food Supply Chain**

*"We're working very hard to make sure our food supply chain is sound and plentiful." – President Donald J. Trump*

**PROTECTING MEAT SUPPLIES: President Donald J. Trump is using the Defense Production Act to ensure that Americans have a reliable supply of products like beef, pork, and poultry.**

- President Trump is signing an Executive Order providing the authority to ensure the continued supply of beef, pork, and poultry to the American people.
- Under the order, the Department of Agriculture is directed to ensure America's meat and poultry processors continue operations uninterrupted to the maximum extent possible.
  - To ensure worker safety, these processors will continue to follow the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- Unfortunately, a number of America's large meat processors and their workers have been affected by outbreaks of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- In addition, recent actions in some States have led to the complete closure of large processing facilities.



- This action will further ensure that vitally important food processors are able to continue to operate safely and meet the consumer needs of the American people.

**SUPPORTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: Closure of meat and poultry processing plants can quickly have an outsized impact on our Nation's food supply chain.**

- Given the high concentration of meat and poultry processors in a relatively small number of large facilities, closure of any of these plants could disrupt our food supply and detrimentally impact our hardworking farmers and ranchers.
- Closure of a single large beef processing plant can result in the loss of over 10 million servings of beef in a single day.
- Similarly, the closure of a single plant can eliminate more than 80 percent of the supply of a particular meat product—like ground beef—to an entire grocery store chain.
- Failure to process livestock could force millions of pounds of meat to disappear from the market, potentially leading to long-term disruptions in our supply chain.
- To combat this crisis and ensure the adequate availability of food for the American people, it is vital that these processors are able to remain operating at this critical moment, while also taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their facilities.

**STOCKING OUR SHELVES: President Trump has taken decisive action to make sure that Americans retain access to a variety of food and goods during the COVID-19 outbreak.**

- From the very outset of the domestic COVID-19 outbreak in January, the President has worked to ensure the grocery store shelves remain stocked with food and goods.
- In March, the President held a teleconference with grocery store executives to make sure food and essentials would remain available during the outbreak.
- In April, the President announced that his Administration would provide \$16 billion to farmers, ranchers, and food producers who experience economic losses during this pandemic.
- Through the Department of Agriculture, the Administration is purchasing \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat products of excess supply to be distributed in order to assist Americans in need as well as producers with lost markets.

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**Press Release – USDA To Implement President Trump's Executive Order On Meat and Poultry Processors**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue released the following statement after President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 national emergency.

"I thank President Trump for signing this executive order and recognizing the importance of keeping our food supply chain safe, secure, and plentiful. Our nation's meat and poultry processing facilities play an integral role in the continuity of our food supply chain," said Secretary Perdue. "Maintaining the health and safety of these heroic employees in order to ensure that these critical facilities can continue operating is paramount. I also want to thank the companies who are doing their best to keep their workforce safe as well as keeping our food supply sustained. USDA will continue to work with its partners across the federal government to ensure employee safety to maintain this essential industry."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the Department of Labor have put out guidance for plants to implement to help ensure employee safety to reopen plants or to continue to operate those still open. Under the Executive Order and the authority of the Defense Production Act, USDA will work with meat processing to affirm they will operate in accordance with the CDC and OSHA guidance, and then work with state and local officials to ensure that these plants are allowed to operate to produce the meat protein that Americans need. USDA will continue to work with the CDC, OSHA, FDA, and state and local officials to ensure that facilities implementing this guidance to keep employees safe can continue operating.

Additional information and details will be released soon.

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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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### **DELEGATING AUTHORITY UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT WITH RESPECT TO FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN RESOURCES DURING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*) (the "Act"), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. The 2019 novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing outbreaks of the disease COVID-19, has significantly disrupted the lives of Americans. In Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020 (Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak), I declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020. Since then, the American people have united behind a policy of mitigation strategies, including social distancing, to flatten the

curve of infections and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The COVID-19 outbreak and these necessary mitigation measures have taken a dramatic toll on the United States economy and critical infrastructure.

It is important that processors of beef, pork, and poultry ("meat and poultry") in the food supply chain continue operating and fulfilling orders to ensure a continued supply of protein for Americans. However, outbreaks of COVID-19 among workers at some processing facilities have led to the reduction in some of those facilities' production capacity. In addition, recent actions in some States have led to the complete closure of some large processing facilities. Such actions may differ from or be inconsistent with interim guidance recently issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the Department of Labor entitled "Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers" providing for the safe operation of such facilities.

Such closures threaten the continued functioning of the national meat and poultry supply chain, undermining critical infrastructure during the national emergency. Given the high volume of meat and poultry processed by many facilities, any unnecessary closures can quickly have a large effect on the food supply chain. For example, closure of a single large beef processing facility can result in the loss of over 10 million individual servings of beef in a single day. Similarly, under established supply chains, closure of a single meat or poultry processing facility can severely disrupt the supply of protein to an entire grocery store chain.

Accordingly, I find that meat and poultry in the food supply chain meet the criteria specified in section 101(b) of the Act (50 U.S.C. 4511(b)). Under the delegation of authority provided in this order, the Secretary of Agriculture shall take all appropriate action under that section to ensure that meat and poultry processors continue operations consistent with the guidance for their operations jointly issued by the CDC and OSHA. Under the delegation of authority provided in this order, the Secretary of Agriculture may identify additional specific food supply chain resources that meet the criteria of section 101(b).

Sec. 2. Ensuring the Continued Supply of Meat and Poultry. (a) Notwithstanding Executive Order 13603 of March 16, 2012 (National Defense Resources Preparedness), the authority of the President to require performance of contracts or orders (other than contracts of employment) to promote the national defense over performance of any other contracts or orders, to allocate materials, services, and facilities as deemed necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense, and to implement the Act in subchapter III of chapter 55 of title 50, United States Code (50 U.S.C. 4554, 4555, 4556, 4559, 4560), is delegated to the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to food supply chain resources, including meat and poultry, during the national emergency caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 within the United States.

(b) Secretary of Agriculture shall use the authority under section 101 of the Act, in consultation with the heads of such other executive departments and agencies as he deems appropriate, to determine the proper nationwide priorities and allocation of all

the materials, services, and facilities necessary to ensure the continued supply of meat and poultry, consistent with the guidance for the operations of meat and poultry processing facilities jointly issued by the CDC and OSHA.

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture shall issue such orders and adopt and revise appropriate rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this order.

Sec. 3. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
April 28, 2020.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 30, 2020

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP REMAINS COMMITTED TO CARING FOR OUR NATION'S SENIORS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND BEYOND**

*"We're taking very special care of our nursing homes and our seniors." – President Donald J. Trump*

**PROTECTING OUR OLDER PEOPLE: President Donald J. Trump is ensuring the safety and well-being of America's seniors during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak.**

- President Trump is making sure our senior citizens remain safe and have access to the healthcare resources they need during the coronavirus pandemic.
- In addition to the supplies we have already distributed, FEMA will send supplemental shipments of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes in America.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing States with \$81 million from the CARES Act to increase their inspections of nursing homes at this crucial time.
- This week, we will be finalizing a new rule requiring information about COVID-19 cases in nursing homes to be reported directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and testing data to be posted online.
  - The rule requires nursing homes report cases to residents and their family members.
- The Administration is also establishing the Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes.

The commission will be composed of leading industry experts, doctors and scientists, resident and patient advocates, family members, infection and prevention control specialists, and State and local authorities.

**DELIVERING CRUCIAL ASSISTANCE: The President and his Administration are prioritizing seniors and delivering vital assistance to them during this critical time.**

- The President released his “Opening Up America Again” guidelines, instructing States to take additional measures to protect the safety of senior citizens and other vulnerable populations.
- President Trump signed historic legislation that provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for vulnerable Americans, including senior citizens.
- At the President’s direction, the Administration dramatically expanded Medicare telehealth coverage, allowing beneficiaries to receive healthcare services from the safety of their homes.
- To protect senior citizens, the President directed CMS to prioritize enforcement of infectious disease standards at nursing homes across America.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced nearly \$1 billion in grants to assist older adults and people with disabilities, providing services such as home delivered meals and in-home care services.

**PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY CARE: These actions build on President Trump’s longstanding commitment to give seniors the best healthcare anywhere in the world.**

- President Trump’s goal is to ensure older Americans receive the best quality healthcare at the lowest price.
- Last year, the President signed an Executive Order to improve older Americans’ healthcare and improve the fiscal sustainability of Medicare.
  - This order empowers older Americans with choice and access, streamlines approval processes, reduces regulatory burdens, and combats waste, fraud, and abuse.
- For the third year in a row, the average basic premium for Medicare Part D prescription drug prices has declined, saving beneficiaries \$1.9 billion in premiums over time.

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Please see the additional read-aheads attached titled “Opening Up America Again – Testing Blueprint” and “Opening Up America Again – Testing Overview”

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**To:** [Lemoine, Leigh](#)  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Governor McMaster  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:24:01 PM

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**Subject:** Governor McMaster

Good afternoon - Governor McMaster will participate via videoconference on Monday.

Thank you,  
Leigh

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**From:** [Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [Lemoine, Leigh](#)  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Governor McMaster  
**Date:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 4:46:34 PM

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No worries, thanks!

Thank you for your Governor's RSVP to the Governors-Only Call/VTC regarding COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts with Vice President Mike Pence on for **Monday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

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Hi Zach, I apologize I can't see that my email RSVP went thru for Governor McMaster to participate tomorrow morning via videoconference.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Leigh LeMoine  
Cell: 803-466-2272

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Subject: [External] RE: March 2020 Cabinet Agency Deliverables  
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:17:47 PM  
Attachments: [2020-05-01 COUNT REAL ID AND NFFID MONTHLY.xlsx](#)  
[2020-05-01 DONATE LIFE CO. RT \(Monthly\).x](#)

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**Cc:** [Downing.Michael.R@dol.gov](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: PUA  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:41:50 PM

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Sounds good! Adding in Mike Downing with DOL.

On May 4, 2020, at 12:34 PM, Marsh, Jordan <[JMarsh@governor.sc.gov](mailto:JMarsh@governor.sc.gov)> wrote:

I'm also interested in the PUA employee recall issue.

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State Leaders and Staff,

Today, Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Section 5001 of the CARES Act).

As stated by the [legislation](#) signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds “are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).” The guidance document ([here](#)) and frequently asked questions ([here](#)) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments [here](#).

We will continue to share all relevant information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Lawson Kluttz ([Lawson.T.Kluttz@who.eop.gov](mailto:Lawson.T.Kluttz@who.eop.gov)) for questions on the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the CARES Act.

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### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)**

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- \$150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* \$1.25 billion.
- \$340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- \$500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- \$100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- **[\\$3.5 billion](#)** to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.

- Read more here: [\*President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus\*](#)

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- Read more here: [\*President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus\*](#)

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Good evening,

Tonight, the U.S. Department of Treasury issued additional new guidance for borrowers and lenders regarding the Paycheck Protection Program. Please see the below link for more details.

- [How to Calculate Loan Amounts](#)

Thank you,  
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Today, President Trump [signed](#) the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act to further support American small businesses, workers, and healthcare providers impacted by the Coronavirus.

- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has provided payroll assistance to more than **1.6 million small businesses** and protected over **30 million jobs** in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and each territory thus far.
- This legislation provides **\$320 billion** in additional funding for PPP.
  - With this new round of funding, President Trump has signed into law more than **\$670 billion** for the program.
- SBA will resume accepting PPP loan applications on **Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT**.
- The bill also provides an additional **\$60 billion** for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, **\$75 billion** in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and **\$25 billion** to support our historic testing efforts.
- Please click here for more information: [Fact Sheet](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Treasury and U.S. Small Business Administration released new guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility \(4/24/2020\)](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales \(4/24/2020\)](#)

**Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
- [Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)

#### **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, and Farm Credit System Institutions](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales – Updated 4/24](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

#### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/23](#)
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility – Updated 4/24](#)

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

#### **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.

- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all other issues and concerns not related to offering products, services, or donations, please email [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov).

- For additional information, please visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

### **30 Days to Slow the Spread**

President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/24 ([HERE](#))
- President Trump Signs the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([VIDEO](#), [REMARKS](#), [BILL ANNOUNCEMENT](#))
- President Donald J. Trump Remains Committed to Providing Critical Relief for American Small Businesses, Workers, and Healthcare Providers ([HERE](#))
- Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600 – NEW: President Trump Signs Emergency Relief Bill ([HERE](#))

### **USMCA to Enter Into Force July 1 after United States Takes Final Procedural Steps for Implementation ([HERE](#))**

- “The crisis and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates that now, more than ever, the United States should strive to increase manufacturing capacity and investment in North America. The USMCA's entry into force is a landmark achievement in that effort. Under President Trump's leadership, USTR will continue working to ensure a smooth implementation of the USMCA so that American workers and businesses can enjoy the benefits of the new agreement,” said Ambassador Robert Lighthizer.

**Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Resumption of the Paycheck Protection Program ([HERE](#))**

- “We are pleased that President Trump has signed into law the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which provides critical additional funding for American workers and small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We want to thank Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Paycheck Protection Program is funded so that small businesses can keep hardworking Americans on the payroll.

**Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([HERE](#))**

- “I want to thank President Trump for his decisive leadership, and Vice President Pence for his outstanding work leading the White House Coronavirus Task Force. I also want to thank Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is funded so that small businesses can keep hardworking Americans on the payroll.”

**Treasury, IRS deliver 88 million Economic Impact Payments in First Three Weeks, Release State-By-State Economic Impact Payment figures ([HERE](#))**

- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly \$158 billion in the program's first three weeks.

**Secretary Azar Statement on President Trump’s Signing of New Coronavirus Relief Package ([HERE](#))**

- "Under President Trump's leadership, huge amounts of new additional resources are on the way to support America's frontline healthcare providers and our state and local government partners, while helping our communities and businesses alleviate the virus's tragic economic costs. HHS has worked rapidly to distribute aid from Congress to the healthcare providers who have been hit hardest, and that work will continue with this new infusion of support. As states prepare to begin reopening their economies, we now have billions in new resources to supplement the expertise, staff, and funding we've already sent to states to track and eventually contain the spread of the virus."

**The Administration for Children and Families to Release Funding to Support Child Welfare Services ([HERE](#))**

- On March 27, the President signed a \$2 trillion emergency relief bill aimed at providing economic relief to the nation’s families, workers, and businesses. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) with \$6.3 billion in additional funding that will aid in the continuation of work protecting, supporting, and uplifting our vulnerable communities during this public health crisis.

**HHS Announces More Time for Hospitals to Apply for COVID-19 High-Impact Payments ([HERE](#))**

- As part of its work to support frontline healthcare providers fighting COVID-19, the Department of Health and Human Services has extended the deadline for hospitals to submit data that will inform how \$10 billion is distributed to areas of high impact from COVID-19.

**FEMA Publishes Documents to Preserve Scarce Medical Supplies ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA recently published a Temporary Final Rule and supplemental notice in the

Federal Register to support President Trump's "[Memorandum on Allocating Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources to Domestic Use](#)" issued on April 3.

**FEMA Makes Additional \$100 Million Available to Firefighters for COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- Fire service organizations nationwide with membership on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Reiterates Importance of Close Patient Supervision for 'Off-Label' Use of Antimalarial Drugs to Mitigate Known Risks, Including Heart Rhythm Problems ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a [Drug Safety Communication](#) regarding known side effects of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, including serious and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm problems, that have been reported with their use for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19, for which they are not approved by the FDA. These risks, which are in the drug labels for their approved uses, may be mitigated when health care professionals closely screen and supervise these patients such as in a hospital setting or a clinical trial, as indicated in the [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) for these drugs to treat COVID-19.
  - FDA Daily Roundup April 24, 2020 - [HERE](#)

**EPA Provides Critical Information to the American Public about Safe Disinfectant Use ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing its efforts to provide critical information on surface disinfectant products that can be used to protect the health of all Americans throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has provided payroll assistance to more than **1.6 million small businesses** and protected over **30 million jobs** in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and each territory thus far.
- This legislation provides **\$320 billion** in additional funding for PPP.
  - With this new round of funding, President Trump has signed into law more than **\$670 billion** for the program.
- SBA will resume accepting PPP loan applications on **Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT**.
- The bill also provides an additional **\$60 billion** for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, **\$75 billion** in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and **\$25 billion** to support our historic testing efforts.
- Please click here for more information: [Fact Sheet](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Treasury and U.S. Small Business Administration released new guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility \(4/24/2020\)](#)
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**Assistance for Small Businesses**

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#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
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#### **Program Rules**

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For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

#### **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
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**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.

- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
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### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

### **30 Days to Slow the Spread**

President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

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- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/24 ([HERE](#))
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### **USMCA to Enter Into Force July 1 after United States Takes Final Procedural Steps for Implementation (HERE)**

- “The crisis and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates that now, more than ever, the United States should strive to increase manufacturing capacity and investment in North America. The USMCA's entry into force is a landmark achievement in that effort. Under President Trump's leadership, USTR will continue working to ensure a smooth implementation of the USMCA so that American workers and businesses can enjoy the benefits of the new agreement,” said Ambassador Robert Lighthizer.

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Dear Governor McMaster,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are pleased to inform you that based on your acceptance letter (attached) South Carolina has been selected to participate in the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.

Your next step is to attend an orientation call with SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center. During this call, you will receive an overview of the process, learn about the role of the appointed team leader, and receive guidance on forming your most effective team. We will also begin planning for your pre-academy virtual site visit(s) between now and the virtual Policy Academy meeting being held August 18-20, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of our technical assistance efforts scheduled between now and September will be held using virtual meeting platforms. Our team will work closely with your appointed Team Leader and Governor's Challenge team members to ensure that all are able to participate from where ever they are.

Ben Barrowman, a Project Associate with SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center, will be contacting the appointed Team Leader, Ms. Jennifer Butler, Director of the Office of Suicide Prevention, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, shortly to schedule the orientation call.

We thank you for your commitment to service members, veterans, and their families. Welcome to the Governor's Challenge!

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Dear Governor McMaster,

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are pleased to provide you with a copy of the enclosed invitation to participate in the *Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families*.

Please confirm your state's interest in participating by emailing a letter of support to Terri Hay, Interim Director for SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center within **2 weeks** of receipt of this letter. She will be your point-of-contact should you have any questions as you review the invitation materials. She can be reached via email at [thay@prainc.com](mailto:thay@prainc.com) or via phone at 518-439-7415 ext. 5223.

A sample letter of support that you may use is attached for your convenience. We have copied key stakeholders in your state that we think could help you to consider and move forward this important initiative.

We look forward to hearing from your office, and appreciate your commitment to serving our Service Members, Veterans, and their Families!

Best regards,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 5, 2020

### **Readout from First Lady Melania Trump's calls with Teachers in Honor of National Teacher Day**

In recognition of National Teacher Day and Teacher Appreciation Week, First Lady Melania Trump held a series of telephone calls with teachers and educators from across America. Mrs. Trump spoke with elementary, middle and high school educators, both public and private. During the calls, the First Lady expressed her heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all that educators are doing for students during these unprecedented times.

As schools across the country are closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the First Lady and the educators touched on a variety of topics including distance learning methods, resources schools have made available for low-income families, parent-teacher relationships, and the biggest challenges they have faced with distance learning.

Additionally, the First Lady was happy to hear the many ways school faculty, families, and local governments have been coming together to provide innovative solutions to the new challenges the education community has been facing. For example, at a school in Florida, bus drivers and the IT department have come up with a laptop delivery and technical support program, and a teacher in Michigan shared a lesson plan pick-up and drop-off plan for her students who do not have access to a computer or printer.

“The determination that educators everywhere are showing in order to support their students during these challenging times is truly remarkable and continues to inspire me,” said First Lady Melania Trump. “The coronavirus pandemic has shown the importance for all of us to come together to try new and innovative ways to provide the world’s best education for each and every one of our great students. Thank you to our amazing teachers and Happy National Teacher Day.”

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Good Morning, Congressional Colleagues,

FEMA Region IV invites Members and Staff from the South Carolina Delegation to join us **TODAY, April 24, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. EDT**, for an update on COVID-19 operations in the State of South Carolina.

The call will be led by FEMA in coordination with our state and interagency partners. Members are encouraged to join this call. Following an operational update, Members and staff will have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Dial-in Information:**

**Conference Call for Members and Staff from the South Carolina Delegation**

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We encourage you to dial-in at least 10 minutes prior to the call start time to be placed into the conference call.

*If you have any questions, please contact:*

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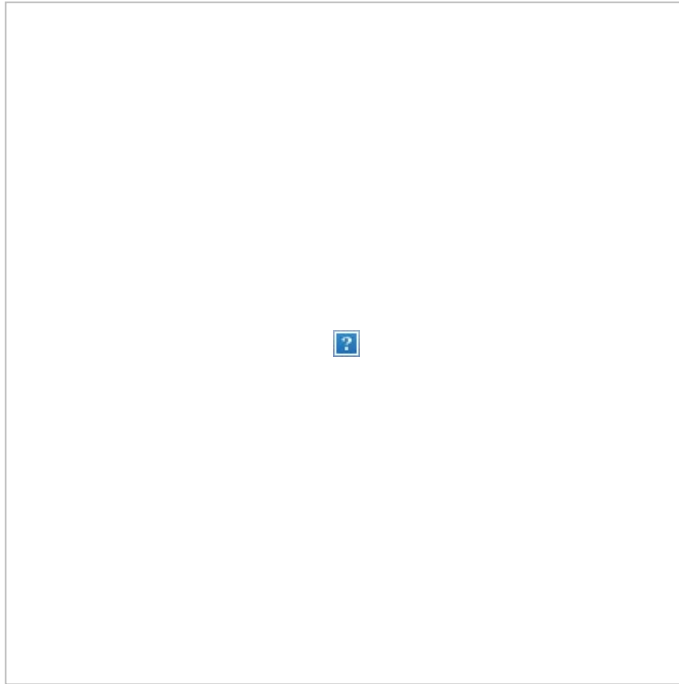




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**April 30, 2020**

This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated on the [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) as it becomes available.

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## Cleaning & Disinfecting for Reopening

This guidance is intended for all Americans, whether you own a business, run a school, or want to ensure the cleanliness and safety of your home. Reopening America requires all of us to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other [daily habits](#) to reduce our risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

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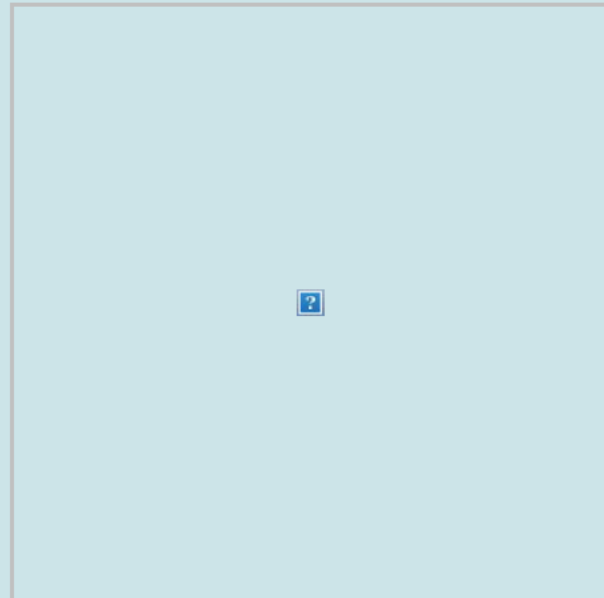
Resources are also available in [Spanish](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Vietnamese](#), and [Korean](#).

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

## As of April 30, 2020

In the United States, there have been 1,031,659 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



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Good evening,

The Small Business Administration issued the attached Spanish language press release to the media this afternoon. SBA disaster loans are available to South Carolina businesses, private nonprofit organizations and residents affected by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds on April 12-13, 2020.

Note this is the Spanish version of a press release issued on May 4, 2020. Please call if there are any questions.

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Good evening,

The Small Business Administration issued the attached press release to the media this afternoon. SBA disaster loans are available to South Carolina businesses, private nonprofit organizations and residents affected by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds on April 12-13, 2020.

The disaster declaration covers Aiken, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg and Pickens counties in **South Carolina** which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Greenville, Jasper, Lexington, and Saluda in **South Carolina**, Burke, Effingham, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun, Richmond, Screven and Stephens in **Georgia**, and Anson, Jackson, Macon, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland and Transylvania in **North Carolina**.

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I will be the Lead Public Affairs Specialist for this disaster. Please contact me at (404) 387-2172 or [john.camp@sba.gov](mailto:john.camp@sba.gov) with any questions.

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Good evening,

The Small Business Administration issued the attached press release to the media this afternoon. SBA disaster loans are available to South Carolina businesses, private nonprofit organizations and residents affected by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds on April 12-13, 2020.

The disaster declaration covers Aiken, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg and Pickens counties in **South Carolina** which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Greenville, Jasper, Lexington, and Saluda in **South Carolina**, Burke, Effingham, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun, Richmond, Screven and Stephens in **Georgia**, and Anson, Jackson, Macon, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland and Transylvania in **North Carolina**.

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I will be the Lead Public Affairs Specialist for this disaster. Please contact me at (404) 387-2172 or [john.camp@sba.gov](mailto:john.camp@sba.gov) with any questions.

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Good evening,

The Small Business Administration issued the attached Spanish language press release to the media this afternoon. SBA disaster loans are available to South Carolina businesses, private nonprofit organizations and residents affected by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds on April 12-13, 2020.

Note this is the Spanish version of a press release issued on May 4, 2020. Please call if there are any questions.

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Governor McMaster and Senior Staff,

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and plan for America's economic recovery including implementation of robust testing plans. Over the past several governors briefings with the President and Vice President, governors have shared best practices on leading their entire testing ecosystem, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, expanding testing in nursing homes and prisons, and bolstering contact tracing and surveillance.

Your state health official(s) has received a similar email with this information from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). I wanted to ensure you all received this information as well.

On April 20, each governor and staff received state-by-state testing platform information that included a state-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details. Since then, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the White House have conducted one-on-one technical assistance calls with states.

This email provides details on testing supplies (i.e., swabs, transport media) being distributed to your state to support enhanced testing efforts in partnership with you all. We appreciate your team providing your state's shipping address for swabs and media, logistics point of contact, and lab testing supplies point of contact.

**Attached You Will Find Some Helpful Documents**

- Overview of Testing Technical Assistance For States (7-page slide, attached)
- FAQ On Testing Technical Assistance (10-pages, attached)
- State Specific Swab & Media Allocations And Federal Points Of Contact (Please Share Updates As Necessary)

**Additional Questions**

- For personnel and guidance questions, please have your state health official(s) reach out to their CDC point of contact.
- For lab capacity and specimen collection allocations questions, please reach out to your testing subject matter expert.
- For logistic questions regarding swab and media shipments, please reach out to your

FEMA Regional Administrator.

**Follow-Up Technical Assistance**

If it would be helpful, we are happy to organize another technical assistance call with your state health officials later this week or early next week to talk through the specimen collection supplies, lab testing supplies, or any other topics that would be helpful to you. If you would like to have a call this week, please let us know and we will work with your team to arrange it.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 5, 2020

### **Statement from the Office of the First Lady**

"Today, First Lady Melania Trump donated 150 boxed lunches to the patients and staff of Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health. Supporting those impacted by the effects of COVID19 is something the First Lady cares deeply about, and as we navigate these unique times she will continue to reach out to people in a variety of ways. In accordance with social distancing guidelines, and in order to protect everyone's safety at the medical facility, the food was sent securely with a contact-free delivery."-Stephanie Grisham, Spokesperson

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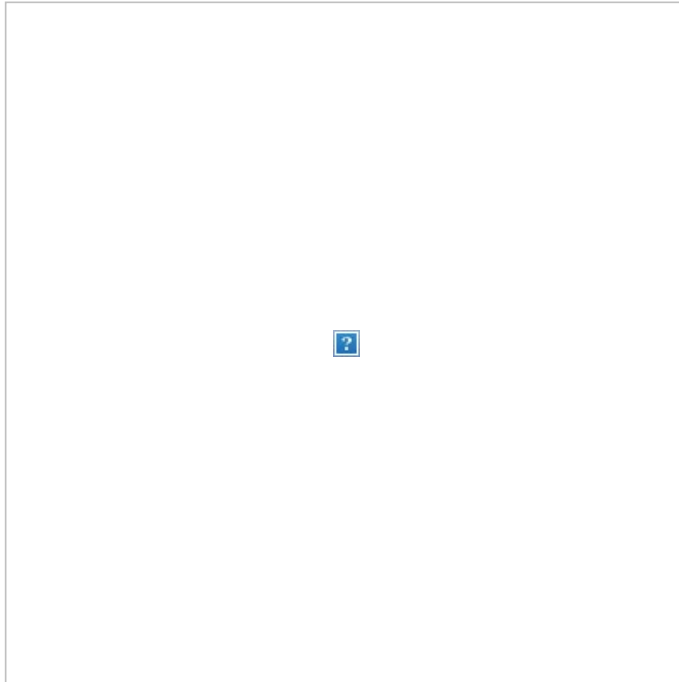
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**May 4, 2020**

This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated on the [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) as it becomes available.

## Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Isolation

In the context of community transmission, continued testing is impractical. Current available evidence suggests relying on time-since-illness-onset and time-since-recovery to establish the end of isolation. Practical application of a symptom-based strategy cannot prevent all infections.

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[Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Isolation for Persons with COVID-19](#)

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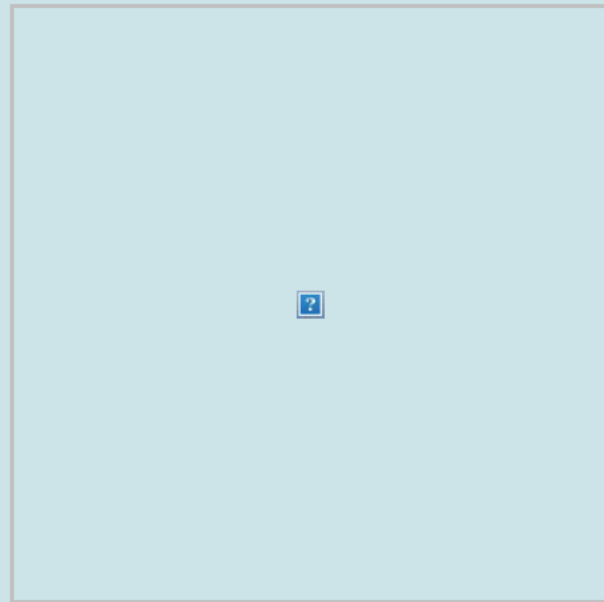


# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

## As of May 4, 2020

In the United States, there have been 1,152,372 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



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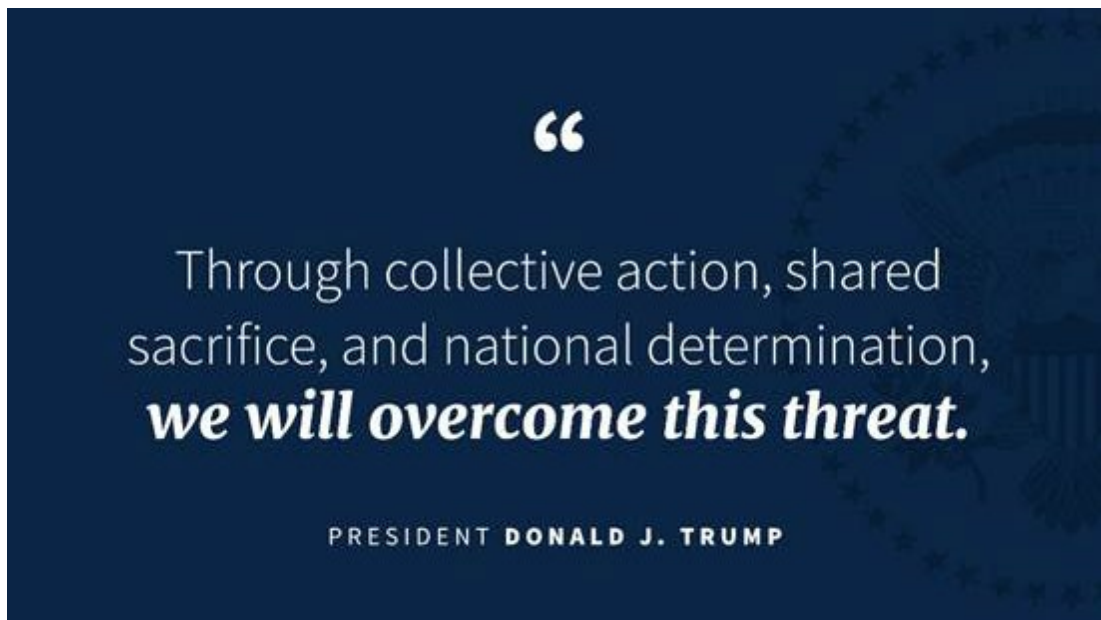
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State Leaders and Staff,

As we collectively work together to address the Coronavirus pandemic, the Trump Administration continues to prioritize collaborative partnerships in Indian Country and provide support and resources for Tribal governments as part of a whole-of-government, all-of-America response. As you know, our citizens are best served when response is locally executed, State/Tribally managed, and Federally supported. The Federal government scales best practices, coordinates key priorities, provides regulatory flexibilities, guidance, and key resources to supplement, but not replace, private sector, local, State, and Tribal resources. On January 31, the Trump Administration [declared](#) the Coronavirus a public health emergency. The declaration set in motion the Administration's whole-of-government approach to protecting the health of all Americans in response to the Coronavirus. Working in partnership with State, Local, and Tribal leaders, the President and Administration have and continue to leverage all resources to respond to the Coronavirus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.



Attached, please find a fact sheet (***The Trump Administration Is Supporting Indian Country in Response to COVID-19***) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to Tribal governments and Indian Country. The attached information is bolstered

by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help Tribal citizens in partnership with State and Tribal governments. We would also like to highlight a Fact Sheet ([President Donald J. Trump Is Protecting the Native American Community as We Combat the Coronavirus](#)) outlining the Trump Administration's continued partnership in Indian Country on a host of shared priorities. Through engagement with Tribal governments, leaders, and partners over the past 12 months alone, the Administration has driven results on important issues, including public safety (e.g. [Proclamation on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Native Awareness Day, 2020](#)), economic development, rural prosperity, infrastructure, cultural resources and Veterans' affairs. And in another significant announcement, the White House [reactivated](#) the Council on Native American Affairs and appointed Tyler Fish as Executive Director to support continued inter-agency coordination with Indian Country.

Looking ahead, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to coordinate across Federal agencies and with the White House Council on Native American Affairs to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance.

Thanks,  
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## **President Donald J. Trump is Protecting the Native American Community as We Combat the Coronavirus**

***"We will leverage every resource we have to bring safety to our tribal communities, and we will not waver in this mission."***

**President Donald J. Trump**

**COMBATING CORONAVIRUS IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:  
President Donald J. Trump is supporting Native American communities impacted by the coronavirus.**

- President Trump is working to make sure Native American communities have the support they need to combat the coronavirus.
- The President signed the CARES Act into law, providing \$8 billion to address coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The initial allocation of this funding, totaling nearly \$5 billion, will be one of the largest programmatic investments in Indian Country in our Nation's history.

- The Administration has also allocated over \$1 billion through the Indian Health Service (IHS), to support tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in their coronavirus response efforts.
- In early March, the Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordinating group tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues.
- The President has also acted to expand telehealth capacity and availability across IHS regions, allowing patients to get the care they need, while staying at home.

**DELIVERING VITAL SUPPLIES: The Trump Administration has rapidly delivered critical medical supplies to Native Americans communities in need.**

- Unprecedented supplies of critically needed medical equipment have been delivered by the Trump Administration to Native American communities.
- The Federal Government delivered 250 Abbott testing systems to IHS and they have been distributed to IHS and tribal healthcare facilities throughout Indian Country.
  - These systems allow for rapid testing at the time and place of patient care and expands testing capacity, especially important for harder to reach and vulnerable populations.
- The Administration sent 100 ventilators to Arizona to support Indian Country.
- The Trump Administration has worked closely to provide relief—including the delivery of 50 ventilators—to the Navajo Nation, which has seen significant impacts from the coronavirus.
  - The Federal Government has also deployed two Disaster Medical Assistance Teams and constructed three 50-bed Federal Medical Stations for the Navajo Nation.

**SUPPORTING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES: President Trump remains committed to supporting the wellbeing of our American Indians and Alaska Natives.**

- President Trump signed the first-ever presidential proclamation officially recognizing the grave issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The President issued the first ever Executive Order establishing a task force on missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives whose work is underway.
- To examine systemic problems at IHS, the President launched his Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children served by the IHS.
- President Trump has also worked to enhance coordination between the Federal Government and tribal leaders on promoting economic growth and improving standards of living.
- President Trump re-activated the White House Council on Native American Affairs to promote economic development and rural prosperity in Indian Country.

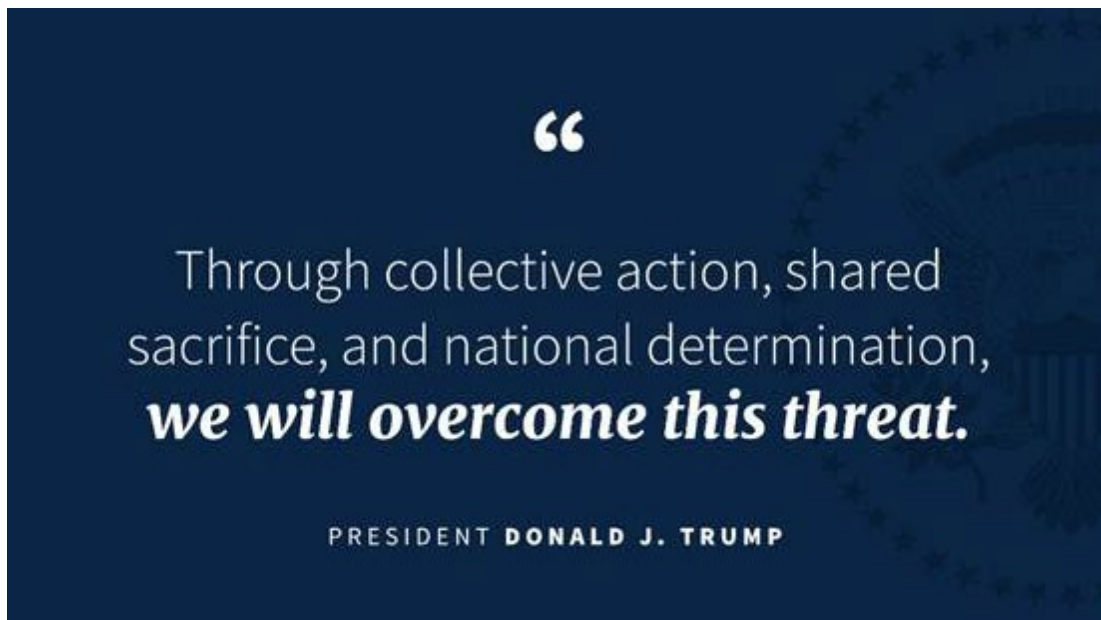
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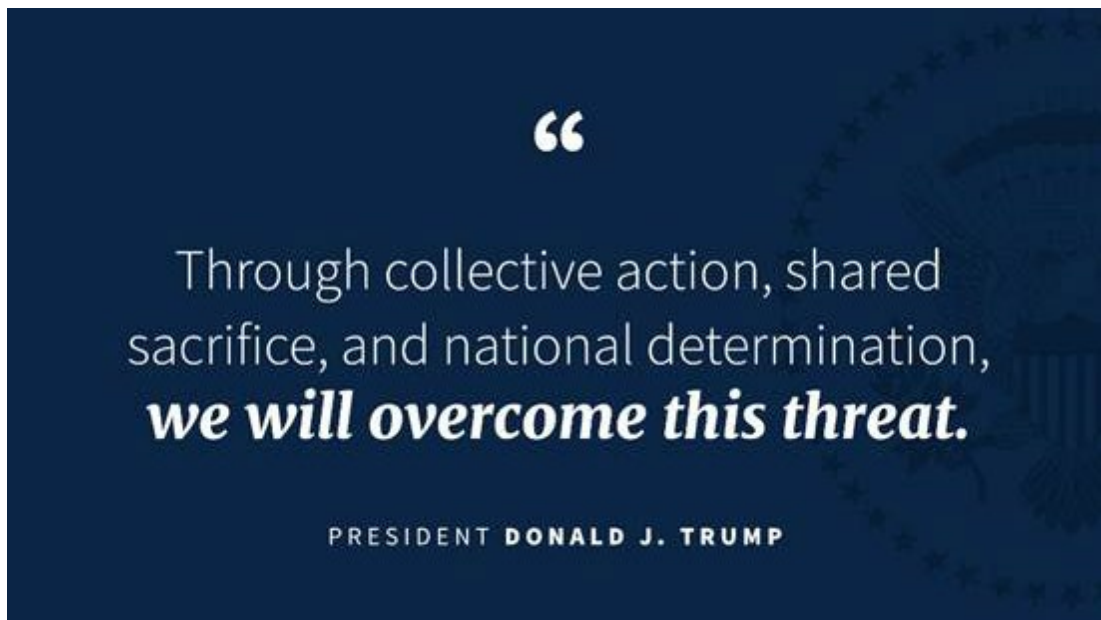
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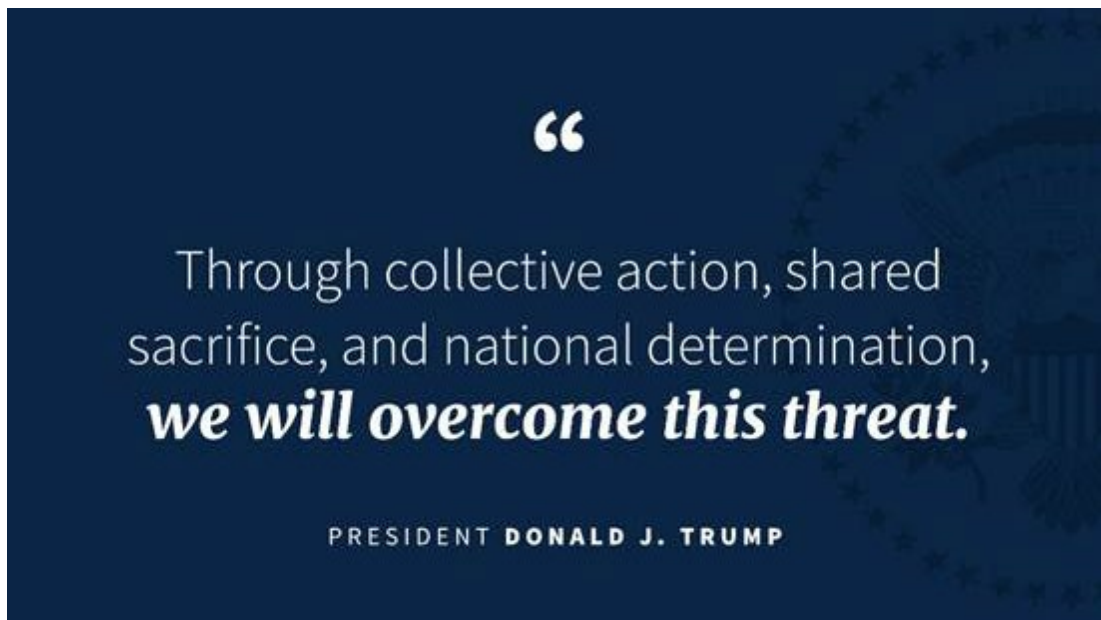
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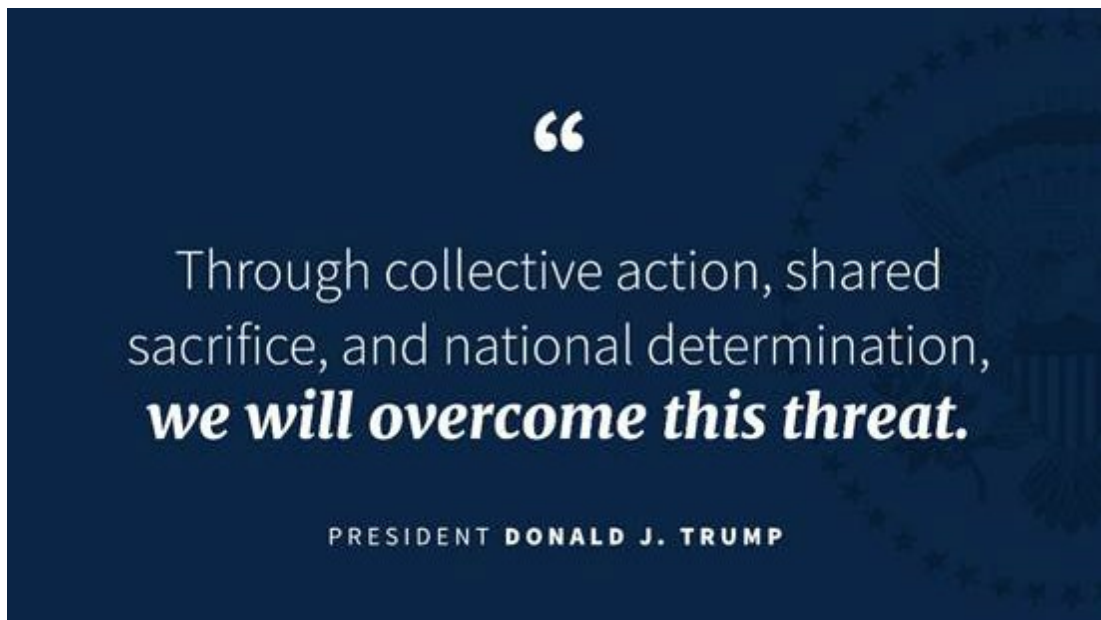
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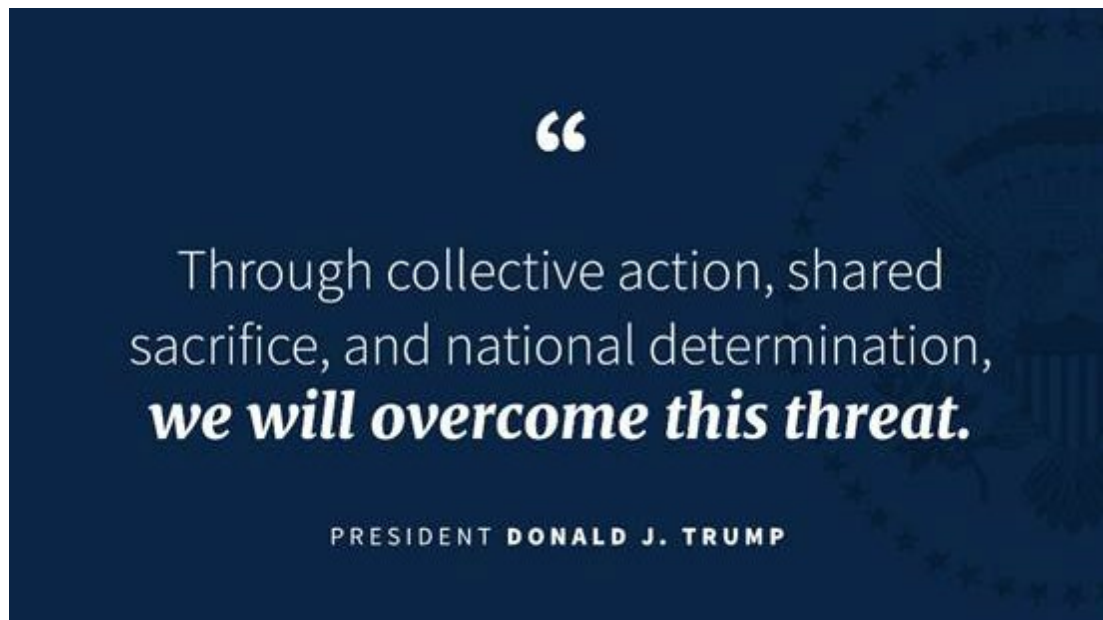
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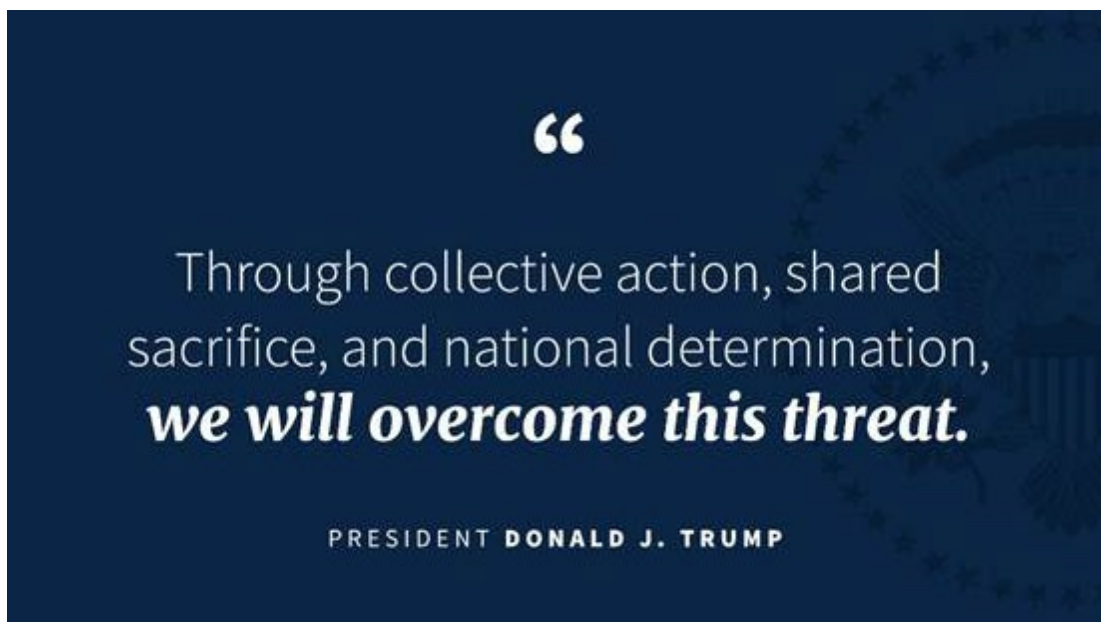
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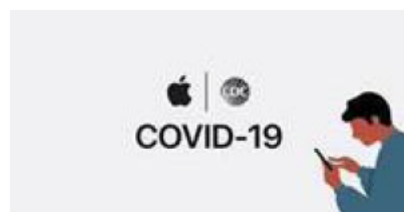
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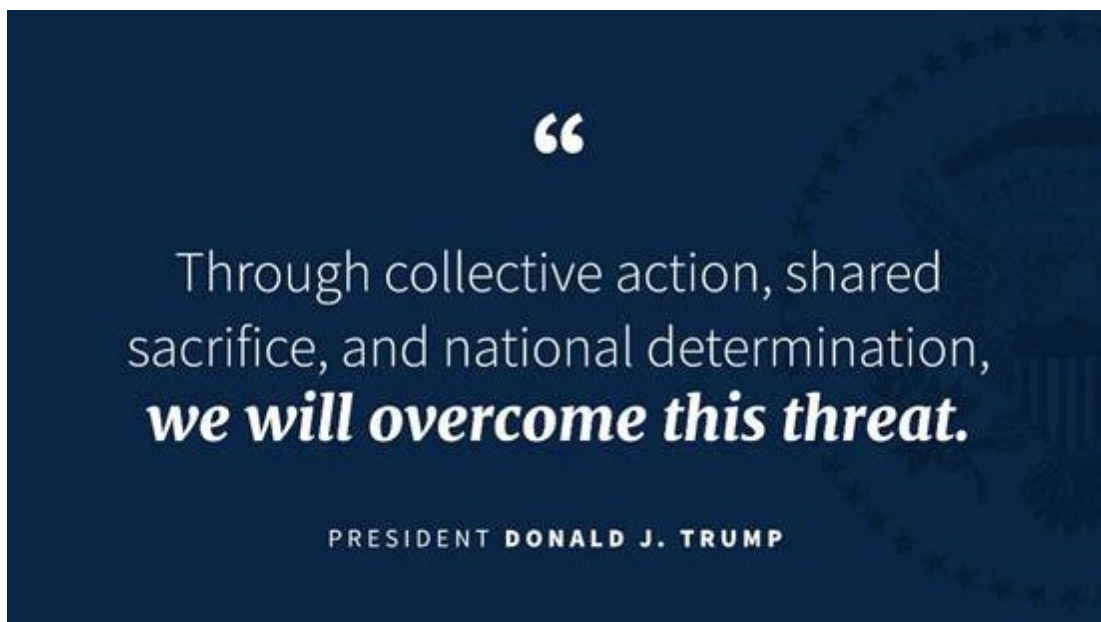
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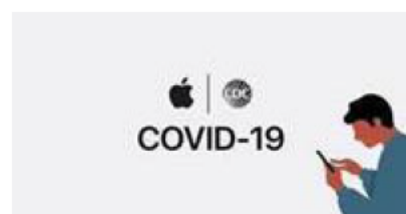
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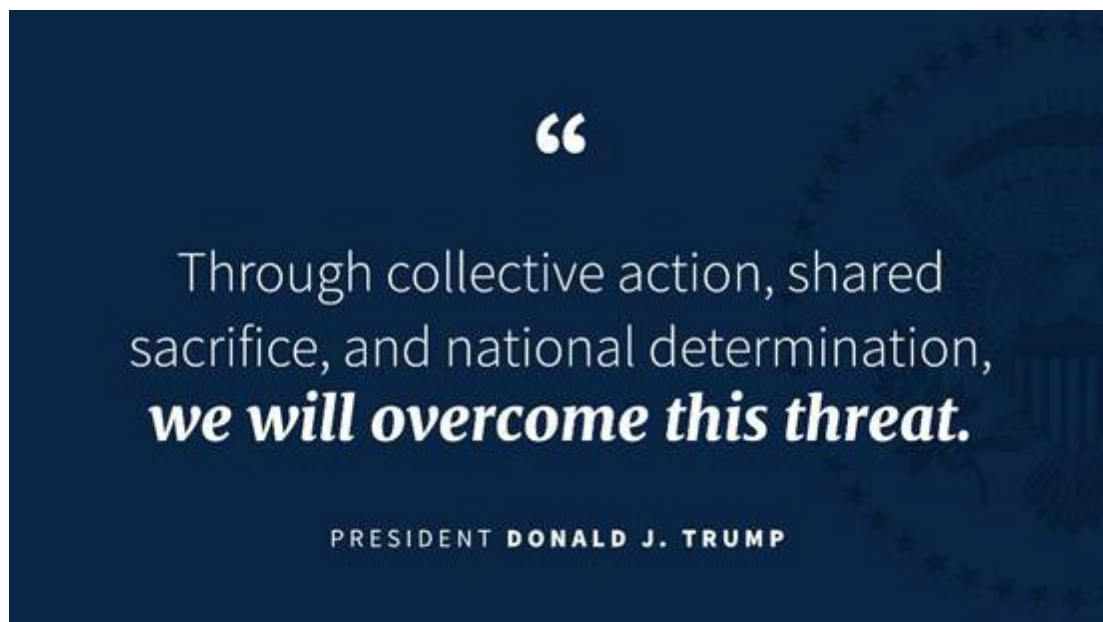
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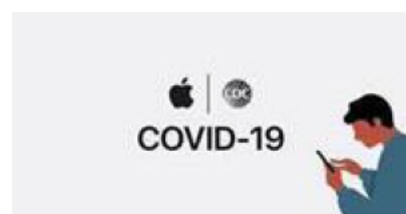
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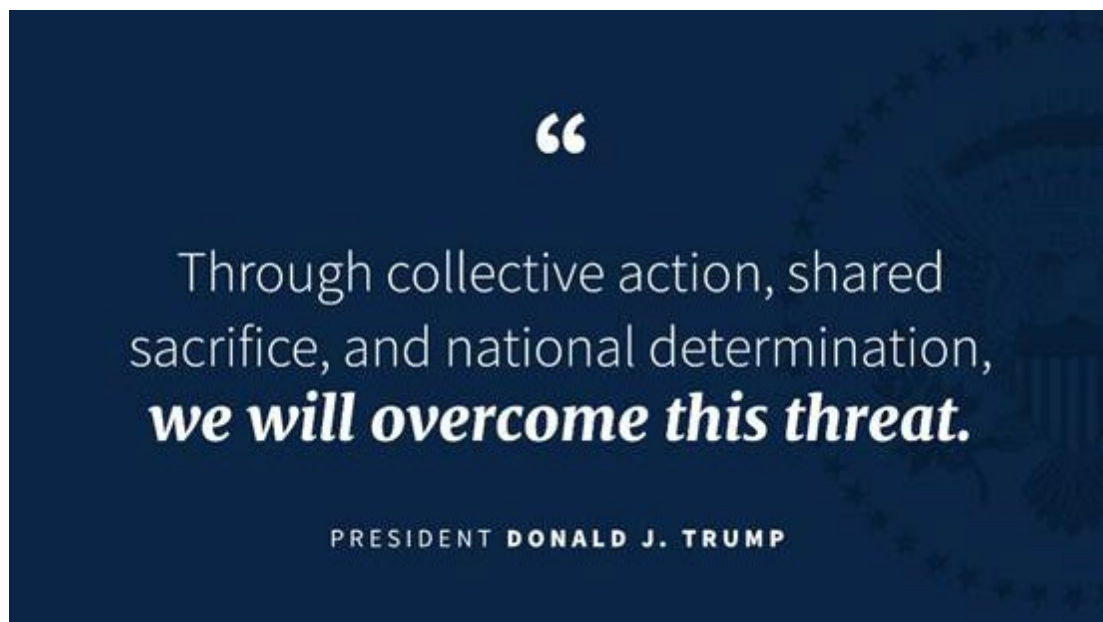
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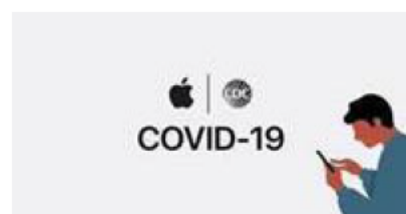
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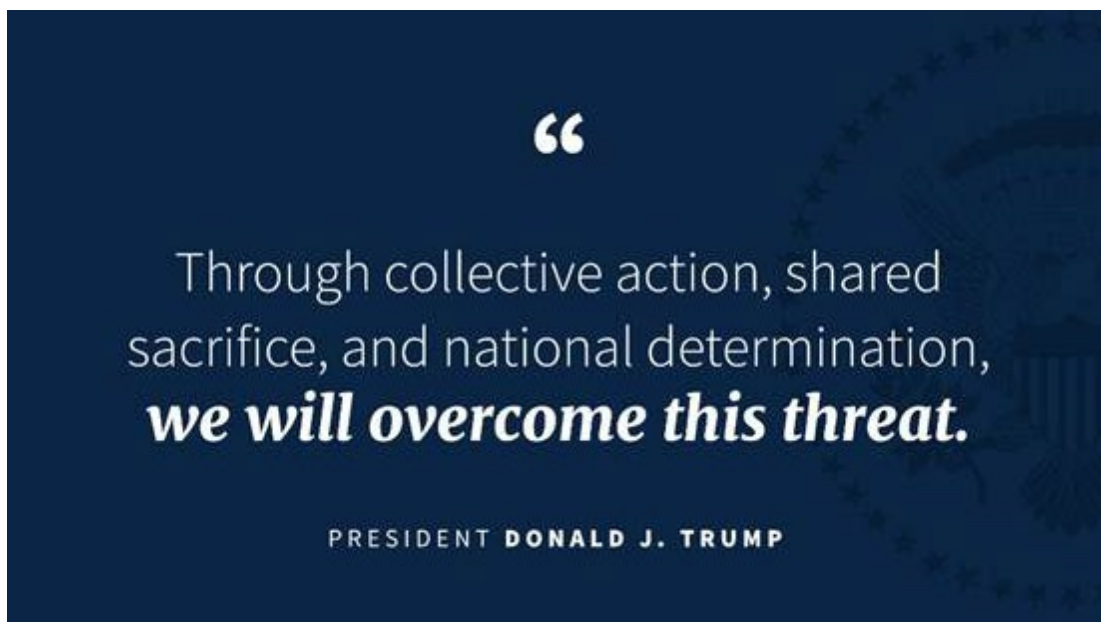
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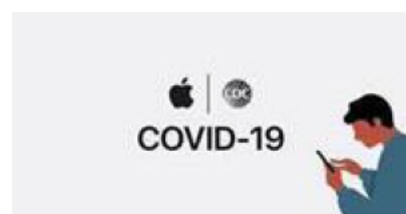
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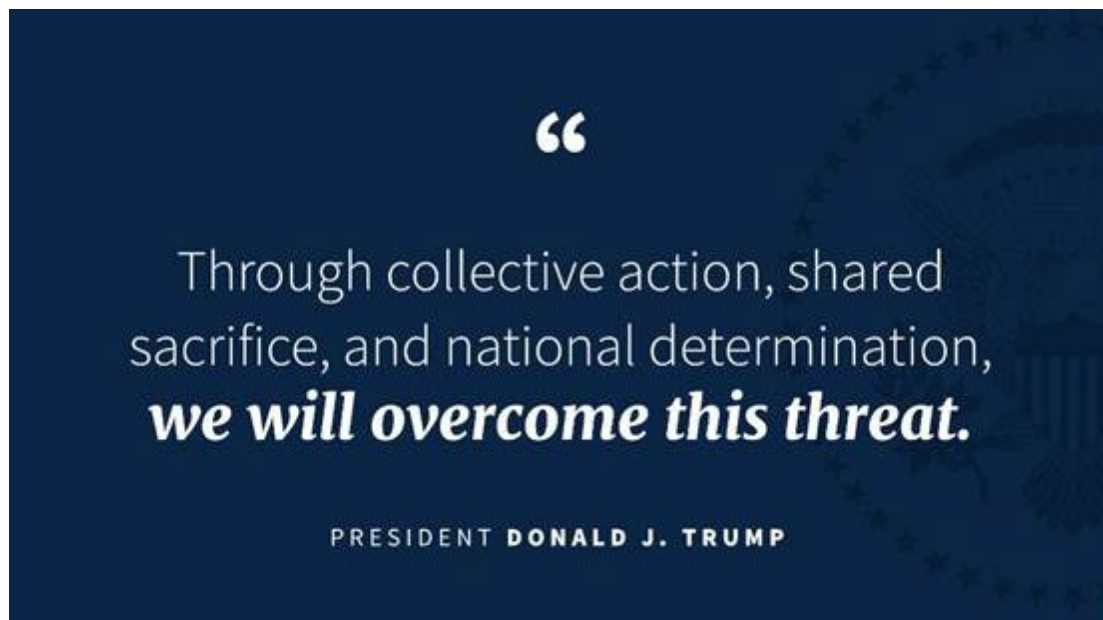
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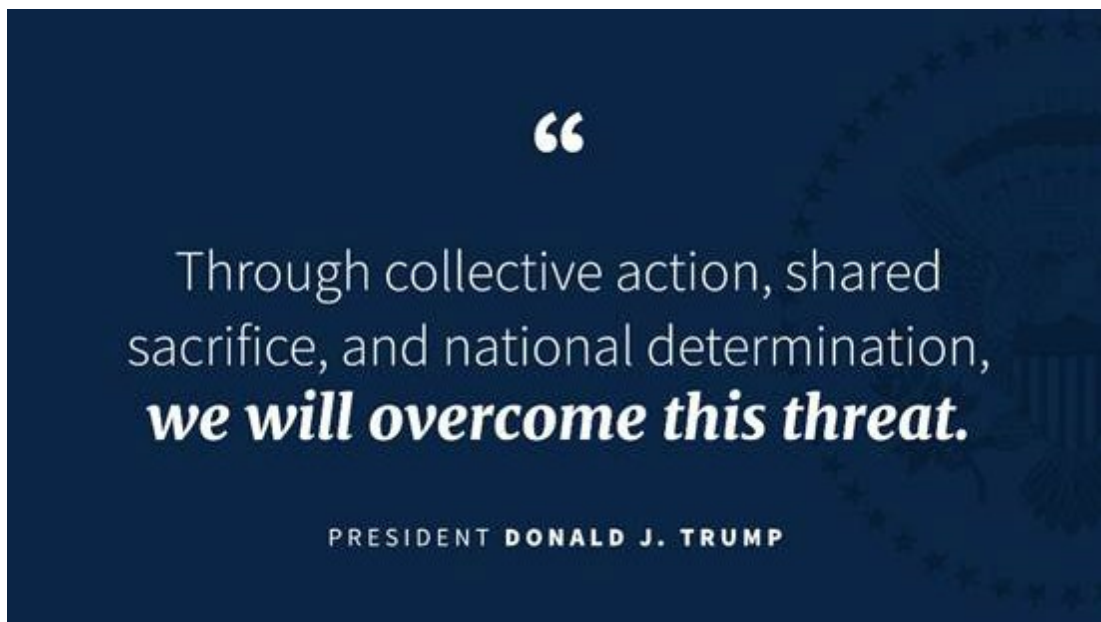
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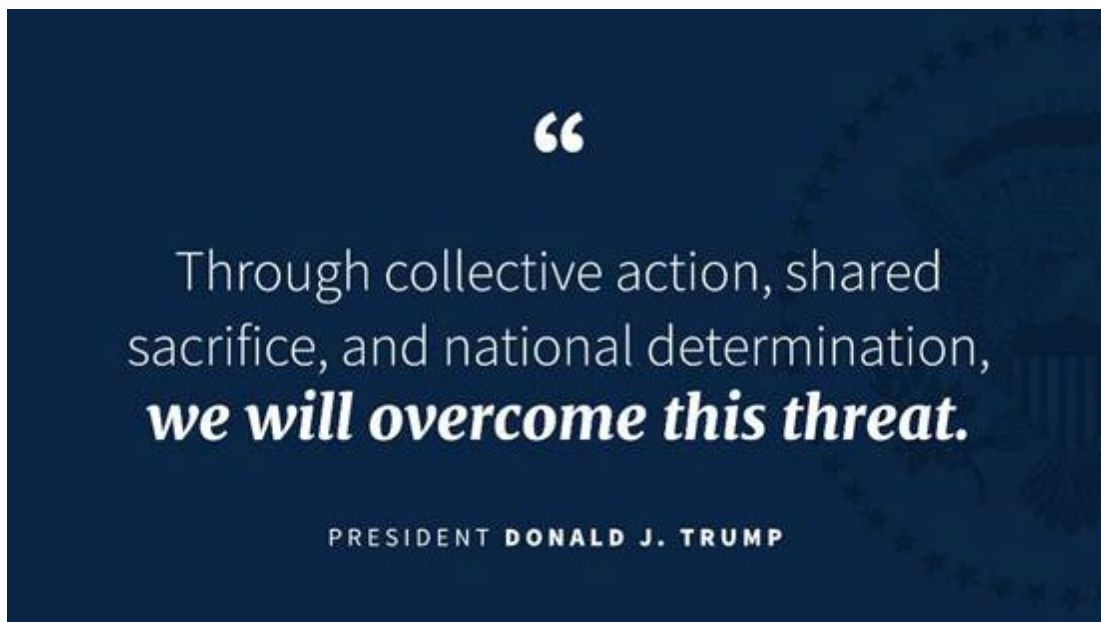
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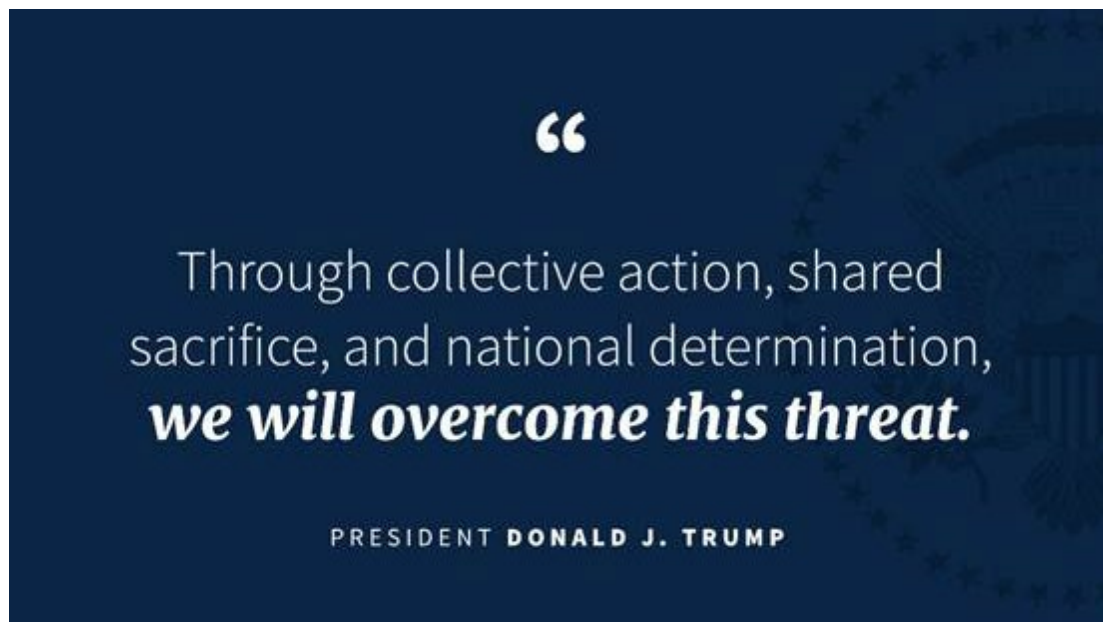
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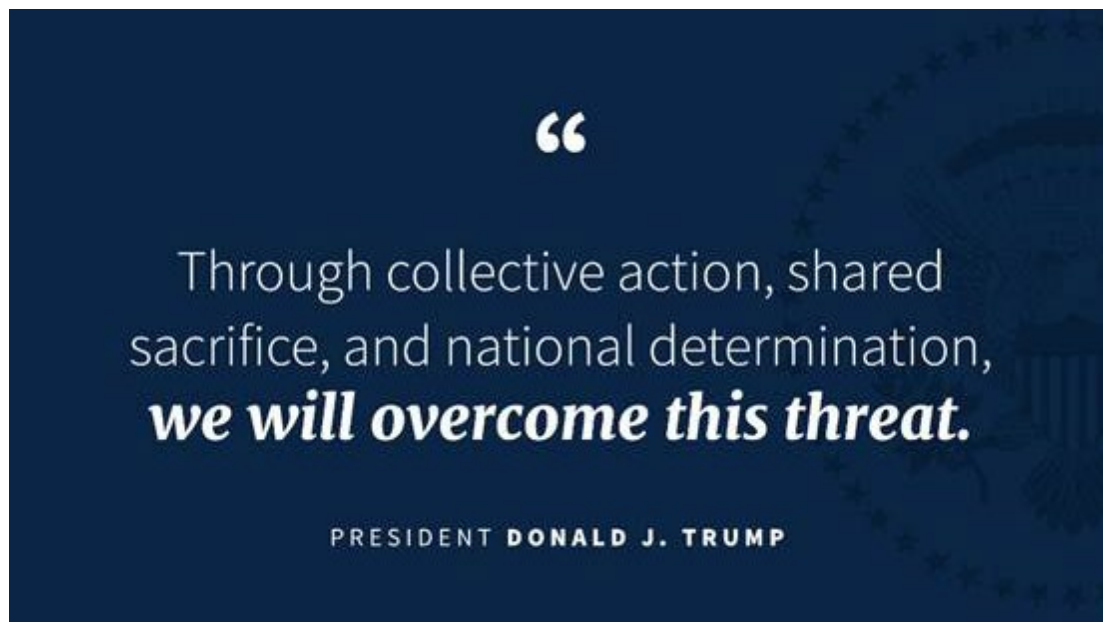
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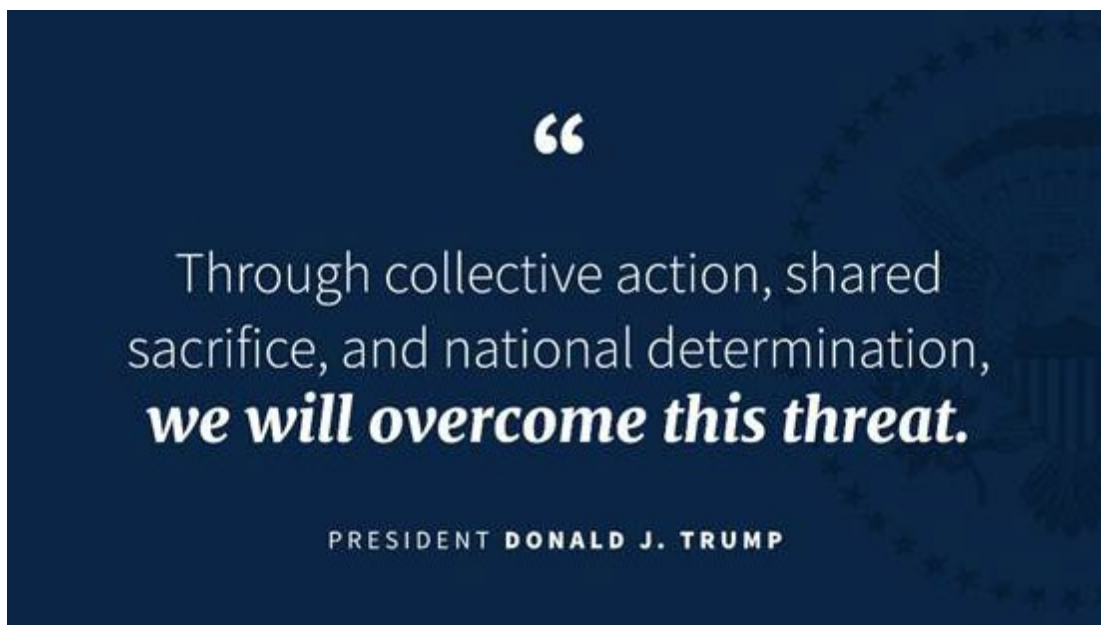
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## **President Donald J. Trump is Protecting the Native American Community as We Combat the Coronavirus**

***"We will leverage every resource we have to bring safety to our tribal communities, and we will not waver in this mission."***

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**COMBATING CORONAVIRUS IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:  
President Donald J. Trump is supporting Native American communities impacted by the coronavirus.**

- President Trump is working to make sure Native American communities have the support they need to combat the coronavirus.
- The President signed the CARES Act into law, providing \$8 billion to address coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The initial allocation of this funding, totaling nearly \$5 billion, will be one of the largest programmatic investments in Indian Country in our Nation's history.



- The Administration has also allocated over \$1 billion through the Indian Health Service (IHS), to support tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in their coronavirus response efforts.
- In early March, the Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordinating group tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues.
- The President has also acted to expand telehealth capacity and availability across IHS regions, allowing patients to get the care they need, while staying at home.

**DELIVERING VITAL SUPPLIES: The Trump Administration has rapidly delivered critical medical supplies to Native Americans communities in need.**

- Unprecedented supplies of critically needed medical equipment have been delivered by the Trump Administration to Native American communities.
- The Federal Government delivered 250 Abbott testing systems to IHS and they have been distributed to IHS and tribal healthcare facilities throughout Indian Country.
  - These systems allow for rapid testing at the time and place of patient care and expands testing capacity, especially important for harder to reach and vulnerable populations.
- The Administration sent 100 ventilators to Arizona to support Indian Country.
- The Trump Administration has worked closely to provide relief—including the delivery of 50 ventilators—to the Navajo Nation, which has seen significant impacts from the coronavirus.
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**SUPPORTING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES: President Trump remains committed to supporting the wellbeing of our American Indians and Alaska Natives.**

- President Trump signed the first-ever presidential proclamation officially recognizing the grave issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.
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- To examine systemic problems at IHS, the President launched his Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children served by the IHS.
- President Trump has also worked to enhance coordination between the Federal Government and tribal leaders on promoting economic growth and improving standards of living.
- President Trump re-activated the White House Council on Native American Affairs to promote economic development and rural prosperity in Indian Country.

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### TOPLINE MESSAGE

- The President continues to emphasize coronavirus mitigation efforts and encourages states to follow federal guidelines for reopening their state.
- President Trump has taken unprecedented action to accelerate testing for all Americans and to Open Up America.
- The Administration remains committed to providing strategic direction, technical assistance, and federal resources to state and local government in order to combat the coronavirus.

### GDP

- President Trump's policies took this economy to historic heights and they will do so again.
- The President wants to see the country reopen and ensure we emerge healthy, stronger, and with a prosperous economy.

### FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- President Trump signed an Executive Order allowing meat and poultry processors to continue operations uninterrupted to the maximum extent possible.
  - In April, the President announced that his Administration would provide \$16 billion to farmers, ranchers, and food producers who experience economic losses during this pandemic.
  - Through the Department of Agriculture, the Administration is purchasing \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat products of excess supply to be distributed in order to assist Americans in need as well as producers with lost markets.

### PPP

- The Administration is providing unprecedented support to small businesses through multiple loan and grant programs.
  - SECRETARY MNUCHIN TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: "Your stories are the stories of the 60 million American workers that are going to have the benefits of the **close to \$1 trillion that the President and Congress have invested in small business to protect you and put you back to**

**work.** That's over \$650 billion in the PPP, that's over \$300 billion in disaster loans, and that's over \$20 billion of grants."

- After only 24 hours of PPP relaunching with the second round of funding, nearly \$50 billion was distributed to small businesses.

### **EXPANDED CORONAVIRUS TESTING MEASURES**

- Today, President Trump unveiled the Opening Up America Again Testing Overview and Testing Blueprint designed to facilitate State development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs.
- The United States has conducted more than 5.4 million tests, far surpassing any other nation.

### **CORONAVIRUS PROGRESS - DECLINES IN CERTAIN STATES**

- PRESIDENT TRUMP: Cases in New York area, New Orleans, Detroit, Boston, and Houston are declining. Denver, Seattle, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Nashville, Indianapolis, and St. Louis are all stable and declining. All parts of the country are either in good shape, getting better -- in all cases getting better."

### **PUSH BACK: NYT: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MESSAGE ON REOPENING CONTINUES TO BE CONTRADICTORY** [\(NYT\)](#)

- This is a developing virus and the Administration has always adjusted guidance based on new data. Ultimately, reopening decisions are in State hands.
- A Federally coordinated, State managed, and locally executed coronavirus response is the most effective and efficient way to address needs throughout the U.S.

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#### **Termination of Washington State Tax Break Eliminates Any Basis for EU tariffs**

*Washington, DC* – The United States notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) today that it has fully complied in the dispute brought by the European Union (EU) regarding U.S. subsidies to Boeing. In April 2019, the WTO found that the Washington State Business & Occupation (B&O) tax rate reduction continued to breach WTO subsidy rules. At that time, the EU was unsuccessful on the remainder of its challenges to 29 state and federal programs alleged to harm Airbus.

Washington enacted Senate Bill 6690 on March 25, 2020, which eliminated a preferential tax rate for aerospace manufacturing. The removal of the subsidy fully implements the WTO's recommendation to the United States, bringing an end to this long-running dispute.

**“With Washington State’s repeal of this relatively minor tax reduction, the United States has fully implemented the WTO’s recommendation, ending this dispute,”** said U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. **“This step ensures that there is no valid basis for the EU to retaliate against any U.S. goods. For more than 15 years, the United States has called on European governments to end their illegal aircraft subsidies. We will continue to press the EU to negotiate a resolution that respects the WTO’s findings.”**

In an ongoing arbitration, the EU is seeking countermeasures of approximately \$10 billion per year. Most of that amount is attributable to the Washington B&O tax rate reduction that

Washington has now repealed. Moreover, a substantial portion is based on aeronautics R&D measures that were not found to violate WTO rules in the compliance proceeding, and therefore, cannot serve as a basis for countermeasures. Accordingly, there is no valid basis for the EU to retaliate against any U.S. goods in this dispute.

### **Background**

After many years of seeking unsuccessfully to convince the EU and four of its member States (France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom) to cease their subsidization of Airbus, in 2004 the United States brought a WTO challenge to EU subsidies. The EU responded by challenging what it claimed were even larger subsidies to Boeing by the United States.

Two separate WTO panels addressed the claims brought by the United States and the EU, respectively. The two processes resulted in two very different sets of WTO findings and subsequent respondent actions.

#### *The U.S. Claims Against the EU*

In 2011, the WTO found that the EU provided Airbus \$17 billion in subsidized financing from 1968 to 2006, and that European “launch aid” subsidies breached WTO rules because they were instrumental in permitting Airbus to launch every model of its large civil aircraft, causing Boeing to lose sales of more than 300 aircraft and to lose market share throughout the world.

In response, the EU removed two minor subsidies, but left most of them unchanged. The EU also granted Airbus more than \$5 billion in new subsidized “launch aid” financing for its A350 XWB family of aircraft. The United States filed a complaint in March 2012 alleging that the EU not only had failed to comply with the WTO’s findings but had further breached WTO rules through the new subsidized financing for the A350 XWB.

The WTO compliance panel and appellate reports found that EU subsidies to high-value, twin-aisle aircraft continued to cause serious prejudice to U.S. interests. The reports found that billions of dollars in launch aid to the A350 XWB cause significant lost sales of Boeing 787 aircraft. The reports also found that subsidies to the A380 continue to cause significant lost sales of Boeing aircraft, as well as impedance of exports of Boeing very large aircraft to the EU, Australia, China, Korea, Singapore, and UAE markets.

In 2018, the United States requested authority to impose countermeasures commensurate with the adverse effects that the EU subsidies continued to cause. The EU challenged the U.S. estimate, and a WTO arbitrator found that the annual adverse effects to the United States amounted to \$7.5 billion per year. The United States imposed countermeasures in October 2019, consistent with the WTO’s authorization.

#### *The EU Claims Against the United States*

The EU’s original 2004 complaint alleged that the United States provided unlawful subsidies to Boeing. In that dispute, the WTO found that the United States provided Boeing with \$3.2-4.3 billion in subsidized research and development funding, certain federal tax benefits, and the Washington State preferential B&O tax, with far more limited market effects than the EU’s subsidies to Airbus, which enabled launch of entirely new aircraft programs.

In response to the WTO’s findings, the United States modified the research and development funding and revoked much of the tax benefits, which in its view removed any adverse effects to

the EU from Washington B&O tax rate reduction. The EU then filed a compliance challenge in October 2012 alleging that the United States failed to comply with the findings against it. The WTO compliance panel issued a report in June 2017, which rejected 28 of the EU's 29 claims. The appellate report likewise found only that the Washington B&O tax rate reduction continued to cause adverse effects to Airbus. The EU subsequently asked a WTO arbitrator in 2019 to determine the level of countermeasures it could take in response to U.S. non-compliance. The decision in the arbitration is expected later this year.

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**From:** [Jones, Rashad \(Shenyang\)](#)  
**To:** [Lemoine, Leigh](#)  
**Cc:** [Young, Grace](#)  
**Subject:** [External] U.S. State Department: Invitation to Participate in Taiwan's Presidential Inauguration  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:47:33 PM

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Hi Leigh,

I just wanted to flag the letter below sent by Assistant Secretary David Stilwell last week inviting Governor McMaster to record a video message for Taiwan's presidential inauguration.

We have the details on how to record and upload the video recording (roughly 20-30 seconds in length), which I would be happy to share if you think Governor McMaster would be interested.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks you,

Rashad Jones  
Office of Taiwan Coordination  
U.S. State Department

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**From:** Sandor, Yvonne <SandorY@state.gov> on behalf of Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 5:19 AM  
**To:** LLEMOINE@governor.sc.gov <LLEMOINE@governor.sc.gov>  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; Moppert, Brooke S <MoppertBS@state.gov>; EAP-FO-Staffer-DL <EAP-FO-Staffer-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Invitation to Participate in Taiwan's Presidential Inauguration

Dear Governor McMaster,

I hope this email finds you well and that you and your family are in good health during these unprecedented times. I would like to ask for your assistance in demonstrating U.S. support for President Tsai Ing-wen on the occasion of her upcoming second inauguration.

Over the past 40 years, the United States has maintained robust cultural, commercial, and other unofficial relations with the people on Taiwan. Recognizing that Taiwan is a reliable partner, democratic success story, and a force for good in the world, we have partnered together to tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, including

the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On January 11, 2020, Taiwan held its most recent free and fair election which resulted in a second term for President Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's first female leader. We value President Tsai's leadership in developing a strong partnership with the United States and applaud her commitment to maintaining cross-Strait stability in the face of unrelenting pressure. Consequently, during her upcoming inauguration on May 20, we would like to congratulate President Tsai on her victory and reaffirm the importance of the friendship between the people of Taiwan and the United States based on our shared political, economic, and international values.

Given that the coronavirus has made travel more difficult during this period, we invite you to record a congratulatory video message that we can send to Taiwan for President Tsai's inauguration day on May 20. If you are open to this proposal, my colleagues would be happy to work with you and your team on the details of the recording. To get started, please send an email to [EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov](mailto:EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov), and we will work with you to provide more information about logistics.

With best regards,

David R. Stilwell  
Assistant Secretary  
East Asian & Pacific Bureau  
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**To:** [Hart, Hailey E. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Cc:** [Pataki, Tim A. EOP/WHO](#); [Russo, Joseph H. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Update on Administration COVID-19 Efforts 05/06/2020  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:44:31 PM

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Good evening,

Today, President Trump [recognized a group of extraordinary nurses](#) and [signed a proclamation](#) in honor of National Nurses Day. President Trump will continue to utilize the full power of the federal government to defeat the virus and support our healthcare professionals, and he has already [delivered](#):

- **\$175 billion** in funding for hospitals and other healthcare providers
- Over **75 million** N95 respirators
- **120 million** surgical masks
- **8 million** face shields
- More than **19 million** gowns
- Nearly **1 billion** gloves

Additionally, President Trump announced today that the White House Coronavirus Task Force will continue indefinitely and expand its focus to include safely [opening up America again](#).

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Small Business Administration released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

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- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Questions 44-45)
- [Summary of Round 2 Data](#) (Updated at 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 6, 2020)
  - *Please note: PPP Round 2 loan data will be posted at the above link EOD going forward.*

Good News of the Day: Flags of Valor, a patriotic small business in Virginia that sells veteran-made American flags, will stay open for businesses thanks to a PPP loan. To learn more, watch [here](#).

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#### **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](http://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all others issues related to the private sector, please e-mail [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov) or visit our [National Business Emergency Operations Center](#) page.

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

For additional information, please visit FEMA’s website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Proclamation on National Nurses Day, 2020 ([PROCLAMATION](#), [VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Meets with the Governor of Iowa ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Visits Honeywell ([VIDEO](#))



- First Lady Melania Trump's Message for National Nurses Day ([VIDEO](#))
- Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany Holds a Briefing ([VIDEO](#))
- A Message from Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger ([VIDEO](#))
- Un Mensaje Sobre La Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Trabajando Juntos, Venceremos La Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Daily 1600: First Lady Melania Trump has a Message for America's Nurses! ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: Five Republican Governors: Our States Stayed Open in the Covid-19 Pandemic. Here's Why Our Approach Worked. ([HERE](#))

#### **Secretary Azar Statement on National Nurses Day ([HERE](#))**

- Wednesday, May 6, marks National Nurses Day, for which President Trump issued the first-ever Presidential Proclamation emphasizing the importance of the occasion. HHS Secretary Alex Azar issued a statement to commemorate the day.

#### **Report to the Secretary of the Treasury from the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ([HERE](#))**

- The ongoing coronavirus outbreak has weighed heavily on the US economy, with activity expected to fall sharply further in the second quarter of the year. Going forward, the coronavirus and weak global growth will be significant headwinds, while a large fiscal boost in response to the virus will provide some offset for the remainder of the year.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association May 5, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- Given the abrupt changes in the fiscal outlook posed by the COVID-19 outbreak, nearly all sources of revenue are expected to be lower over the next two quarters due to the reduction in size and shift in timing of receipts, while outlays are expected to be significantly higher as well.

#### **Quarterly Refunding Statement of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance Brian Smith ([HERE](#))**

- Treasury's borrowing needs have increased substantially as a result of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Since the end of March, Treasury has raised an unprecedented \$1.464 trillion on net and the Treasury cash balance has reached historically high levels. Over the next quarter, Treasury's cash balance will likely remain elevated as Treasury seeks to maintain prudent liquidity in light of the size and relative uncertainty of COVID-19-related outflows.

#### **Statement of USTR Robert Lighthizer on the Launch of U.S.-UK Trade Negotiations ([HERE](#))**

- Transcript of United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer's opening remarks at the formal launch of trade negotiations between the United States and the United Kingdom.

#### **CARES Act Forbearance Fact Sheet for Mortgagees and Servicers of FHA, VA, or USDA Loans ([HERE](#))**

- The CARES Act provides a mortgage payment forbearance option for all borrowers who, either directly or indirectly, suffer a financial hardship due to the novel coronavirus

(COVID-19) national emergency.

**EXIM Launches “Strengthening American Competitiveness” Initiative ([HERE](#))**

- The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) today announced the launch of its “Strengthening American Competitiveness” initiative. It will begin with a kick-off series of teleconferences with American businesses and stakeholders, and will focus on how EXIM can support “Made in the U.S.A.” exports—and the U.S. jobs that make them possible—as U.S. companies seek to compete and win in the global marketplace.

**Secretary Perdue Issues Letters on Meat Packing Expectations ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue last night sent the following two letters to Governors across the nation and leadership of major meat processing companies.

**USDA Applauds Missouri Court Ruling on Meat Processing Plants ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary Perdue today applauded the decision made by the District Court of Western Missouri which ruled that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has the primary jurisdiction over worker’s safety in meat processing plants across the country during the COVID-19 national emergency.

**U.S. Department of Labor Offers New Video and Poster on Proper Workplace Use of Respirators ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor announced that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has released a new video and poster for employers and workers on how to properly wear and remove a respirator. The [video](#) and poster – in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) – demonstrate and describe seven steps every worker should follow when putting on and taking off a respirator.

**CARES Act Air Service Exemptions for Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airlines ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation is acting on two requests for exemption from the CARES Act airline service obligations announced in Order 2020-4-2. This is the second round of requests filed by Spirit Airlines and JetBlue. Spirit Airlines and JetBlue will not be obligated to provide service at certain large hubs or focus city airports that have abundant service by large air carriers using the airports to provide connecting services.

**CMS News Alert May 6, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- Here is a summary of recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) actions taken in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), as part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts.

**FDA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup May 5, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration continue to provide updates on the actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Federal Support to Expand National Testing Capabilities ([HERE](#))**

- Testing is critical to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and mitigate its threat to public health. President Trump has led a historic effort to revolutionize testing in the United States to confront this challenge.

### **OCR Issues Guidance on Covered Health Care Providers and Restrictions on Media Access to Protected Health Information about Individuals in Their Facilities ([HERE](#))**

- The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued additional guidance reminding covered health care providers that the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not permit them to give media and film crews access to facilities where patients' protected health information (PHI) will be accessible without the patients' prior authorization.

### **Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations ([HERE](#))**

- CDC is allowing crew members to disembark from cruise ships in U.S. waters and return home if cruise lines submit a signed attestation stating that they have complied with requirements to safely disembark their crew members.

### **Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance Builds Upon U.S. Leadership in the Global COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- As we work together to defeat the coronavirus at home, the United States stands with our global partners in their time of need, as we always have. A healthier world means a healthier United States.

### **VA Gets Boost from CARES Act to Provide Emergency Assistance to Veterans who are Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness during COVID-19 Crisis ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it has expanded support services enabled by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), to make available immediate relief for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **Defense Department Uses Thermal Imaging to Detect COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The Defense Department has used thermal imaging in myriad ways over the decades. Now, it's being enlisted to detect COVID-19.

### **DOD Awards \$126 Million Contract to 3M, Increasing Production of N95 Masks ([HERE](#))**

- "The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, has signed a \$126 million contract award with 3M for the increased production of 26 million N95 medical-grade masks per month, starting in October 2020."

### **DOD Remains Flexible, Agile in Face of Coronavirus ([HERE](#))**

- As the coronavirus situation evolves, the Defense Department must remain agile, flexible and responsive, Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper said.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheets and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- [COVID-19 By The Numbers](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic Whole-of-America Response](#)

Thank you,  
Hailey

*Hailey Hart*

White House Office of Public Liaison

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### **COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**



***Download the COVID-19 App***

For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: [HERE](#)

#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

#### **What you should know:**

- [Workplace, School, and Home Guidance](#)
- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)

- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
- [Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)

### **Situation Updates:**

- [Situation Summary](#)
- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

### **Information for Businesses:**

- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
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- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Travel and Transportation:**

- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Guidance for Ships](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:**

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings](#)
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- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care](#)

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- [FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Law Enforcement:**

- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)

**Information for Families and Households:**

- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- DOEd: [Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
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Good evening,

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- Today, President Trump traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to visit Honeywell's repurposed aerospace facility, which is now producing face masks.
  - Honeywell is expected to produce over 20 million N95 masks in total and is hiring 500 new employees in Phoenix for the operations.
- Through the Defense Production Act and public-private partnerships, President Trump has effectively spurred private sector action, secured critical medical supplies, and swiftly increased our testing capacity.
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- The Defense Department is using an array of tools to ensure the defense industrial base stays afloat so it can provide critical materiel now and remain robust after COVID-19 has passed.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheets and the CDC's website:

[www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- [COVID-19 By The Numbers](#)
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- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) – *Updated 5/3*
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
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- [Interim Final Rule on Disbursements](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Corporate Groups and Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

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- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
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- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID- 19 with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit

your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).

- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all others issues related to the private sector, please e-mail [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov) or visit our [National Business Emergency Operations Center](#) page.

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

For additional information, please visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Remarks by President Trump in a Fox News Virtual Town Hall ([HERE](#))
- Vice President Pence Tours GM and Ventec's Ventilator Facility ([VIDEO](#))
- Remarks by Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger to the Miller Center at the University of Virginia ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600: Top 10 moments from President Trump's Town Hall ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: President Trump 'Kept His Campaign Promise' to Stand Up to China ([HERE](#))

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**Secretary Perdue Statement on Economic Injury Disaster Loans Being Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today applauded the announcement that agricultural producers, for the first time, are now eligible for the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs.
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**Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Success of the Paycheck Protection Program ([HERE](#))**

- Since Round 2 of PPP loan processing began on April 27, 2.2 million loans have been made to small businesses which surpasses the number of all loans made in PPP Round 1. The total value of these 2.2 million loans is over \$175 billion. Notably, the average loan size in Round 2 is \$79,000, yet another indicator that the program is broadly based and assisting the smallest of small businesses.
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**VA, SSI Recipients with Eligible Children Need to Act by Tuesday, May 5 to Quickly Add Money to Their Automatic Economic Impact Payment; 'Plus \$500 Push' Continues ([HERE](#))**

- The Internal Revenue Service today reminded Supplemental Security Income and Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries to act by Tuesday, May 5 if they didn't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have dependents so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment.
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**Assistant Secretary Michael Faulkender Economy Statement for the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ([HERE](#))**

- At the beginning of 2020, the U.S. economy was in the midst of the longest recovery in American history. Yet towards the latter part of the first quarter, the U.S. economy experienced an exogenous shock from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the extraordinary measures taken to respond to it.
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**Pandemic Underscores Need for HUD's Foster Youth Housing Program, Department Allocates New Funding to Six States ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson today announced \$100,000 in the latest installation of grants for HUD's new Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative. Six housing authorities will receive this funding, continuing HUD's efforts to assist young adults transitioning out of foster care and who are at risk of homelessness. [FYI announcements have now totaled over \\$1.1 million this year.](#)
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**U.S. Department of Labor Issues Additional Guidance about Short-Time Compensation Program Provisions ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor today [issued](#) additional guidance regarding Title II, Subtitle

A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This guidance concerns 100 percent federal reimbursement of certain state Short-Term Compensation (STC) payments, as well as other changes to STC programs.

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**U.S. Department of Labor Publishes 11 New Translations of OSHA Poster to Help Prevent Workplace Coronavirus Exposure ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has translated and published its “[Ten Steps All Workplaces Can Take to Reduce Risk of Exposure to Coronavirus](#)” poster in 11 additional languages.

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**ICYMI: U.S. Department of Labor Acts to Help American Workers and Employers during the Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- Last week, the U.S. Department of Labor took a range of actions to aid American workers and employers as our nation combats the coronavirus pandemic.

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**Study to Determine Incidence of Novel Coronavirus Infection in U.S. Children Begins ([HERE](#))**

- A study to help determine the rate of novel coronavirus infection in children and their family members in the United States has begun enrolling participants. The study, called Human Epidemiology and Response to SARS-CoV-2 (HEROS), also will help determine what percentage of children infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop symptoms of the disease.

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**Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- For months, the Department of Homeland Security has undertaken an aggressive and herculean response to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on American citizens and workers. From private industry to local government, every organ of society has been and will continue to be leveraged to protect the American public from irreparable harm. As we begin moving toward reopening the country, the Department and its components remain steadfast in their commitment to protect the safety of the American people.

**Coronavirus Pandemic Response: PPE Packages for Nursing Homes ([HERE](#))**

- Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation.

**FEMA Announces Supplemental Funding Through CARES Act ([HERE](#))**

- Today, FEMA announced \$200 million in supplemental funding allocations to local jurisdictions across the country to supplement local service organizations that provide critical resources to people with economic emergencies, which include our hungry and homeless populations.

**FEMA Administrator Authority to Approve Crisis Counseling during Coronavirus ([HERE](#))**

- On April 28, 2020, President Trump delegated authority to approve the Crisis Counseling



Assistance and Training program for Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic related disasters to the FEMA Administrator for disasters declared prior to that date.

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**FEMA Administrator Approves 30 States for Crisis Counseling ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA announced approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program. The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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**FEMA Approves Crisis Counseling Assistance for COVID-19 Response to Four States ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA has approved four states within FEMA Region 8 for development of crisis counseling programs for residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The assistance is being made available to Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah and is available under major disaster declarations previously approved for these states by President Trump.

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**Insight into FDA's Revised Policy on Antibody Tests: Prioritizing Access and Accuracy ([HERE](#))**

- FDA issued an update to a policy from March 16, 2020 on antibody tests for COVID-19. The FDA will continue to take steps to appropriately balance assurances that an antibody test is accurate and reliable with timely access to such tests as the continually evolving circumstances and public health needs warrant.
  - FDA Daily Roundup - May 1, 2020 ([HERE](#))

**COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training Guidance and Resources ([HERE](#))**

- This web page contains a sample training plan including training topics that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. Each heading represents the learning objective for that section. Suggested training modalities/formats are provided, as well as information about sample existing trainings and resources. This document may be updated as new resources become available.

**CDC Launches National Viral Genomics Consortium to Better Map SARS-CoV-2 Transmission ([HERE](#))**

- CDC has kicked off the [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology and Surveillance \(SPHERES\)](#) consortium, which will greatly expand the use of [whole genome sequencing \(WGS\)](#) of the COVID-19 virus.

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**SAMHSA Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Americans are required to stay home to protect themselves and their communities. However, the home may not be safe for many families who experience domestic violence, which may include both intimate partners and children. COVID-19 has caused major economic devastation, disconnected many from community resources and support systems, and created widespread uncertainty and panic.

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**USDA Approves Nevada to Accept SNAP Benefits Online ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced approval of a request from Nevada to provide online purchasing of food to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP) households.

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**The U.S. is leading the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Developing a Vaccine (HERE)**

- As outlined in its recent Action Plan, the United States is bringing together the brightest minds in U.S. government agencies, the private sector, universities, and overseas partners to develop vaccines and therapeutic interventions to protect the world from COVID-19.

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**TSA at Reagan Airport Establishes Food Pantry to Assist Airport Employees Impacted By Coronavirus (HERE)**

- Transportation Security Administration employees at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) have established a free food and toiletries pantry to assist employees in the airport community who have been laid off or seen their work hours and paychecks reduced due to the significant decrease in travelers as a result of the pandemic.

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**EXIM Increases U.S. Exporter Access to Capital and Supply Chain Financing During COVID-19 by Raising Lender Guarantee Coverage Option to 95 Percent (HERE)**

- As part of its continuing efforts to support relief measures for U.S. exporters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) raised its [Supply Chain Finance](#) Program (SCF) and [Working Capital](#) Guarantee Program (WCGP) guarantee coverage option to 95 percent, up from the standard 90 percent guarantee. This increase is effective through April 30, 2021.

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**Michigan Guardsmen Support COVID-19 Detection Effort (HERE)**

- With some 750 Michigan National Guard soldiers and airmen distributing food, managing supplies and supporting alternate care facilities in the fight against COVID-19, two specially trained guardsmen answered the call from the state's Bureau of Laboratories.

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**Seabees Build Medical Facility to Support COVID-19 Efforts in Guam (HERE)**

- Sailors assigned to Task Force 75.5 achieved the engineering initial operating capability of a 150-bed expeditionary medical facility as part of the Defense Department's fight against COVID-19 on Naval Base Guam, April 25.

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**Mobility Airmen Transport COVID-19 Equipment to Ghana (HERE)**

- Air Force airmen and contractors from the 727th Air Mobility Squadron, loaded pallets of wet ice, testing kits and other personal protective equipment onto a 9th Airlift Squadron C-5 Super Galaxy to be delivered from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, to Accra, Ghana, to be distributed to COVID-19 hot spots in the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility.

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- Vice President Pence Tours GM and Ventec's Ventilator Facility ([VIDEO](#))
- Remarks by Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger to the Miller Center at the University of Virginia ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600: Top 10 moments from President Trump's Town Hall ([HERE](#))
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### **SBA to Make Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's [EIDL portal will reopen today](#) as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the *Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act*. The legislation, signed into law by the President one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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**Secretary Perdue Statement on Economic Injury Disaster Loans Being Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today applauded the announcement that agricultural producers, for the first time, are now eligible for the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs.
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**Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Success of the Paycheck Protection Program ([HERE](#))**

- Since Round 2 of PPP loan processing began on April 27, 2.2 million loans have been made to small businesses which surpasses the number of all loans made in PPP Round 1. The total value of these 2.2 million loans is over \$175 billion. Notably, the average loan size in Round 2 is \$79,000, yet another indicator that the program is broadly based and assisting the smallest of small businesses.
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**VA, SSI Recipients with Eligible Children Need to Act by Tuesday, May 5 to Quickly Add Money to Their Automatic Economic Impact Payment; 'Plus \$500 Push' Continues ([HERE](#))**

- The Internal Revenue Service today reminded Supplemental Security Income and Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries to act by Tuesday, May 5 if they didn't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have dependents so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment.
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**Assistant Secretary Michael Faulkender Economy Statement for the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ([HERE](#))**

- At the beginning of 2020, the U.S. economy was in the midst of the longest recovery in American history. Yet towards the latter part of the first quarter, the U.S. economy experienced an exogenous shock from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the extraordinary measures taken to respond to it.
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**Pandemic Underscores Need for HUD's Foster Youth Housing Program, Department Allocates New Funding to Six States ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson today announced \$100,000 in the latest installation of grants for HUD's new Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative. Six housing authorities will receive this funding, continuing HUD's efforts to assist young adults transitioning out of foster care and who are at risk of homelessness. [FYI announcements have now totaled over \\$1.1 million this year.](#)
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**U.S. Department of Labor Issues Additional Guidance about Short-Time Compensation Program Provisions ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor today [issued](#) additional guidance regarding Title II, Subtitle

A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This guidance concerns 100 percent federal reimbursement of certain state Short-Term Compensation (STC) payments, as well as other changes to STC programs.

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**U.S. Department of Labor Publishes 11 New Translations of OSHA Poster to Help Prevent Workplace Coronavirus Exposure ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has translated and published its “[Ten Steps All Workplaces Can Take to Reduce Risk of Exposure to Coronavirus](#)” poster in 11 additional languages.

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**ICYMI: U.S. Department of Labor Acts to Help American Workers and Employers during the Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- Last week, the U.S. Department of Labor took a range of actions to aid American workers and employers as our nation combats the coronavirus pandemic.

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**Study to Determine Incidence of Novel Coronavirus Infection in U.S. Children Begins ([HERE](#))**

- A study to help determine the rate of novel coronavirus infection in children and their family members in the United States has begun enrolling participants. The study, called Human Epidemiology and Response to SARS-CoV-2 (HEROS), also will help determine what percentage of children infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop symptoms of the disease.

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**Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- For months, the Department of Homeland Security has undertaken an aggressive and herculean response to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on American citizens and workers. From private industry to local government, every organ of society has been and will continue to be leveraged to protect the American public from irreparable harm. As we begin moving toward reopening the country, the Department and its components remain steadfast in their commitment to protect the safety of the American people.

**Coronavirus Pandemic Response: PPE Packages for Nursing Homes ([HERE](#))**

- Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation.

**FEMA Announces Supplemental Funding Through CARES Act ([HERE](#))**

- Today, FEMA announced \$200 million in supplemental funding allocations to local jurisdictions across the country to supplement local service organizations that provide critical resources to people with economic emergencies, which include our hungry and homeless populations.

**FEMA Administrator Authority to Approve Crisis Counseling during Coronavirus ([HERE](#))**

- On April 28, 2020, President Trump delegated authority to approve the Crisis Counseling

Assistance and Training program for Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic related disasters to the FEMA Administrator for disasters declared prior to that date.

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**FEMA Administrator Approves 30 States for Crisis Counseling ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA announced approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program. The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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**FEMA Approves Crisis Counseling Assistance for COVID-19 Response to Four States ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA has approved four states within FEMA Region 8 for development of crisis counseling programs for residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The assistance is being made available to Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah and is available under major disaster declarations previously approved for these states by President Trump.

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**Insight into FDA's Revised Policy on Antibody Tests: Prioritizing Access and Accuracy ([HERE](#))**

- FDA issued an update to a policy from March 16, 2020 on antibody tests for COVID-19. The FDA will continue to take steps to appropriately balance assurances that an antibody test is accurate and reliable with timely access to such tests as the continually evolving circumstances and public health needs warrant.
  - FDA Daily Roundup - May 1, 2020 ([HERE](#))

**COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training Guidance and Resources ([HERE](#))**

- This web page contains a sample training plan including training topics that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. Each heading represents the learning objective for that section. Suggested training modalities/formats are provided, as well as information about sample existing trainings and resources. This document may be updated as new resources become available.

**CDC Launches National Viral Genomics Consortium to Better Map SARS-CoV-2 Transmission ([HERE](#))**

- CDC has kicked off the [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology and Surveillance \(SPHERES\)](#) consortium, which will greatly expand the use of [whole genome sequencing \(WGS\)](#) of the COVID-19 virus.

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**SAMHSA Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Americans are required to stay home to protect themselves and their communities. However, the home may not be safe for many families who experience domestic violence, which may include both intimate partners and children. COVID-19 has caused major economic devastation, disconnected many from community resources and support systems, and created widespread uncertainty and panic.

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**USDA Approves Nevada to Accept SNAP Benefits Online ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced approval of a request from Nevada to provide online purchasing of food to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP) households.

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**The U.S. is leading the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Developing a Vaccine (HERE)**

- As outlined in its recent Action Plan, the United States is bringing together the brightest minds in U.S. government agencies, the private sector, universities, and overseas partners to develop vaccines and therapeutic interventions to protect the world from COVID-19.

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**TSA at Reagan Airport Establishes Food Pantry to Assist Airport Employees Impacted By Coronavirus (HERE)**

- Transportation Security Administration employees at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) have established a free food and toiletries pantry to assist employees in the airport community who have been laid off or seen their work hours and paychecks reduced due to the significant decrease in travelers as a result of the pandemic.

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**EXIM Increases U.S. Exporter Access to Capital and Supply Chain Financing During COVID-19 by Raising Lender Guarantee Coverage Option to 95 Percent (HERE)**

- As part of its continuing efforts to support relief measures for U.S. exporters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) raised its [Supply Chain Finance](#) Program (SCF) and [Working Capital](#) Guarantee Program (WCGP) guarantee coverage option to 95 percent, up from the standard 90 percent guarantee. This increase is effective through April 30, 2021.

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**Michigan Guardsmen Support COVID-19 Detection Effort (HERE)**

- With some 750 Michigan National Guard soldiers and airmen distributing food, managing supplies and supporting alternate care facilities in the fight against COVID-19, two specially trained guardsmen answered the call from the state's Bureau of Laboratories.

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**Seabees Build Medical Facility to Support COVID-19 Efforts in Guam (HERE)**

- Sailors assigned to Task Force 75.5 achieved the engineering initial operating capability of a 150-bed expeditionary medical facility as part of the Defense Department's fight against COVID-19 on Naval Base Guam, April 25.

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**Mobility Airmen Transport COVID-19 Equipment to Ghana (HERE)**

- Air Force airmen and contractors from the 727th Air Mobility Squadron, loaded pallets of wet ice, testing kits and other personal protective equipment onto a 9th Airlift Squadron C-5 Super Galaxy to be delivered from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, to Accra, Ghana, to be distributed to COVID-19 hot spots in the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

Thank you,  
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*Hailey Hart*

White House Office of Public Liaison

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**COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**  
**[The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)**



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For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: [HERE](#)

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:**

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**What you should know:**

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- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
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- [Symptoms](#)
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- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)

- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
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- [Communication Resources](#)

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- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
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- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

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- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
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- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
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- [Information for Travel](#)
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- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:**

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
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- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)

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- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
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**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- DOEd: [Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
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**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)



- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
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Good evening,

Today, President Trump [recognized American patriots](#) who encapsulate the spirit of America and have gone the extra mile to help their families, neighbors, and communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

The President continues to utilize all available resources to combat the coronavirus and protect the safety and wellbeing of the American people.

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- Through the Paycheck Protection Program **1.6 million loans** have been issued to small businesses.
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The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

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- Presidential Message to the Class of 2020 ([HERE](#))
- President Trump Delivers Remarks Upon Departure ([VIDEO](#))
- Press Briefing by Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))

### **Economic Impact Payments Continue to be Sent, Check IRS.gov for Answers to Common Questions ([HERE](#))**

- As Economic Impact Payments continue to be successfully delivered, the Internal Revenue Service today reminds taxpayers that IRS.gov includes answers to many common questions, including help to use two recently launched Economic Impact Payment tools.

### **HUD Allocates Second Wave of Relief Funds, Over Half a Billion Dollars to Help Protect Low-**

### **Income Americans ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson today announced his Department will allocate \$685 million in COVID-19 relief funding to help low-income Americans residing in public housing. The funding, made available by the CARES Act legislation President Trump signed into law on March 27, 2020, will be awarded to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the Nation.

### **U.S. Department of Labor Issues Safety Alert for Restaurant, Food and Beverage Businesses Providing Curbside Pickup and Takeout Service ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued an alert with safety tips for restaurant, and food and beverage businesses to protect their workers from coronavirus exposure while they provide curbside pickup and takeout service.

### **U.S. Department of Labor Invites the Public to Participate in National Online Dialogue on Opening America's Workplaces Again ([HERE](#))**

- As the U.S. Department of Labor continues its efforts to support American workers and position the economy for a strong rebound, the department is hosting a national online dialogue on "Opening America's Workplaces Again," to solicit ideas from the public on how best to help employers and workers reopen America's workplaces safely. The dialogue will run from Thursday, April 30 through Thursday, May 7, 2020, and will include a one-hour Twitter chat on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

### **U.S. Department of Labor Issues New Cobra Notices for Employee Benefit Plans ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) today issued [Frequently Asked Questions](#) under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and revised [COBRA model notices](#). Plan administrators can use these model notices to notify plan participants and beneficiaries of their rights under COBRA and qualified beneficiaries of their rights to elect COBRA.

### **COVID-19 Funding Available to Minority, Rural and Socially Vulnerable Communities for Linkages to Services, Information and Education ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced a competitive funding opportunity to invest up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic.

### **HHS Begins Distribution of Payments to Hospitals with High COVID-19 Admissions, Rural Providers ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is processing payments from the Provider Relief Fund to hospitals with large numbers of COVID-19 inpatient admissions through April 10, 2020, and to rural providers in support of the national response to COVID-19.

### **HHS Awards \$20 Million to Combat COVID-19 Pandemic through Telehealth ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$20 million to increase telehealth access and

infrastructure for providers and families to help prevent and respond to COVID-19.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Potential COVID-19 Treatment ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease.
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Good evening,

Today, President Trump [recognized American patriots](#) who encapsulate the spirit of America and have gone the extra mile to help their families, neighbors, and communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

The President continues to utilize all available resources to combat the coronavirus and protect the safety and wellbeing of the American people.

- Today, the Administration announced it will distribute a total of **\$12 billion in Provider Relief Fund payments** to **395 hospitals** across the country that have been most impacted by COVID-19.
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- President Trump is procuring **100,000 ventilators in 100 days**, three times more than the U.S. normally produces in a year, coining America as the ‘King of Ventilators.’
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The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
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#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
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- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/29](#)
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For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

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**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.

- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
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President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

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- As Economic Impact Payments continue to be successfully delivered, the Internal Revenue Service today reminds taxpayers that IRS.gov includes answers to many common questions, including help to use two recently launched Economic Impact Payment tools.

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- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson today announced his Department will allocate \$685 million in COVID-19 relief funding to help low-income Americans residing in public housing. The funding, made available by the CARES Act legislation President Trump signed into law on March 27, 2020, will be awarded to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the Nation.

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- This morning U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin held a call with his counterparts from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the European Commission, and the Eurogroup. As directed by G7 leaders, G7 finance ministries are in

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**Communication Toolkit for Transportation Partners to Inform Road Travelers ([HERE](#))**

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**U.S. Department of State Doing Its Part to Keep America Safe, Healthy, and Running during the COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

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- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration included, under the [ventilator emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#), a ventilator developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which is tailored to treat patients with COVID-19.
  - FDA Daily Roundup - April 29, 2020 ([HERE](#))

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- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today that nearly \$1.4 billion in additional funding will be directed to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), as well as institutions serving low-income students to help ensure learning continues during the coronavirus national emergency.

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**DHS and HHS Civil Rights Stakeholder Teleconference RE: COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA’s Office of Equal Rights will continue hosting regular teleconferences concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) response, to share information and to respond to civil rights-related concerns and questions. Please submit civil rights related questions to be addressed by DHS and HHS no later than close of business Friday, May 1, 2020, to this email address: [FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov).

**Statement by Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on Unemployment Insurance Claims ([HERE](#))**

- “As states begin the process of reopening and Americans return to work, today’s unemployment report reflects once again the hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The President’s actions and policies will continue to support American workers during this crisis. All 50 states are now delivering the \$600 additional weekly unemployment benefit provided by the CARES Act. The Department has disbursed more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to States to help them deliver this relief as quickly as possible as Americans follow the guidance of public health officials to ‘slow the spread.’ Looking ahead, as workplaces reopen, we must ensure that individuals transition from unemployment back into the workforce. Key to this process will be workplace safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been at the forefront of workplace safety since January, delivering important resources and guidance to businesses to help them keep workers safe, and investigating and responding to worker complaints.”

**EPA Provides Grant Funding to Support Environmental Justice Communities Impacted by COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to improve the environment and public health conditions of low-income and minority communities through our daily efforts to ensure all Americans have clean air, safe water, and access to information to make decisions to protect personal and public health. In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, EPA is making \$1 million in grant funding available to states to help local environmental justice communities address COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income and minority communities.

**Veteran Trust in VA Health Care Rises Above 90 Percent for the First Time ([HERE](#))**

- “These improvements are a testament to not only VA’s investment in patient experience programs but also the dedication of our employees.” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Even during a pandemic, our VA team has continued its steadfast commitment to delivering the highest quality care for our nation’s Veterans.”

**Video: Top Army Officials Brief Media on COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy and Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville briefed reporters on the Army's role in the Defense Department's COVID-19 efforts during a Pentagon news conference.

**Video: Top Official Briefs Media on DOD's COVID-19 Acquisition Policy ([HERE](#))**

- Ellen M. Lord, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment, updated the news media on the Defense Department's COVID-19 acquisition policy at a Pentagon briefing.

**DLA Expands Manufacturing Tool in Fight against COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- A tool being developed by the Defense Logistics Agency, can consolidate the Defense Department's technical data into packages for advanced manufacturing, making it a new weapon in the battle against COVID-19.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheet and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

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### **Situation Updates:**

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- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

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- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
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- The Federal Reserve Board on Thursday announced it is expanding the scope and eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program. As part of its broad effort to support the economy, the Federal Reserve developed the Main Street Lending Program to help credit flow to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the pandemic. A start date for the program will be announced soon.
  - Main Street Lending Program Frequently Asked Questions ([HERE](#))

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### **Readout from a Treasury Spokesperson on Secretary Mnuchin's Call with G7 Finance Ministers ([HERE](#))**

- This morning U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin held a call with his counterparts from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the European Commission, and the Eurogroup. As directed by G7 leaders, G7 finance ministries are in

regular contact to coordinate on timely and effective actions in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Finance Ministers discussed domestic and international economic responses underway, strategies to accelerate economic activity once our economies begin reopening, in line with necessary health and safety measures. The Finance Ministers also discussed the importance of foreign direct investment and the use of investment screening mechanisms to identify national security risks.

**U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Over \$1 Billion in Grants to 439 Airports in 50 States ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced today that the Department of Transportation's [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) will award \$1.187 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants. The total includes \$731 million in [Airport Improvement Program](#) (AIP) grants and an additional \$455 million in [Supplemental Discretionary grants](#). The money will be available for 100 percent of the eligible costs under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

**Communication Toolkit for Transportation Partners to Inform Road Travelers ([HERE](#))**

- CDC created this road travel toolkit for transportation departments and other partners to help reach domestic travelers with COVID-19 prevention messaging during road travel.

**U.S. Department of State Doing Its Part to Keep America Safe, Healthy, and Running during the COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- A new Department resource, [USBusiness@state.gov](mailto:USBusiness@state.gov), supports U.S. companies facing foreign government-imposed supply chain interruptions that prevent these companies from addressing the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Includes Ventilator Developed by NASA in Ventilator Emergency Use Authorization ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration included, under the [ventilator emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#), a ventilator developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which is tailored to treat patients with COVID-19.
  - FDA Daily Roundup - April 29, 2020 ([HERE](#))

**Secretary DeVos Delivers Nearly \$1.4 Billion in Additional CARES Act Relief Funds to HBCUs, Minority Serving Institutions, and Colleges and Universities Serving Low-Income Students ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today that nearly \$1.4 billion in additional funding will be directed to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), as well as institutions serving low-income students to help ensure learning continues during the coronavirus national emergency.

**Planning Considerations for Organizations in Reconstituting Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- In these uncertain times, organizations across the nation are grappling with when and how to resume operations while protecting the well-being and safety of their employees and

communities. Many organizations will be returning to a new normal and are asking: When is it safe to bring people back? Do we need to modify how we operate? How do we keep our employees, customers and community safe? How do we maintain a safe and sanitary environment? This fact sheet builds upon the White House guidelines for [Opening Up America Again](#) by providing further reconstitution planning recommendations for state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector stakeholders.

**DHS and HHS Civil Rights Stakeholder Teleconference RE: COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA’s Office of Equal Rights will continue hosting regular teleconferences concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) response, to share information and to respond to civil rights-related concerns and questions. Please submit civil rights related questions to be addressed by DHS and HHS no later than close of business Friday, May 1, 2020, to this email address: [FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov).

**Statement by Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on Unemployment Insurance Claims ([HERE](#))**

- “As states begin the process of reopening and Americans return to work, today’s unemployment report reflects once again the hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The President’s actions and policies will continue to support American workers during this crisis. All 50 states are now delivering the \$600 additional weekly unemployment benefit provided by the CARES Act. The Department has disbursed more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to States to help them deliver this relief as quickly as possible as Americans follow the guidance of public health officials to ‘slow the spread.’ Looking ahead, as workplaces reopen, we must ensure that individuals transition from unemployment back into the workforce. Key to this process will be workplace safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been at the forefront of workplace safety since January, delivering important resources and guidance to businesses to help them keep workers safe, and investigating and responding to worker complaints.”

**EPA Provides Grant Funding to Support Environmental Justice Communities Impacted by COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to improve the environment and public health conditions of low-income and minority communities through our daily efforts to ensure all Americans have clean air, safe water, and access to information to make decisions to protect personal and public health. In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, EPA is making \$1 million in grant funding available to states to help local environmental justice communities address COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income and minority communities.

**Veteran Trust in VA Health Care Rises Above 90 Percent for the First Time ([HERE](#))**

- “These improvements are a testament to not only VA’s investment in patient experience programs but also the dedication of our employees.” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Even during a pandemic, our VA team has continued its steadfast commitment to delivering the highest quality care for our nation’s Veterans.”

**Video: Top Army Officials Brief Media on COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy and Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville briefed reporters on the Army's role in the Defense Department's COVID-19 efforts during a Pentagon news conference.

**Video: Top Official Briefs Media on DOD's COVID-19 Acquisition Policy ([HERE](#))**

- Ellen M. Lord, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment, updated the news media on the Defense Department's COVID-19 acquisition policy at a Pentagon briefing.

**DLA Expands Manufacturing Tool in Fight against COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- A tool being developed by the Defense Logistics Agency, can consolidate the Defense Department's technical data into packages for advanced manufacturing, making it a new weapon in the battle against COVID-19.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheet and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

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- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [OHSa Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Travel and Transportation:**



- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Guidance for Ships](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:**

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Information for Laboratories](#)
- [Resources for First Responders](#)
- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals](#)
- [FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Law Enforcement:**

- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)

### **Information for Families and Households:**

- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)



**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- DOEd: [Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor](#)
- [U.S. Department of State](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

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Good evening,

President Trump continues to work with state, local, and industry leaders to lay out a safe pathway to open up America again. Today, President Trump [led a roundtable with industry executives](#) and [met with Governor Edwards of Louisiana](#) to discuss reopening businesses and bringing employees back to the workforce, all while keeping our citizens and communities safe.

- As of April 24, 2020, 25 states have released formal reopening plans in accordance with President Trump's three-phased approach which calls for governors to evaluate specific data around new cases, coronavirus-like symptoms, and hospital capacity in their areas before deciding how to reopen.

Yesterday, [small business owners attested](#) to the success of the Paycheck Protection Program at the White House. To learn more about these small businesses and their stories, please see the below links posted today.

- Michael & Amy / Bitty + Beau's Coffee ([VIDEO](#))
- Dr. Chris Stansbury / West Virginia Eye Consultants ([VIDEO](#))
- Luke Bernstein / Orrstown Bank ([VIDEO](#))
- Ali Mills / Plum Contracting ([VIDEO](#))
- Jackie Krick / ECU Communications ([VIDEO](#))

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Small Business Administration released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program today:

- [Joint Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Administrator Jovita Carranza on Establishing Dedicated Hours for Small Lender Submissions of PPP Applications](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(Question 38\)](#)

### **Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

## **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
- [Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [How to Calculate Loan Amounts](#)

## **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, and Farm Credit System Institutions](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales – Updated 4/24](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

## **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/29](#)
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility – Updated 4/24](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Criterion for Seasonal Employers – Updated 4/28](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Disbursements – Updated 4/28](#)

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

## **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.

- After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all other issues and concerns not related to offering products, services, or donations, please email [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov).

For additional information, please visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))

### **30 Days to Slow the Spread**

President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- We Built the Greatest Economy in the World—and Together, We Will Build It Again! ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Participates in a Roundtable ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Meets with the Governor of Louisiana ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))
- An In-Depth Look at COVID-19's Early Effects on Consumer Spending and GDP ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: Trump Showcases Jobs Preserved by Paycheck Protection Program Amid COVID-19 Shutdown ([HERE](#))

### **EPA, CDC Release Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Spaces Where Americans Live, Work, and Play ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [updated guidance](#) to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces. Developed in concert with the White House, the guidance provides step-by-step instructions for public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes, and falls in line with the [Opening up America Again guidelines](#).

### **Joint Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Administrator Jovita Carranza on Establishing Dedicated Hours for Small Lender Submissions of PPP Applications ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza issued a statement today on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) amid continuing efforts to aid small community lenders, their small business customers, and ensure SBA's systems run efficiently.

### **Secretary Azar Statement on Positive Results from NIH Remdesivir Trial ([HERE](#))**

- On Wednesday, the National Institutes of Health announced that hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir—an investigational broad-spectrum antiviral treatment administered via daily infusion—recovered, on average, faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients.

### **Eligible Providers Can Submit Information to Receive Additional Provider Relief Fund Payments ([HERE](#))**

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has begun the distribution of an additional \$20 billion of the \$50 billion general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, augmenting the \$30 billion that was allocated earlier this month.

### **FDA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup April 28, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- FDA actions on warning letters, video resources on EUAs and more in its ongoing response

to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NIH Mobilizes National Innovation Initiative for COVID-19 Diagnostics ([HERE](#))**

- The National Institutes of Health today announced a new initiative aimed at speeding innovation, development and commercialization of COVID-19 testing technologies, a pivotal component needed to return to normal during this unprecedented global pandemic.

**NIH Clinical Trial Shows Remdesivir Accelerates Recovery from Advanced COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients, which began on February 21.

**USDA to Implement President Trump's Executive Order on Meat and Poultry Processors ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue released a statement after President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 national emergency.

**USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Maryland and New Mexico ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced Maryland and New Mexico have been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

**Federal Reserve Issues FOMC Statement ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Reserve is committed to using its full range of tools to support the U.S. economy in this challenging time, thereby promoting its maximum employment and price stability goals.

**Secretary Ben Carson Commends DOJ's Decision to Launch Investigation into Sexual Harassment Complaints ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carson today praised [Attorney General William Barr for devoting all "necessary resources" to aide HUD investigations](#) into reports of landlords demanding sexual favors in exchange for rent.

**U.S. Department of Transportation Issues Notice Regarding Essential Air Service Program, Given the Impact of COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced a plan to address the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency on air carriers participating in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program. The Department issued a Notice to all EAS air carriers indicating how those carriers may adjust their schedules and seek compensation due to the significant reduction in passenger demand and the financial impact on air carriers.

**Statement of Enforcement Policy by Solicitor of Labor Kate O'Scannlain and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA Loren Sweatt Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities ([HERE](#))**

- OSHA has issued [enforcement guidance](#) indicating the agency will use enforcement discretion for employers adhering to appropriate guidance, including the Joint Meat Processing Guidance.

**U.S. Department of Labor Issues COVID-19 Relief and Guidance for Employee Benefit Plans ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) today issued deadline relief and other guidance under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to help employee benefit plans, plan participants and beneficiaries, employers and other plan sponsors, plan fiduciaries, and other service providers impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

**Southern California Tire Company to Pay Back Wages after Denying Paid Sick Leave to Worker Whose Doctor Ordered Coronavirus Quarantine ([HERE](#))**

- After an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), Discount Tire Centers will pay an employee \$2,606 in back wages for refusing to provide sick leave under the newly passed Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPLSA), after his healthcare provider advised that he self-quarantine while awaiting a family member's test for coronavirus.

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces that all 50 States and the District of Columbia are Paying Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation's (FPUC) weekly unemployment compensation boost is now being paid to eligible individuals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. FPUC is authorized under Section 2104 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136), and provides an additional \$600 weekly payment to certain eligible individuals who are receiving other benefits.

**USPTO Extends Certain Patent and Trademark Deadlines to June 1 ([HERE](#))**

- In accordance with the temporary authority provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security Act (CARES Act) signed by President Trump on March 27, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) today further extended the time to file certain patent and trademark-related documents and to pay certain required fees, which otherwise would have been due between March 27 and May 31, to June 1, 2020. This is in addition to the prior extension the USPTO had announced on [March 31, 2020](#).

**Statement from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on Q1 2020 GDP Advance Estimate ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released the advance estimate for gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter of 2020, finding that real gross domestic product contracted at an annual rate of 4.8 percent.

**Secretary Michael R. Pompeo at a Press Availability ([HERE](#))**

- The State Department provided an update on their actions to fight against the virus outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China, and their efforts to continue to bring our people home. The count is now some 72,000 Americans from 129 countries that we have returned home to their lives and their families.

**Joint Statement from DHS and VA on Continued Collaboration throughout COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- In a whole-of-government effort, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs have worked very closely together throughout the coronavirus pandemic to bring critical medical supplies to our nation's heroes. While the supply and demand for PPE during this crisis is greater than ever before, the federal government has worked with governmental and private sector partners to secure what the VA needs.

**VA Joins XPRIZE Pandemic Alliance to Combat COVID-19 and Future Outbreaks ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it has partnered with the XPRIZE Foundation's Pandemic Alliance as part of a [public and private coalition](#) to help develop ways to address the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and subsequent global outbreaks.

**VA Works with Communities Nationwide to Meet Critical Need for Blood ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its participating medical centers across the country kicked-off blood drives in late April — partnering with the [American Red Cross](#) and community organizations — in response to the ongoing national need for blood during the coronavirus disease 2019 public health emergency. Healthy individuals are encouraged to participate in the ongoing [Share Your Health, Roll Up Your Sleeve Today](#) blood drives hosted by VA medical centers and staffed by the Red Cross or other local blood collection centers.



**Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on the New Partnerships Initiative ([HERE](#))**

- USAID announced three new funding opportunities as part of the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Agency's intent to develop NPI Action Plans at all of our Missions around the world.

**Court Orders Halt to Sale of Silver Product Fraudulently Touted as COVID-19 Cure ([HERE](#))**

- A federal court in Utah has entered an injunction halting the sale of a fraudulent coronavirus (COVID-19) treatment, the Department of Justice announced today.

**Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen Introductory Remarks to the National Sheriffs' Association during Webinar Concerning DOJ's Response to COVID-19-Related Crime ([HERE](#))**

- "Americans look to you to keep their communities safe, and even before this health crisis came across the Pacific and hit our shores, your jobs required you to confront dangers on a daily basis and to make great sacrifices. But now, your operating environment has never been more challenging. At the Justice Department, we know that because we are seeing and experiencing it too. And we also know the consequences for doing our jobs well are also high, and how important it is to continue our tasks and protect the public in these challenging times."

**Turkey Delivers COVID-19 Medical Supplies ([HERE](#))**

- A Turkish Airbus A400M Atlas delivered medical gloves, masks, protective goggles, hand sanitizer and protective clothes to the United States as a gesture of support from one NATO ally to another.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheets and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

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President Trump continues to work with state, local, and industry leaders to lay out a safe pathway to open up America again. Today, President Trump [led a roundtable with industry executives](#) and [met with Governor Edwards of Louisiana](#) to discuss reopening businesses and bringing employees back to the workforce, all while keeping our citizens and communities safe.

- As of April 24, 2020, 25 states have released formal reopening plans in accordance with President Trump's three-phased approach which calls for governors to evaluate specific data around new cases, coronavirus-like symptoms, and hospital capacity in their areas before deciding how to reopen.

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- After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
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### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))

### **30 Days to Slow the Spread**

President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- We Built the Greatest Economy in the World—and Together, We Will Build It Again! ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Participates in a Roundtable ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Meets with the Governor of Louisiana ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))
- An In-Depth Look at COVID-19's Early Effects on Consumer Spending and GDP ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: Trump Showcases Jobs Preserved by Paycheck Protection Program Amid COVID-19 Shutdown ([HERE](#))

### **EPA, CDC Release Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Spaces Where Americans Live, Work, and Play ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [updated guidance](#) to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces. Developed in concert with the White House, the guidance provides step-by-step instructions for public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes, and falls in line with the [Opening up America Again guidelines](#).

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### **Secretary Azar Statement on Positive Results from NIH Remdesivir Trial ([HERE](#))**

- On Wednesday, the National Institutes of Health announced that hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir—an investigational broad-spectrum antiviral treatment administered via daily infusion—recovered, on average, faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients.

### **Eligible Providers Can Submit Information to Receive Additional Provider Relief Fund Payments ([HERE](#))**

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has begun the distribution of an additional \$20 billion of the \$50 billion general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, augmenting the \$30 billion that was allocated earlier this month.

### **FDA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup April 28, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- FDA actions on warning letters, video resources on EUAs and more in its ongoing response



to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NIH Mobilizes National Innovation Initiative for COVID-19 Diagnostics ([HERE](#))**

- The National Institutes of Health today announced a new initiative aimed at speeding innovation, development and commercialization of COVID-19 testing technologies, a pivotal component needed to return to normal during this unprecedented global pandemic.

**NIH Clinical Trial Shows Remdesivir Accelerates Recovery from Advanced COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients, which began on February 21.

**USDA to Implement President Trump's Executive Order on Meat and Poultry Processors ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue released a statement after President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 national emergency.

**USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Maryland and New Mexico ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced Maryland and New Mexico have been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

**Federal Reserve Issues FOMC Statement ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Reserve is committed to using its full range of tools to support the U.S. economy in this challenging time, thereby promoting its maximum employment and price stability goals.

**Secretary Ben Carson Commends DOJ's Decision to Launch Investigation into Sexual Harassment Complaints ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carson today praised [Attorney General William Barr for devoting all "necessary resources" to aide HUD investigations](#) into reports of landlords demanding sexual favors in exchange for rent.

**U.S. Department of Transportation Issues Notice Regarding Essential Air Service Program, Given the Impact of COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced a plan to address the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency on air carriers participating in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program. The Department issued a Notice to all EAS air carriers indicating how those carriers may adjust their schedules and seek compensation due to the significant reduction in passenger demand and the financial impact on air carriers.

**Statement of Enforcement Policy by Solicitor of Labor Kate O'Scannlain and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA Loren Sweatt Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities ([HERE](#))**

- OSHA has issued [enforcement guidance](#) indicating the agency will use enforcement discretion for employers adhering to appropriate guidance, including the Joint Meat Processing Guidance.

**U.S. Department of Labor Issues COVID-19 Relief and Guidance for Employee Benefit Plans ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) today issued deadline relief and other guidance under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to help employee benefit plans, plan participants and beneficiaries, employers and other plan sponsors, plan fiduciaries, and other service providers impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

**Southern California Tire Company to Pay Back Wages after Denying Paid Sick Leave to Worker Whose Doctor Ordered Coronavirus Quarantine ([HERE](#))**

- After an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), Discount Tire Centers will pay an employee \$2,606 in back wages for refusing to provide sick leave under the newly passed Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPLSA), after his healthcare provider advised that he self-quarantine while awaiting a family member's test for coronavirus.

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces that all 50 States and the District of Columbia are Paying Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation's (FPUC) weekly unemployment compensation boost is now being paid to eligible individuals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. FPUC is authorized under Section 2104 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136), and provides an additional \$600 weekly payment to certain eligible individuals who are receiving other benefits.

**USPTO Extends Certain Patent and Trademark Deadlines to June 1 ([HERE](#))**

- In accordance with the temporary authority provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security Act (CARES Act) signed by President Trump on March 27, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) today further extended the time to file certain patent and trademark-related documents and to pay certain required fees, which otherwise would have been due between March 27 and May 31, to June 1, 2020. This is in addition to the prior extension the USPTO had announced on [March 31, 2020](#).

**Statement from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on Q1 2020 GDP Advance Estimate ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released the advance estimate for gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter of 2020, finding that real gross domestic product contracted at an annual rate of 4.8 percent.

**Secretary Michael R. Pompeo at a Press Availability ([HERE](#))**

- The State Department provided an update on their actions to fight against the virus outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China, and their efforts to continue to bring our people home. The count is now some 72,000 Americans from 129 countries that we have returned home to their lives and their families.

**Joint Statement from DHS and VA on Continued Collaboration throughout COVID-19 Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- In a whole-of-government effort, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs have worked very closely together throughout the coronavirus pandemic to bring critical medical supplies to our nation's heroes. While the supply and demand for PPE during this crisis is greater than ever before, the federal government has worked with governmental and private sector partners to secure what the VA needs.

**VA Joins XPRIZE Pandemic Alliance to Combat COVID-19 and Future Outbreaks ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it has partnered with the XPRIZE Foundation's Pandemic Alliance as part of a [public and private coalition](#) to help develop ways to address the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and subsequent global outbreaks.

**VA Works with Communities Nationwide to Meet Critical Need for Blood ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its participating medical centers across the country kicked-off blood drives in late April — partnering with the [American Red Cross](#) and community organizations — in response to the ongoing national need for blood during the coronavirus disease 2019 public health emergency. Healthy individuals are encouraged to participate in the ongoing [Share Your Health, Roll Up Your Sleeve Today](#) blood drives hosted by VA medical centers and staffed by the Red Cross or other local blood collection centers.

**Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on the New Partnerships Initiative ([HERE](#))**

- USAID announced three new funding opportunities as part of the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Agency's intent to develop NPI Action Plans at all of our Missions around the world.

**Court Orders Halt to Sale of Silver Product Fraudulently Touted as COVID-19 Cure ([HERE](#))**

- A federal court in Utah has entered an injunction halting the sale of a fraudulent coronavirus (COVID-19) treatment, the Department of Justice announced today.

**Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen Introductory Remarks to the National Sheriffs' Association during Webinar Concerning DOJ's Response to COVID-19-Related Crime ([HERE](#))**

- "Americans look to you to keep their communities safe, and even before this health crisis came across the Pacific and hit our shores, your jobs required you to confront dangers on a daily basis and to make great sacrifices. But now, your operating environment has never been more challenging. At the Justice Department, we know that because we are seeing and experiencing it too. And we also know the consequences for doing our jobs well are also high, and how important it is to continue our tasks and protect the public in these challenging times."

**Turkey Delivers COVID-19 Medical Supplies ([HERE](#))**

- A Turkish Airbus A400M Atlas delivered medical gloves, masks, protective goggles, hand sanitizer and protective clothes to the United States as a gesture of support from one NATO ally to another.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheets and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

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For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: [HERE](#)

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

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- In March, the President held a teleconference with grocery store executives to ensure essential products and food would remain available and accessible during the outbreak.
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- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS today announced significant enhancements to the “[Get My Payment](#)” app to deliver an improved experience for Americans eligible to receive Economic Impact Payments.

### **Treasury Implementing CARES Act Programs for Aviation and National Security Industries (HERE)**

- “The financial assistance the Treasury Department is providing under Title IV of the CARES Act is essential to help American workers, preserve our aviation industry, and assist businesses that are critical to maintaining national security,” said Secretary Mnuchin. “Treasury is fully committed to delivering relief to the American people and supporting the economy.”

### **Agencies Extend Comment Period on Updates to Resolution Plan Guidance for Large Foreign Banks (HERE)**

- The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Reserve Board today announced that they will extend, by 30 days, the comment period for the agencies' proposed guidance for resolution plans submitted by certain large foreign banks. The extension will allow interested parties additional time to analyze the issues and to prepare comments through June 4, 2020. In light of the challenges arising from the COVID-19 emergency, the agencies are reviewing and may adjust other upcoming deadlines associated with the resolution planning process.

### **Federal Reserve Board Announces an Expansion of the Scope and Duration of the Municipal Liquidity Facility (HERE)**

- The facility, which was announced on April 9 as part of an initiative to provide up to \$2.3

trillion in loans to support U.S. households, businesses, and communities, will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

- FAQs: Municipal Liquidity Facility ([HERE](#))

**HUD: Addressing Tenant Concerns during the COVID-19 National Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- This brochure applies to assisted and insured housing programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Multifamily Housing Programs. This brochure does not apply to the Public Housing Program, the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program (except for multifamily housing properties insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)), or the Housing Choice Voucher Program (except when a voucher is used in a multifamily housing property with an FHA-insured mortgage).

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- The department continued its efforts to keep America's workers safe, support states and territories as they deliver unemployment benefits to eligible individuals, and ensure all workers have access to new paid leave benefits. By the end of the week, 48 states and territories were providing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act's enhanced \$600 additional weekly benefit.

**U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA and CDC Issue Interim Guidance to Protect Workers in Meatpacking and Processing Industries ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have [released](#) joint coronavirus-related interim guidance for meatpacking and meat processing workers and employers – including those involved in beef, pork and poultry operations. The guidance includes recommended actions employers can take to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

**U.S. Department of Labor Issues Additional Respirator Guidance for Healthcare during the Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued [interim enforcement guidance](#) on reusing disposable N95 filtering face piece respirators (N95 FFRs) that have been decontaminated. The action marks the Department's latest step to ensure the availability of respirators, and follows President Donald J. Trump's Memorandum on Making General Use Respirators Available.

**U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia Joins Special G20 Meeting on COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia participated in a virtual meeting of the G20 Labor and Employment Ministers to discuss the G20 members' labor and employment response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**HHS Launches COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), launched a new COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal, allowing health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 individuals on or after February 4, 2020 to submit claims for reimbursement. Providers can access the portal at [COVIDUninsuredClaim.HRSA.gov](#).

**SAMHSA Awards Grants Expanding Community-Based Behavioral Health Services, Strengthens COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced Friday that grants have been awarded to increase access to and to improve the quality of community mental and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services through the expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). The Fiscal Year 2020 CCBHC Expansion Grants include \$200 million in annually appropriated funding and \$250 million in emergency COVID-19 funding.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Continues to Ensure Availability of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Addresses Safety Concerns ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provided an update on its efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the agency's significant flexibility, more than 1,500 additional manufacturers have registered with the agency to produce hand sanitizer. At the same time, the agency is addressing safety concerns related to products being sold that are not in line with the FDA's policy and others being marketed with unproven claims.

**CMS Reevaluates Accelerated Payment Program and Suspends Advance Payment Program ([HERE](#))**

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it is reevaluating the amounts that will be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program and suspending its Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers effective immediately. The agency made this announcement following the successful payment of over \$100 billion to healthcare providers and suppliers through these programs and in light of the \$175 billion recently appropriated for healthcare provider relief payments.
  - CMS News Alert – 4/27 ([HERE](#))

**Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers' Hands Felt at Every Level of the Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- MRC units are assisting with call center operations; community education and outreach (e.g., assisting elderly and vulnerable community members with well check calls, temperature monitoring, errands, food distribution, medication pick-up); logistics support (e.g., inventorying and distributing personal protective equipment, setting up drive-through tents and mobile field hospitals); patient case and contact investigations; patient monitoring; community screening and testing operations; and surge support at long term care facilities, health care facilities, and alternate care sites (including emergency isolation shelters).

**Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- As the Nation transitions from a period of crisis to economic recovery, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will continue to leverage every social, medical, logistical and security tool at its disposal to defend the homeland from COVID-19. Thanks to a wide range of strategic initiatives, the Department and its components have achieved dozens of key deliverables last week through its unprecedented, whole-of-America response, which in return is slowing the virus's spread and saving millions of lives. These results could not have been secured by the Department without its dedicated workforce, who have adapted and persevered to meet these extraordinary challenges despite their own personal hardships.

**ICYMI: FEMA Administrator Discusses Whole-of-America COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor spoke with media outlets around the nation Friday about the whole-of-America response to COVID-19. The Administrator talked about the historic response to COVID-19, how FEMA will apply lessons learned and future guidance on how the agency will operate during the upcoming hurricane season and COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **FEMA Awards Crisis Counseling Assistance Grants ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA awarded grants to fund crisis counseling services for residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program is funded by FEMA and overseen by FEMA in coordination with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The program assists individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of natural and human caused disasters through community-based outreach and educational services.

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#### **FEMA Provides \$12.2 Million for Colorado COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided \$12.2 million in funding for COVID-19 response efforts in Colorado. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued March 28 by President Trump.

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#### **Renters Can Apply for FEMA Assistance ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants can help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a 60-day period and can be reviewed for further assistance. The registration deadline is June 24, 2020.

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#### **VA Health App Now Available to Veterans across All Mobile and Web Platforms ([HERE](#))**

- Through public-private partnerships with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), since early April, all Veterans have been able to securely connect to their health care data online. Online Veteran health care records first only available on iOS operating systems, are now also accessible on Android mobile devices and web applications.

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#### **Statement on the Status of the United States Navy Inquiry into COVID-19 Outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt ([HERE](#))**

- "This afternoon, Secretary Esper received a verbal update from the acting Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations on the Navy's preliminary inquiry into the COVID-19 outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. After the Secretary receives a written copy of the completed inquiry, he intends to thoroughly review the report and will meet again with Navy leadership to discuss next steps. He remains focused on and committed to restoring the full health of the crew and getting the ship at sea again soon."

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#### **DOD COVID-19 Response Continues Long History of Aiding Civilians ([HERE](#))**

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, active duty military, reserve and National Guard service members are responding in various ways, from providing medical support and logistics to transportation and food delivery.

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#### **Empowering Flexibility, Broad Discretion and Addressing Concerns ([HERE](#))**

- The Defense Department has heard the challenges and the many questions about how the men and women of the military will be compensated during this crisis. Over the last several weeks, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs has issued [military personnel guidance](#) and further [supplemental guidance](#) addressing special policies and procedures implemented to ensure continuing financial security for our members and their families, and guidance on [use of leave](#).

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#### **Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Hoffman Updates Reporters on DOD Operations ([HERE](#))**

- Jonathan Rath Hoffman, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs provided a brief update on DOD's latest efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

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#### **Corps of Engineers Team Upholds 'Building Strong' Motto during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The Army Corps of Engineers consistently lives up to the motto "Building Strong," with some 37,000 civilians and soldiers delivering daily engineering services to customers in more than 130 countries.

#### **COVID-19 Changes Daily Life of Marines ([HERE](#))**

- The daily lives of U.S. Marines have drastically changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. Marines stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan, have implemented teleworking as a way to practice social distancing and combat the spread of the virus.

#### **Secretary DeVos Launches New Grant Competition to Spark Student-Centered, Agile Learning Opportunities to Support Recovery from National Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today more than \$300 million in discretionary grant funds will be available for states to use to create adaptable, innovative learning opportunities for K-12 and postsecondary learners in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. The grants will be funded through the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF), authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump.

#### **FCC and U.S. Department of Education Promote Remote Education so Students Can Continue Learning ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Education today announced efforts to promote the use of \$16 billion in funding from the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act's [Education Stabilization Fund](#) for remote learning. The agencies will work with governors, states, and local school districts as they leverage funding to best help students learning from home during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**

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- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
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- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
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- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
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### **Treasury, IRS Announce Significant Enhancements and Updates to Get My Payment App (HERE)**

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS today announced significant enhancements to the “[Get My Payment](#)” app to deliver an improved experience for Americans eligible to receive Economic Impact Payments.

### **Treasury Implementing CARES Act Programs for Aviation and National Security Industries (HERE)**

- “The financial assistance the Treasury Department is providing under Title IV of the CARES Act is essential to help American workers, preserve our aviation industry, and assist businesses that are critical to maintaining national security,” said Secretary Mnuchin. “Treasury is fully committed to delivering relief to the American people and supporting the economy.”

### **Agencies Extend Comment Period on Updates to Resolution Plan Guidance for Large Foreign Banks (HERE)**

- The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Reserve Board today announced that they will extend, by 30 days, the comment period for the agencies' proposed guidance for resolution plans submitted by certain large foreign banks. The extension will allow interested parties additional time to analyze the issues and to prepare comments through June 4, 2020. In light of the challenges arising from the COVID-19 emergency, the agencies are reviewing and may adjust other upcoming deadlines associated with the resolution planning process.

### **Federal Reserve Board Announces an Expansion of the Scope and Duration of the Municipal Liquidity Facility (HERE)**

- The facility, which was announced on April 9 as part of an initiative to provide up to \$2.3

trillion in loans to support U.S. households, businesses, and communities, will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

- FAQs: Municipal Liquidity Facility ([HERE](#))

**HUD: Addressing Tenant Concerns during the COVID-19 National Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- This brochure applies to assisted and insured housing programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Multifamily Housing Programs. This brochure does not apply to the Public Housing Program, the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program (except for multifamily housing properties insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)), or the Housing Choice Voucher Program (except when a voucher is used in a multifamily housing property with an FHA-insured mortgage).

**ICYMI: U.S. Department of Labor Acts to Help American Workers and Employers during the Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- The department continued its efforts to keep America's workers safe, support states and territories as they deliver unemployment benefits to eligible individuals, and ensure all workers have access to new paid leave benefits. By the end of the week, 48 states and territories were providing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act's enhanced \$600 additional weekly benefit.

**U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA and CDC Issue Interim Guidance to Protect Workers in Meatpacking and Processing Industries ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have [released](#) joint coronavirus-related interim guidance for meatpacking and meat processing workers and employers – including those involved in beef, pork and poultry operations. The guidance includes recommended actions employers can take to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

**U.S. Department of Labor Issues Additional Respirator Guidance for Healthcare during the Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued [interim enforcement guidance](#) on reusing disposable N95 filtering face piece respirators (N95 FFRs) that have been decontaminated. The action marks the Department's latest step to ensure the availability of respirators, and follows President Donald J. Trump's Memorandum on Making General Use Respirators Available.

**U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia Joins Special G20 Meeting on COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia participated in a virtual meeting of the G20 Labor and Employment Ministers to discuss the G20 members' labor and employment response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**HHS Launches COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), launched a new COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal, allowing health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 individuals on or after February 4, 2020 to submit claims for reimbursement. Providers can access the portal at [COVIDUninsuredClaim.HRSA.gov](#).

**SAMHSA Awards Grants Expanding Community-Based Behavioral Health Services, Strengthens COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced Friday that grants have been awarded to increase access to and to improve the quality of community mental and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services through the expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). The Fiscal Year 2020 CCBHC Expansion Grants include \$200 million in annually appropriated funding and \$250 million in emergency COVID-19 funding.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Continues to Ensure Availability of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Addresses Safety Concerns ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provided an update on its efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the agency's significant flexibility, more than 1,500 additional manufacturers have registered with the agency to produce hand sanitizer. At the same time, the agency is addressing safety concerns related to products being sold that are not in line with the FDA's policy and others being marketed with unproven claims.

**CMS Reevaluates Accelerated Payment Program and Suspends Advance Payment Program ([HERE](#))**

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it is reevaluating the amounts that will be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program and suspending its Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers effective immediately. The agency made this announcement following the successful payment of over \$100 billion to healthcare providers and suppliers through these programs and in light of the \$175 billion recently appropriated for healthcare provider relief payments.
  - CMS News Alert – 4/27 ([HERE](#))

**Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers' Hands Felt at Every Level of the Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- MRC units are assisting with call center operations; community education and outreach (e.g., assisting elderly and vulnerable community members with well check calls, temperature monitoring, errands, food distribution, medication pick-up); logistics support (e.g., inventorying and distributing personal protective equipment, setting up drive-through tents and mobile field hospitals); patient case and contact investigations; patient monitoring; community screening and testing operations; and surge support at long term care facilities, health care facilities, and alternate care sites (including emergency isolation shelters).

**Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- As the Nation transitions from a period of crisis to economic recovery, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will continue to leverage every social, medical, logistical and security tool at its disposal to defend the homeland from COVID-19. Thanks to a wide range of strategic initiatives, the Department and its components have achieved dozens of key deliverables last week through its unprecedented, whole-of-America response, which in return is slowing the virus's spread and saving millions of lives. These results could not have been secured by the Department without its dedicated workforce, who have adapted and persevered to meet these extraordinary challenges despite their own personal hardships.

**ICYMI: FEMA Administrator Discusses Whole-of-America COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor spoke with media outlets around the nation Friday about the whole-of-America response to COVID-19. The Administrator talked about the historic response to COVID-19, how FEMA will apply lessons learned and future guidance on how the agency will operate during the upcoming hurricane season and COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **FEMA Awards Crisis Counseling Assistance Grants ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA awarded grants to fund crisis counseling services for residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program is funded by FEMA and overseen by FEMA in coordination with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The program assists individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of natural and human caused disasters through community-based outreach and educational services.

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#### **FEMA Provides \$12.2 Million for Colorado COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided \$12.2 million in funding for COVID-19 response efforts in Colorado. The assistance was made available under the major disaster declaration issued March 28 by President Trump.

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#### **Renters Can Apply for FEMA Assistance ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants can help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a 60-day period and can be reviewed for further assistance. The registration deadline is June 24, 2020.

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#### **VA Health App Now Available to Veterans across All Mobile and Web Platforms ([HERE](#))**

- Through public-private partnerships with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), since early April, all Veterans have been able to securely connect to their health care data online. Online Veteran health care records first only available on iOS operating systems, are now also accessible on Android mobile devices and web applications.

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#### **Statement on the Status of the United States Navy Inquiry into COVID-19 Outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt ([HERE](#))**

- "This afternoon, Secretary Esper received a verbal update from the acting Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations on the Navy's preliminary inquiry into the COVID-19 outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. After the Secretary receives a written copy of the completed inquiry, he intends to thoroughly review the report and will meet again with Navy leadership to discuss next steps. He remains focused on and committed to restoring the full health of the crew and getting the ship at sea again soon."

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#### **DOD COVID-19 Response Continues Long History of Aiding Civilians ([HERE](#))**

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, active duty military, reserve and National Guard service members are responding in various ways, from providing medical support and logistics to transportation and food delivery.

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#### **Empowering Flexibility, Broad Discretion and Addressing Concerns ([HERE](#))**

- The Defense Department has heard the challenges and the many questions about how the men and women of the military will be compensated during this crisis. Over the last several weeks, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs has issued [military personnel guidance](#) and further [supplemental guidance](#) addressing special policies and procedures implemented to ensure continuing financial security for our members and their families, and guidance on [use of leave](#).

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#### **Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Hoffman Updates Reporters on DOD Operations ([HERE](#))**

- Jonathan Rath Hoffman, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs provided a brief update on DOD's latest efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

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#### **Corps of Engineers Team Upholds 'Building Strong' Motto during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**



- The Army Corps of Engineers consistently lives up to the motto "Building Strong," with some 37,000 civilians and soldiers delivering daily engineering services to customers in more than 130 countries.

#### **COVID-19 Changes Daily Life of Marines ([HERE](#))**

- The daily lives of U.S. Marines have drastically changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. Marines stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan, have implemented teleworking as a way to practice social distancing and combat the spread of the virus.

#### **Secretary DeVos Launches New Grant Competition to Spark Student-Centered, Agile Learning Opportunities to Support Recovery from National Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today more than \$300 million in discretionary grant funds will be available for states to use to create adaptable, innovative learning opportunities for K-12 and postsecondary learners in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. The grants will be funded through the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF), authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump.

#### **FCC and U.S. Department of Education Promote Remote Education so Students Can Continue Learning ([HERE](#))**

- The Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Education today announced efforts to promote the use of \$16 billion in funding from the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act's [Education Stabilization Fund](#) for remote learning. The agencies will work with governors, states, and local school districts as they leverage funding to best help students learning from home during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

Thank you,  
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*Hailey Hart*  
White House Office of Public Liaison

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### **COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**

#### **[The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)**



***Download the COVID-19 App***

**For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: [HERE](#)**



**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

**What you should know:**

- [Workplace, School, and Home Guidance](#)
- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)
- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
- [Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)

**Situation Updates:**

- [Situation Summary](#)
- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

**Information for Businesses:**

- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Travel and Transportation:**

- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Guidance for Ships](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

**Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:**

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Information for Laboratories](#)
- [Resources for First Responders](#)
- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals](#)
- [FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Law Enforcement:**

- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)

**Information for Families and Households:**

- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- DOEd: [Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor](#)
- [U.S. Department of State](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

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Good evening,

Today, President Trump [signed](#) the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act to further support American small businesses, workers, and healthcare providers impacted by the Coronavirus.

- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has provided payroll assistance to more than **1.6 million small businesses** and protected over **30 million jobs** in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and each territory thus far.
- This legislation provides **\$320 billion** in additional funding for PPP.
  - With this new round of funding, President Trump has signed into law more than **\$670 billion** for the program.
- SBA will resume accepting PPP loan applications on **Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT**.
- The bill also provides an additional **\$60 billion** for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, **\$75 billion** in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and **\$25 billion** to support our historic testing efforts.
- Please click here for more information: [Fact Sheet](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Treasury and U.S. Small Business Administration released new guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility \(4/24/2020\)](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales \(4/24/2020\)](#)

### **Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
- [Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)

#### **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, and Farm Credit System Institutions](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales – Updated 4/24](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

#### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/23](#)
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility – Updated 4/24](#)

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

#### **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all other issues and concerns not related to offering products, services, or donations, please email [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov).

For additional information, please visit FEMA’s website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

#### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

### **30 Days to Slow the Spread**

President Trump announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/24 ([HERE](#))
- President Trump Signs the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([VIDEO](#), [REMARKS](#), [BILL ANNOUNCEMENT](#))
- President Donald J. Trump Remains Committed to Providing Critical Relief for American Small Businesses, Workers, and Healthcare Providers ([HERE](#))
- Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600 – NEW: President Trump Signs Emergency Relief Bill ([HERE](#))

### **USMCA to Enter Into Force July 1 after United States Takes Final Procedural Steps for Implementation ([HERE](#))**

- “The crisis and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates that now, more than ever, the United States should strive to increase manufacturing capacity and investment in North America. The USMCA’s entry into force is a landmark achievement in that effort. Under President Trump’s leadership, USTR will continue working to ensure a smooth implementation of the USMCA so that American workers and businesses can enjoy the benefits of the new agreement,” said Ambassador Robert Lighthizer.

### **Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Resumption of the Paycheck Protection Program ([HERE](#))**

- “We are pleased that President Trump has signed into law the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which provides critical additional funding for American workers and small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We want to thank Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Paycheck Protection Program is funded so that small businesses can keep hardworking Americans on the payroll.

### **Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([HERE](#))**

- “I want to thank President Trump for his decisive leadership, and Vice President Pence for his outstanding work leading the White House Coronavirus Task Force. I also want to thank Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is funded so that small businesses can keep hardworking Americans on the payroll.”

### **Treasury, IRS deliver 88 million Economic Impact Payments in First Three Weeks, Release State-By-State Economic Impact Payment figures ([HERE](#))**

- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly \$158 billion in the program's first three weeks.

**Secretary Azar Statement on President Trump's Signing of New Coronavirus Relief Package ([HERE](#))**

- "Under President Trump's leadership, huge amounts of new additional resources are on the way to support America's frontline healthcare providers and our state and local government partners, while helping our communities and businesses alleviate the virus's tragic economic costs. HHS has worked rapidly to distribute aid from Congress to the healthcare providers who have been hit hardest, and that work will continue with this new infusion of support. As states prepare to begin reopening their economies, we now have billions in new resources to supplement the expertise, staff, and funding we've already sent to states to track and eventually contain the spread of the virus."

**The Administration for Children and Families to Release Funding to Support Child Welfare Services ([HERE](#))**

- On March 27, the President signed a \$2 trillion emergency relief bill aimed at providing economic relief to the nation's families, workers, and businesses. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) with \$6.3 billion in additional funding that will aid in the continuation of work protecting, supporting, and uplifting our vulnerable communities during this public health crisis.

**HHS Announces More Time for Hospitals to Apply for COVID-19 High-Impact Payments ([HERE](#))**

- As part of its work to support frontline healthcare providers fighting COVID-19, the Department of Health and Human Services has extended the deadline for hospitals to submit data that will inform how \$10 billion is distributed to areas of high impact from COVID-19.

**FEMA Publishes Documents to Preserve Scarce Medical Supplies ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA recently published a Temporary Final Rule and supplemental notice in the Federal Register to support President Trump's "[Memorandum on Allocating Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources to Domestic Use](#)" issued on April 3.

**FEMA Makes Additional \$100 Million Available to Firefighters for COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- Fire service organizations nationwide with membership on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Reiterates Importance of Close Patient Supervision for 'Off-Label' Use of Antimalarial Drugs to Mitigate Known Risks, Including Heart Rhythm Problems ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a [Drug Safety Communication](#) regarding known side effects of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, including serious and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm problems, that have been reported with their use for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19, for which they are not approved by the FDA. These risks, which are in the drug labels for their approved uses, may be mitigated when health care professionals closely screen and supervise these patients



such as in a hospital setting or a clinical trial, as indicated in the [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) for these drugs to treat COVID-19.

- FDA Daily Roundup April 24, 2020 - [HERE](#)

**EPA Provides Critical Information to the American Public about Safe Disinfectant Use ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing its efforts to provide critical information on surface disinfectant products that can be used to protect the health of all Americans throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**U.S. EPA and CBP Act to Protect the Public from Unregistered “Virus Shut Out” Product Imported into California ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced they have prevented a significant number of shipments of illegal health products from entering the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and the San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

**Readout of Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper’s Phone Call with Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono ([HERE](#))**

- On April 24, Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper spoke with Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono by phone to discuss bilateral coordination on the response to COVID-19, regional security issues and threats to a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region, and continued cooperation to implement U.S. forces realignment initiatives.

**DOD Plans for Resumption of Normal Operations after Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- Defense Department planners are working on how to resume normal military operations following the coronavirus pandemic, Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman said.

**Mortuary Affairs Operators Adapt to Unique Challenges during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Personnel assigned to Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, are accustomed to unique conditions that may arise when caring for fallen service members and their families. While a large portion of the nation is practicing social distancing and staying home, the mortuary mission doesn't stop, and AFMAO members must adapt now more than ever.

**A New Normal: Service Academies Cope With COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- People all over the world are dealing with life changes that have occurred due to the coronavirus pandemic, and that includes students at the nation's storied military academies.

**Florida National Guard, University Partner to Combat COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Doctors, nurses and medics from the Florida National Guard joined Florida International University at the Miami Beach Convention Center to conduct training in preparation of possibly receiving patients at the alternate care facility.

**America Strong: Blue Angels, Thunderbirds to Conduct Multi-City Flyovers Championing National Unity behind Frontline Responders ([HERE](#))**

- In a show of national solidarity, the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, and the Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, will conduct a series of multi-city flyovers over the next two weeks.

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- This legislation provides **\$320 billion** in additional funding for PPP.
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- SBA will resume accepting PPP loan applications on **Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT**.
- The bill also provides an additional **\$60 billion** for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, **\$75 billion** in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and **\$25 billion** to support our historic testing efforts.
- Please click here for more information: [Fact Sheet](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Treasury and U.S. Small Business Administration released new guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

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- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales \(4/24/2020\)](#)

### **Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
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#### **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
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- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

#### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/23](#)
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
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### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/24 ([HERE](#))
- President Trump Signs the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([VIDEO](#), [REMARKS](#), [BILL ANNOUNCEMENT](#))
- President Donald J. Trump Remains Committed to Providing Critical Relief for American Small Businesses, Workers, and Healthcare Providers ([HERE](#))
- Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600 – NEW: President Trump Signs Emergency Relief Bill ([HERE](#))

### **USMCA to Enter Into Force July 1 after United States Takes Final Procedural Steps for Implementation ([HERE](#))**

- “The crisis and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates that now, more than ever, the United States should strive to increase manufacturing capacity and investment in North America. The USMCA’s entry into force is a landmark achievement in that effort. Under President Trump’s leadership, USTR will continue working to ensure a smooth implementation of the USMCA so that American workers and businesses can enjoy the benefits of the new agreement,” said Ambassador Robert Lighthizer.

### **Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Resumption of the Paycheck Protection Program ([HERE](#))**

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- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly \$158 billion in the program's first three weeks.

**Secretary Azar Statement on President Trump's Signing of New Coronavirus Relief Package [\(HERE\)](#)**

- "Under President Trump's leadership, huge amounts of new additional resources are on the way to support America's frontline healthcare providers and our state and local government partners, while helping our communities and businesses alleviate the virus's tragic economic costs. HHS has worked rapidly to distribute aid from Congress to the healthcare providers who have been hit hardest, and that work will continue with this new infusion of support. As states prepare to begin reopening their economies, we now have billions in new resources to supplement the expertise, staff, and funding we've already sent to states to track and eventually contain the spread of the virus."

**The Administration for Children and Families to Release Funding to Support Child Welfare Services [\(HERE\)](#)**

- On March 27, the President signed a \$2 trillion emergency relief bill aimed at providing economic relief to the nation's families, workers, and businesses. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) with \$6.3 billion in additional funding that will aid in the continuation of work protecting, supporting, and uplifting our vulnerable communities during this public health crisis.

**HHS Announces More Time for Hospitals to Apply for COVID-19 High-Impact Payments [\(HERE\)](#)**

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**FEMA Publishes Documents to Preserve Scarce Medical Supplies [\(HERE\)](#)**

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**FEMA Makes Additional \$100 Million Available to Firefighters for COVID-19 Response [\(HERE\)](#)**

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Reiterates Importance of Close Patient Supervision for 'Off-Label' Use of Antimalarial Drugs to Mitigate Known Risks, Including Heart Rhythm Problems [\(HERE\)](#)**

- Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a [Drug Safety Communication](#) regarding known side effects of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, including serious and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm problems, that have been reported with their use for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19, for which they are not approved by the FDA. These risks, which are in the drug labels for their approved uses, may be mitigated when health care professionals closely screen and supervise these patients



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- FDA Daily Roundup April 24, 2020 - [HERE](#)

**EPA Provides Critical Information to the American Public about Safe Disinfectant Use ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing its efforts to provide critical information on surface disinfectant products that can be used to protect the health of all Americans throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**U.S. EPA and CBP Act to Protect the Public from Unregistered “Virus Shut Out” Product Imported into California ([HERE](#))**

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**Readout of Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper’s Phone Call with Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono ([HERE](#))**

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**DOD Plans for Resumption of Normal Operations after Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

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**Mortuary Affairs Operators Adapt to Unique Challenges during COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Personnel assigned to Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, are accustomed to unique conditions that may arise when caring for fallen service members and their families. While a large portion of the nation is practicing social distancing and staying home, the mortuary mission doesn't stop, and AFMAO members must adapt now more than ever.

**A New Normal: Service Academies Cope With COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

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Today, President Trump [recognized a group of extraordinary nurses](#) and [signed a proclamation](#) in honor of National Nurses Day. President Trump will continue to utilize the full power of the federal government to defeat the virus and support our healthcare professionals, and he has already [delivered](#):

- **\$175 billion** in funding for hospitals and other healthcare providers
- Over **75 million** N95 respirators
- **120 million** surgical masks
- **8 million** face shields
- More than **19 million** gowns
- Nearly **1 billion** gloves

Additionally, President Trump announced today that the White House Coronavirus Task Force will continue indefinitely and expand its focus to include safely [opening up America again](#).

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Small Business Administration released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Interim Final Rule on Nondiscrimination and Additional Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Questions 44-45)
- [Summary of Round 2 Data](#) (Updated at 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 6, 2020)
  - *Please note: PPP Round 2 loan data will be posted at the above link EOD going forward.*

Good News of the Day: Flags of Valor, a patriotic small business in Virginia that sells veteran-made American flags, will stay open for businesses thanks to a PPP loan. To learn more, watch [here](#).

### **Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

- SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report Round 2 – *Updated 5/3*
- [Summary of Paycheck Protection Program Round 2 Data](#) – *Updated 5/6*

#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
- [Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [How to Calculate Loan Amounts](#)

#### **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, and Farm Credit System Institutions](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

#### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) – *Updated 5/6*
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Criterion for Seasonal Employers](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Disbursements](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Corporate Groups and Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Nondiscrimination and Additional Eligibility Criteria](#) – *Updated 5/5*

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

#### **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

**How to Help** – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.
- If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you or someone you know represent a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19 with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to [medicalcountermeasures.gov](http://medicalcountermeasures.gov).
- For all others issues related to the private sector, please e-mail [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov) or visit our [National Business Emergency Operations Center](#) page.

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

For additional information, please visit FEMA’s website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**

President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Please click here for more information: [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))

### **White House COVID-19 Updates**

- Proclamation on National Nurses Day, 2020 ([PROCLAMATION](#), [VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Meets with the Governor of Iowa ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Visits Honeywell ([VIDEO](#))

- First Lady Melania Trump's Message for National Nurses Day ([VIDEO](#))
- Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany Holds a Briefing ([VIDEO](#))
- A Message from Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger ([VIDEO](#))
- Un Mensaje Sobre La Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Trabajando Juntos, Venceremos La Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Daily 1600: First Lady Melania Trump has a Message for America's Nurses! ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: Five Republican Governors: Our States Stayed Open in the Covid-19 Pandemic. Here's Why Our Approach Worked. ([HERE](#))

#### **Secretary Azar Statement on National Nurses Day ([HERE](#))**

- Wednesday, May 6, marks National Nurses Day, for which President Trump issued the first-ever Presidential Proclamation emphasizing the importance of the occasion. HHS Secretary Alex Azar issued a statement to commemorate the day.

#### **Report to the Secretary of the Treasury from the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ([HERE](#))**

- The ongoing coronavirus outbreak has weighed heavily on the US economy, with activity expected to fall sharply further in the second quarter of the year. Going forward, the coronavirus and weak global growth will be significant headwinds, while a large fiscal boost in response to the virus will provide some offset for the remainder of the year.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association May 5, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- Given the abrupt changes in the fiscal outlook posed by the COVID-19 outbreak, nearly all sources of revenue are expected to be lower over the next two quarters due to the reduction in size and shift in timing of receipts, while outlays are expected to be significantly higher as well.

#### **Quarterly Refunding Statement of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance Brian Smith ([HERE](#))**

- Treasury's borrowing needs have increased substantially as a result of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Since the end of March, Treasury has raised an unprecedented \$1.464 trillion on net and the Treasury cash balance has reached historically high levels. Over the next quarter, Treasury's cash balance will likely remain elevated as Treasury seeks to maintain prudent liquidity in light of the size and relative uncertainty of COVID-19-related outflows.

#### **Statement of USTR Robert Lighthizer on the Launch of U.S.-UK Trade Negotiations ([HERE](#))**

- Transcript of United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer's opening remarks at the formal launch of trade negotiations between the United States and the United Kingdom.

#### **CARES Act Forbearance Fact Sheet for Mortgagees and Servicers of FHA, VA, or USDA Loans ([HERE](#))**

- The CARES Act provides a mortgage payment forbearance option for all borrowers who, either directly or indirectly, suffer a financial hardship due to the novel coronavirus

(COVID-19) national emergency.

**EXIM Launches “Strengthening American Competitiveness” Initiative ([HERE](#))**

- The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) today announced the launch of its “Strengthening American Competitiveness” initiative. It will begin with a kick-off series of teleconferences with American businesses and stakeholders, and will focus on how EXIM can support “Made in the U.S.A.” exports—and the U.S. jobs that make them possible—as U.S. companies seek to compete and win in the global marketplace.

**Secretary Perdue Issues Letters on Meat Packing Expectations ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue last night sent the following two letters to Governors across the nation and leadership of major meat processing companies.

**USDA Applauds Missouri Court Ruling on Meat Processing Plants ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary Perdue today applauded the decision made by the District Court of Western Missouri which ruled that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has the primary jurisdiction over worker’s safety in meat processing plants across the country during the COVID-19 national emergency.

**U.S. Department of Labor Offers New Video and Poster on Proper Workplace Use of Respirators ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor announced that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has released a new video and poster for employers and workers on how to properly wear and remove a respirator. The [video](#) and poster – in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) – demonstrate and describe seven steps every worker should follow when putting on and taking off a respirator.

**CARES Act Air Service Exemptions for Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airlines ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation is acting on two requests for exemption from the CARES Act airline service obligations announced in Order 2020-4-2. This is the second round of requests filed by Spirit Airlines and JetBlue. Spirit Airlines and JetBlue will not be obligated to provide service at certain large hubs or focus city airports that have abundant service by large air carriers using the airports to provide connecting services.

**CMS News Alert May 6, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- Here is a summary of recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) actions taken in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), as part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts.

**FDA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup May 5, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration continue to provide updates on the actions taken in its ongoing response effort to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Federal Support to Expand National Testing Capabilities ([HERE](#))**

- Testing is critical to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and mitigate its threat to public health. President Trump has led a historic effort to revolutionize testing in the United States to confront this challenge.

### **OCR Issues Guidance on Covered Health Care Providers and Restrictions on Media Access to Protected Health Information about Individuals in Their Facilities ([HERE](#))**

- The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued additional guidance reminding covered health care providers that the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not permit them to give media and film crews access to facilities where patients' protected health information (PHI) will be accessible without the patients' prior authorization.

### **Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations ([HERE](#))**

- CDC is allowing crew members to disembark from cruise ships in U.S. waters and return home if cruise lines submit a signed attestation stating that they have complied with requirements to safely disembark their crew members.

### **Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance Builds Upon U.S. Leadership in the Global COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- As we work together to defeat the coronavirus at home, the United States stands with our global partners in their time of need, as we always have. A healthier world means a healthier United States.

### **VA Gets Boost from CARES Act to Provide Emergency Assistance to Veterans who are Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness during COVID-19 Crisis ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it has expanded support services enabled by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), to make available immediate relief for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **Defense Department Uses Thermal Imaging to Detect COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The Defense Department has used thermal imaging in myriad ways over the decades. Now, it's being enlisted to detect COVID-19.

### **DOD Awards \$126 Million Contract to 3M, Increasing Production of N95 Masks ([HERE](#))**

- "The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, has signed a \$126 million contract award with 3M for the increased production of 26 million N95 medical-grade masks per month, starting in October 2020."

### **DOD Remains Flexible, Agile in Face of Coronavirus ([HERE](#))**

- As the coronavirus situation evolves, the Defense Department must remain agile, flexible and responsive, Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper said.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the below fact sheets and the CDC's website: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- [COVID-19 By The Numbers](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic Whole-of-America Response](#)

Thank you,  
Hailey

*Hailey Hart*

White House Office of Public Liaison

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### **COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**



***Download the COVID-19 App***

For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: [HERE](#)

#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))

#### **What you should know:**

- [Workplace, School, and Home Guidance](#)
- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)



- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
- [Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)

### **Situation Updates:**

- [Situation Summary](#)
- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

### **Information for Businesses:**

- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Travel and Transportation:**

- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Guidance for Ships](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

### **Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:**

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Information for Laboratories](#)
- [Resources for First Responders](#)
- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care](#)

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- [FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Law Enforcement:**

- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)

**Information for Families and Households:**

- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- USDA: [USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- DOEd: [Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor](#)
- [U.S. Department of State](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
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Please see below. Have a great a weekend.

Thanks,  
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**USMCA To Enter Into Force July 1 After United States Takes Final Procedural Steps  
For Implementation**

*Washington, DC* – U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer today notified Congress that Canada and Mexico have taken measures necessary to comply with their commitments under the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA), and that the Agreement will enter into force on July 1, 2020. Following that notification to Congress, the United States became the third country to notify the other Parties that it had completed its domestic procedures to implement the agreement—the final step necessary for the USMCA to enter into force.

The USMCA’s entry into force marks the beginning of a historic new chapter for North American trade by supporting more balanced, reciprocal trade, leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and robust economic growth in North America. The Agreement contains significant improvements and modernized approaches to rules of origin, agricultural market access, intellectual property,

digital trade, financial services, labor, and numerous other sectors. These enhancements will deliver more jobs, provide stronger labor protections, and expand market access, creating new opportunities for American workers, farmers, and ranchers.

**“The crisis and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates that now, more than ever, the United States should strive to increase manufacturing capacity and investment in North America. The USMCA’s entry into force is a landmark achievement in that effort. Under President Trump’s leadership, USTR will continue working to ensure a smooth implementation of the USMCA so that American workers and businesses can enjoy the benefits of the new agreement,”** said Ambassador Robert Lighthizer.

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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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#### **Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19**

WASHINGTON –For months, the Department of Homeland Security has undertaken an aggressive and herculean response to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on American citizens and workers. From private industry to local government, every organ of society has been and will continue to be leveraged to protect the American public from irreparable harm. As we begin moving toward reopening the country, the Department and its components remain steadfast in their commitment to protect the safety of the American people.

“As the nation’s risk advisor, CISA is coordinating across the federal government, with our state and local partners, and with the private sector to assess COVID-19’s impact on our nation’s critical infrastructure”, said CISA Director Christopher Krebs. “We’re using our partnerships and expertise to send out useful infrastructure resilience guidance, help local leaders identify and protect those workers that are essential to the continuity of critical services and the nation’s supply chain, as well as share tips on how to telework securely and avoid rising cyber scams. CISA will continue to work with our partners to preserve the services we all rely on while slowing the spread in order to keep the American people safe.”

Below is a list of some of DHS’s efforts against COVID-19 last week:

#### **Interagency Collaboration**

*Prioritizing Public Health and Safety.* On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security extended the temporary postponement of Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) due to circumstances stemming from COVID-19. Hearings scheduled through and including June 1, 2020 will be rescheduled for a later date. This extension will ensure that individuals ‘have their day in court’ while also protecting the health and safety of aliens, law enforcement, immigration court professionals, and U.S. citizens

#### **Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD)**

*Enhanced Screenings at Airports.* CWMD contract personnel are continuing to support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with enhanced screenings for travelers through 13 specially designated airports. As of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, CWMD has processed more than 283,914 travelers for enhanced screening, including 1,506 who were referred to CDC for further medical evaluation.

#### **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

*Facilitating the Departure of Non-Citizens from the Country.* Over the past week, CBP facilitated the departure of over 1,100 foreign nationals from the U.S., including 200 Iraqis and 900 South Africans, who arrived safely in their home countries. These repatriation efforts are performed in close coordination with foreign governments to ensure that non-citizens avoid unforeseen hardships or any potential violation of U.S. immigration law as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Stepping Up Coastal Patrols to Curb Maritime Smuggling.* Border Patrol announced on

April 27<sup>th</sup> that it is strengthening its presence along California's coastline to combat against human and drug trafficking. This effort concurrently prevents any further introduction of COVID-19 into California communities.

*Seizing Counterfeit Goods from Foreign Sources.* Ensuring the integrity of imported goods, including personal protection equipment (PPE), is a vital function that CBP performs every day to protect the American public during the pandemic. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, CBP announced that it seized a record number of counterfeit COVID-19 tests over the past 45 days including: 62 seizures in Cincinnati containing 29,438 test kits; 11 seizures in Chicago containing 1,147 test kits; 2 seizures in Indianapolis containing 4,650 test kits; and 16 seizures in Louisville containing 187 test kits. These seizures had a domestic value of more than \$600,000.

*Supporting the Safe Return of U.S. Citizens Stranded Overseas.* As of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, CBP, in close coordination with the State Department's Repatriation Task Force, has facilitated the return of more than 76,000 Americans back to the U.S. from 126 countries. This interagency operation is vital to reuniting families and keeping Americans out of harm's way.

### **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**

*Ensuring Free-Movement of Critical Workers.* On April 28<sup>th</sup>, CISA published the [Situation Reporting System](#) which provides a secure web-enabled means of reporting denied movement situations for critical infrastructure workers. For the purposes of this system, a denied movement situation occurs anytime an individual or entity believes they are considered an essential worker under the local definition and was denied the ability to move around to conduct activities the local authorities have determined are authorized.

*Protecting Networks and Cloud Environments from Intrusions.* On May 1<sup>st</sup>, CISA launched a dedicated telework product line intended to advise and support businesses and organizations with the surge in telework due to COVID-19. The [new products](#) include a joint CISA and National Security Agency (NSA) [Telework Best Practices](#) guide, in addition to cybersecurity considerations for use of video conferencing software and related collaboration tools.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

*Helping Organizations and Businesses Resume Operations.* FEMA released a [fact sheet](#) on April 30<sup>th</sup> outlining measures for organizations and businesses to consider so that they are well-positioned to protect their employees and communities whenever they resume operations. The fact sheet builds upon the White House guidelines for [Opening Up America](#) by providing further recommendations for state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector stakeholders.

*Protecting Critical Workers While Reopening the Economy.* FEMA is coordinating the distribution of disposable face coverings for critical infrastructure workers as part of a multi-pronged effort to re-open the U.S. economy while continuing to limit the spread of COVID-19. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, FEMA has allocated more than 50 million facial coverings to states, tribes, and territories, with priority given to critical infrastructure sectors including emergency services, food production and distribution, and other sectors that support community lifelines.

*Ensuring that Nursing Homes Have Medical Supplies.* FEMA released a [fact sheet](#) on May 2<sup>nd</sup> outlining how the agency will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes coordinating

two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of PPE to more than 15,000 Medicaid-and-Medicare-certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association.

*Bolstering Response Efforts Through Foreign Partnerships.* In an effort to grow the Nation's limited medical supplies, FEMA's Office of International Affairs is working closely with the State Department to retrieve shipments from foreign partners across the globe. Over the past week, the agency offloaded two Turkish and two Taiwanese cargo planes carrying PPE and facilitated the receipt of 50 million hydroxychloroquine tablets from India, which has been cited by the CDC as a possible treatment for COVID-19 symptoms.

*Aiding Americans Who Are in Crisis.* On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, FEMA announced the approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program. The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA previously funded more than \$6 million in crisis counseling in six other states.

*Coordinating Air Flights to Address Medical Supply Shortages.* FEMA continues to expedite the movement of critical supplies, including masks, respirators, gloves, goggles, and surgical gowns, from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. This historic partnership with the private sector is named Project Air-Bridge. Between April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 27 international flights arrived in the U.S. with critical medical supplies, bringing the total to 112 with an additional 23 scheduled or in transit. These flights deliver PPE to areas of greatest need through prioritized distributor supply chains nine times faster than movement by sea.

### **Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)**

*Planning to Safely Resume Training.* FLETC held virtual town hall meetings with its staff and 95+ participating organizations to discuss plans to safely resume training. Some of the measures the agency plans to implement include screening staff and students, resizing classes into smaller blocks, social distancing protocols, continuing enhanced cleaning and sanitation processes, lodging students in single-occupancy dorms, and more.

*Preparing Students for Training Resumption.* FLETC provided online refresher training for 24 agencies that had basic training students enrolled in the Criminal Investigator, Uniformed Police, and Land Management Training programs. Additionally, FLETC provided in-service training for 66 instructional staff on how to deliver curriculums to students in an online format.

### **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

*Cracking Down on Fraud and Criminal Activity.* On April 28<sup>th</sup>, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit in Atlantic City seized approximately 242,000 fraudulent N95 respirator masks, 900 fraudulent Tyvek protective suits, and 11 million fraudulent disposable face masks. It also seized 900 fraudulent bottles of diluted Clorox bleach in Nogales, Arizona on April 30<sup>th</sup>. These seizures are part of an interagency enforcement campaign known as Operation Stolen Promise, which was launched by ICE on April 15<sup>th</sup> to combat COVID-19-related fraud and other criminal activity. To date, ICE has opened more than 260 investigations nationwide.

*Raising Public Awareness Around Fraud and Abuse.* ICE launched a dedicated "Operation Stolen Promise" web page on April 28<sup>th</sup> to provide information to the public on COVID-



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#### **Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19**

WASHINGTON – As the Nation transitions from a period of crisis to economic recovery, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will continue to leverage every social, medical, logistical and security tool at its disposal to defend the homeland from COVID-19. Thanks to a wide range of strategic initiatives, the Department and its components have achieved dozens of key deliverables last week through its unprecedented, whole-of-America response, which in return is slowing the virus's spread and saving millions of lives. These results could not have been secured by the Department without its dedicated workforce, who have adapted and persevered to meet these extraordinary challenges despite their own personal hardships.

“The men and women of the Transportation Security Administration continue to go above and beyond to protect the health and safety of travelers, while ensuring the security of our critical transportation systems during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. “Every day, our dedicated employees are performing vital tasks to keep our transportation systems moving for those with essential travel, and working with industry partners to ensure confidence across systems as we recover and travel levels increase.”

Below is a list of some of DHS's efforts against COVID-19 last week:

#### **Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD)**

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#### **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP)**

*Securing the Border from Infectious Diseases.* CBP announced on April 20<sup>th</sup> that it will extend its restrictions on non-essential travel across our shared borders with Canada and Mexico until May 21<sup>st</sup>. As President Trump has stated previously, border control, travel restrictions, and other limitations remain critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and allowing for the phased opening of the country.

*Building the Wall and Deterring Illegal Immigration.* On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, CBP launched a border wall system [webpage](#) that features a construction video and an interactive map. This website not only gives American taxpayers a first-hand look at the ongoing border wall construction, but it also serves as a strong visual deterrent to those in coronavirus-impacted countries who are contemplating making the dangerous and deadly journey to the U.S. across the Southern border.

*Seizing Counterfeit Goods from Foreign Sources.* On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, CBP officials seized 2,000

counterfeit respirators that were shipped to the U.S. from China. Ensuring the integrity of imported goods, including personal protection equipment (PPE), is a vital function that CBP performs every day to protect the American public during the pandemic.

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### **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**

*Promoting Integrity and Security in Upcoming Elections.* CISA continues to coordinate with government and industry partners to ensure upcoming elections are accessible and secure for voters. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, CISA's COVID-19 Elections Working Group, which is comprised of state, local, and private sector partners, [released](#) two new products focused on voter outreach, education, and best practices to ensure that every ballot is delivered properly to voter residences.

*Ensuring that Operation Centers and Control Rooms Remain Viable.* On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, CISA [released](#) the Critical Infrastructure Operations Centers and Control Rooms Guide for Pandemic Response, which is geared towards all 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by the federal government. The guide provides considerations and mitigation measures for operation centers and control rooms, but can be applied further to any critical node that is required to continue functioning in a pandemic environment.

*Keeping the Healthcare Industry Safe and Secure.* CISA, Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) jointly released [a bulletin](#) on April 24<sup>th</sup> regarding potential threats to the healthcare industry and resources on how to mitigate these threats.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

*Accelerating Antibody Research Efforts.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, FEMA's Medical Countermeasures Task Force reported that it established six agreements with healthcare providers to obtain convalescent plasma from COVID-19 survivors in support of the CDC's Serology Project Team's research efforts. Convalescent plasma, which is the liquid part of blood that possibly contains viral antibodies, is being investigated by medical researchers as a potential treatment for COVID-19.

*Bolstering Testing Capacity at Food Processing Centers.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, FEMA's Laboratory Diagnostics Task Force coordinated with the Region VII office to deliver 7,000 test kits to Kansas where the region's largest meat processing facilities are experiencing clusters of COVID-19 infections. These diagnostic supplies will help identify infections more rapidly while preventing its transmission throughout the state's critical agriculture infrastructure, which processes a significant portion of the nation's meat supply.

*Addressing Medical Supply Needs in Non-Healthcare Settings.* On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, FEMA published [guidance](#) to address how organizations in non-healthcare settings should consider and manage their personal protective equipment (PPE) needs while ensuring the protection of workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes how to preserve limited supplies of PPE, how to consider needs during periods of shortages, and how to acquire and request PPE (i.e., in the face of critical shortages and whereas normal supply chain allocation cannot meet operational requirements).

*Deploying Federal Funds in Support of State Response Efforts.* Federal funds are being deployed to help ensure that health care providers have the critical resources they need to provide rapid care and treatment to COVID-19 patients in hard-hit areas across the U.S.

Since April 20<sup>th</sup>, FEMA has obligated around \$400 million to support state response efforts, bringing the total amount to \$6.1 billion thus far. This includes an additional \$100 million in funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to help first responders access PPE and other critical medical supplies during the outbreak.

*Increasing Availability of Critical Resources.* As a part of the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, FEMA is executing a whole-of-nation approach to address the limited supply of critical and life-saving equipment. As of April 25<sup>th</sup>, FEMA has coordinated the delivery of the following to critical locations: 70.7 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.7 million surgical gowns, 793.8 million gloves, and 10,603 ventilators. FEMA's Health Care Resilience Task Force is also working with private manufacturers to address dialysis fluid shortages in New York City, which is critical for COVID-19 patients in ICU's who are experiencing kidney failure.

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## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTERS (FLETC)**

*Implementing Protocols to Protect Returning Students.* Although FLETC has temporarily paused in-person operations, the agency is engaged in detailed planning efforts to resume law enforcement training in the COVID-environment. Over the past week, FLETC piloted new screening procedures whereby security contractors are conducting temperature checks and asking COVID-related screening questions of all people attempting to enter FLETC's facilities. It has also begun to clean and disinfect all venues in preparation for students' return.

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## **INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS (I&A)**

*Educating the Public About Cyber-Related Threats.* On April 24<sup>th</sup>, I&A and CISA partnered with the American Hospital Association to [launch a podcast mini-series](#) addressing cyber threats that put the U.S. health system at risk. It offers best practices to security experts and health care administrators who are responsible for the infrastructure supporting medical providers during the COVID-19 response.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (S&T)**

*Arming the Nation with Scientific Research.* On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, William Bryan, Senior Official

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#### **Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19**

WASHINGTON –For months, the Department of Homeland Security has undertaken an aggressive and herculean response to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on American citizens and workers. From private industry to local government, every organ of society has been and will continue to be leveraged to protect the American public from irreparable harm. As we begin moving toward reopening the country, the Department and its components remain steadfast in their commitment to protect the safety of the American people.

“As the nation’s risk advisor, CISA is coordinating across the federal government, with our state and local partners, and with the private sector to assess COVID-19’s impact on our nation’s critical infrastructure”, said CISA Director Christopher Krebs. “We’re using our partnerships and expertise to send out useful infrastructure resilience guidance, help local leaders identify and protect those workers that are essential to the continuity of critical services and the nation’s supply chain, as well as share tips on how to telework securely and avoid rising cyber scams. CISA will continue to work with our partners to preserve the services we all rely on while slowing the spread in order to keep the American people safe.”

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#### **Interagency Collaboration**

*Prioritizing Public Health and Safety.* On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security extended the temporary postponement of Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) due to circumstances stemming from COVID-19. Hearings scheduled through and including June 1, 2020 will be rescheduled for a later date. This extension will ensure that individuals ‘have their day in court’ while also protecting the health and safety of aliens, law enforcement, immigration court professionals, and U.S. citizens

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*Facilitating the Departure of Non-Citizens from the Country.* Over the past week, CBP facilitated the departure of over 1,100 foreign nationals from the U.S., including 200 Iraqis and 900 South Africans, who arrived safely in their home countries. These repatriation efforts are performed in close coordination with foreign governments to ensure that non-citizens avoid unforeseen hardships or any potential violation of U.S. immigration law as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Stepping Up Coastal Patrols to Curb Maritime Smuggling.* Border Patrol announced on

April 27<sup>th</sup> that it is strengthening its presence along California's coastline to combat against human and drug trafficking. This effort concurrently prevents any further introduction of COVID-19 into California communities.

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*Ensuring Free-Movement of Critical Workers.* On April 28<sup>th</sup>, CISA published the [Situation Reporting System](#) which provides a secure web-enabled means of reporting denied movement situations for critical infrastructure workers. For the purposes of this system, a denied movement situation occurs anytime an individual or entity believes they are considered an essential worker under the local definition and was denied the ability to move around to conduct activities the local authorities have determined are authorized.

*Protecting Networks and Cloud Environments from Intrusions.* On May 1<sup>st</sup>, CISA launched a dedicated telework product line intended to advise and support businesses and organizations with the surge in telework due to COVID-19. The [new products](#) include a joint CISA and National Security Agency (NSA) [Telework Best Practices](#) guide, in addition to cybersecurity considerations for use of video conferencing software and related collaboration tools.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

*Helping Organizations and Businesses Resume Operations.* FEMA released a [fact sheet](#) on April 30<sup>th</sup> outlining measures for organizations and businesses to consider so that they are well-positioned to protect their employees and communities whenever they resume operations. The fact sheet builds upon the White House guidelines for [Opening Up America](#) by providing further recommendations for state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector stakeholders.

*Protecting Critical Workers While Reopening the Economy.* FEMA is coordinating the distribution of disposable face coverings for critical infrastructure workers as part of a multi-pronged effort to re-open the U.S. economy while continuing to limit the spread of COVID-19. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, FEMA has allocated more than 50 million facial coverings to states, tribes, and territories, with priority given to critical infrastructure sectors including emergency services, food production and distribution, and other sectors that support community lifelines.

*Ensuring that Nursing Homes Have Medical Supplies.* FEMA released a [fact sheet](#) on May 2<sup>nd</sup> outlining how the agency will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes coordinating



two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of PPE to more than 15,000 Medicaid-and-Medicare-certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association.

*Bolstering Response Efforts Through Foreign Partnerships.* In an effort to grow the Nation's limited medical supplies, FEMA's Office of International Affairs is working closely with the State Department to retrieve shipments from foreign partners across the globe. Over the past week, the agency offloaded two Turkish and two Taiwanese cargo planes carrying PPE and facilitated the receipt of 50 million hydroxychloroquine tablets from India, which has been cited by the CDC as a possible treatment for COVID-19 symptoms.

*Aiding Americans Who Are in Crisis.* On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, FEMA announced the approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program. The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA previously funded more than \$6 million in crisis counseling in six other states.

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### **Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)**

*Planning to Safely Resume Training.* FLETC held virtual town hall meetings with its staff and 95+ participating organizations to discuss plans to safely resume training. Some of the measures the agency plans to implement include screening staff and students, resizing classes into smaller blocks, social distancing protocols, continuing enhanced cleaning and sanitation processes, lodging students in single-occupancy dorms, and more.

*Preparing Students for Training Resumption.* FLETC provided online refresher training for 24 agencies that had basic training students enrolled in the Criminal Investigator, Uniformed Police, and Land Management Training programs. Additionally, FLETC provided in-service training for 66 instructional staff on how to deliver curriculums to students in an online format.

### **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

*Cracking Down on Fraud and Criminal Activity.* On April 28<sup>th</sup>, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit in Atlantic City seized approximately 242,000 fraudulent N95 respirator masks, 900 fraudulent Tyvek protective suits, and 11 million fraudulent disposable face masks. It also seized 900 fraudulent bottles of diluted Clorox bleach in Nogales, Arizona on April 30<sup>th</sup>. These seizures are part of an interagency enforcement campaign known as Operation Stolen Promise, which was launched by ICE on April 15<sup>th</sup> to combat COVID-19-related fraud and other criminal activity. To date, ICE has opened more than 260 investigations nationwide.

*Raising Public Awareness Around Fraud and Abuse.* ICE launched a dedicated "Operation Stolen Promise" web page on April 28<sup>th</sup> to provide information to the public on COVID-

19-related fraud schemes. The page highlights the investigative efforts the agency is taking to counter the threat posed by individuals and criminal organizations seeking to exploit the pandemic for financial gain. It also provides facts, tips, and red flags, and guides the public on how to recognize potential fraud, protect themselves, and report tips to the authorities.

### **Office of Operations Coordination (OPS)**

*Supporting Information-Sharing Activities.* On April 28<sup>th</sup>, an Operations Deputies Board (OPSDEPS) consisting of DHS senior operational leaders was convened to continue discussion and coordination on the Department's response to COVID-19. The OPSDEPS reviewed CISA and CWMD initiatives regarding their specific efforts to combat the coronavirus and identified potential linkages to these activities for optimization.

### **Science and Technology (S&T)**

*Arming the Nation with Scientific Research.* On April 27<sup>rd</sup>, the S&T Probabilistic Analysis for National Threats, Hazards, and Risks (PANTHR) program released a [PANTHR COVID-19 fact sheet](#) highlighting current research efforts overseen and executed by DHS S&T. This fact sheet includes answers to critical questions about COVID-19 and details the latest results from research conducted at S&T's National Bioforensic Analysis and Countermeasures Center. This fact sheet will receive updates on a periodic basis as new information emerges.

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### **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

*Providing Flexibility to Individuals and Employers.* USCIS announced on May 1<sup>st</sup> that it is extending its deadline for applicants responding to requests for evidence, continuations to request evidence, notices of intent to deny, notices of intent to revoke, notices of intent to rescind and notices of intent to terminate regional investment centers, and filing date requirements for Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion. Applicants and petitioners now have an additional 60 calendar days after the deadline listed in agency requests, notices, or decisions dated between March 1 and July 1 to respond before USCIS takes any action.

### **United States Coast Guard (USCG)**

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*"Together, we will rebuild this land that we love, we will reclaim the magnificent destiny that we share, and we will carry our Nation forward to new heights of greatness and glory." – President Trump*

**SAFELY OPENING UP AMERICA AGAIN: President Donald J. Trump and his Administration are taking steps to ensure States have the testing system required to reopen our Nation.**

- President Trump is releasing his Administration's blueprint for State testing plans and rapid response programs.
  - This follows the release of President Trump's Opening Up America Again guidelines on April 16, 2020.
- The blueprint describes the roles and responsibilities, as well as core objectives, for the robust State testing plans and rapid response programs needed by States to safely reopen.
- To meet the country's testing needs, the blueprint describes a partnership between Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, and the private sector.
- As we continue to gradually open up our Nation, testing will be crucial to give the American people the confidence they need to resume their economic, social, and religious lives.
- This roadmap will help States maximize testing capacity and protect the health and safety of their people as we begin to reopen and beyond.

**HISTORIC TESTING REGIME: The Trump Administration has successfully scaled a robust testing regime that is able to meet the massive needs of a nationwide pandemic.**

- President Trump and his Administration have responded to the coronavirus threat by scaling up the largest testing system anywhere in the world.
- Starting from scratch, the Trump Administration has performed more than 5.4 million tests in less than 45 days – far more than any other nation.
  - In hotspots, we are testing more Americans per capita than most other

major countries.

- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued 70 emergency authorizations for new tests, including 8 for serological tests.
- Federal agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), have surged millions of new tests and supplies to hospitals, the Indian Health Service, and other testing locations across the Nation.

**COMBATING THE INVISIBLE ENEMY: President Trump has worked tirelessly to mobilize the vast resources of our Nation in order to fight the coronavirus outbreak.**

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**To:** [Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Cc:** [Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:34:00 AM  
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For immediate release  
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## **Gov. Henry McMaster to Lift "Work-or-Home" Order May 4th** *Outdoor Dining Service for Restaurants to Start May 4th*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Henry McMaster today announced that the statewide "Work-or-Home" order will be lifted and returned to voluntary status on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The governor also announced that beginning on May 4<sup>th</sup>, restaurants throughout South Carolina may provide outdoor customer dining service in addition to existing take out, curbside, and delivery services.

The governor also announced that he has lifted [Executive Order 2020-19](#) because CDC guidance identifying "hotspots" throughout the country, which constituted the basis upon which short term rental companies were to deny reservations, has since lapsed and was not renewed. The governor has also lifted [Executive Order 2020-14](#), which required individuals entering the state from the same "hotspots" to self-quarantine for two weeks.

Governor McMaster and state epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell strongly urged anyone considered to be "at-risk" based on CDC guidance to limit exposure to others and for all South Carolinians to continue prioritizing their travels between home and work, when possible. Anybody who is sick or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately contact a healthcare provider and self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

"Our goal from the onset of this deadly pandemic has been to protect South Carolinians, but as

we all know, the state's economic health is a major component of the state's public health," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "South Carolinians, now more than ever, should be vigilant in protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities by practicing social distancing and continuing to follow the advice and recommendations from our public health experts."

"This virus will continue to spread and still presents a very real and serious threat to our people, but I believe in South Carolinians and their ability to act wisely and safely," the governor continued. "We are a strong, resilient, and compassionate people who care for one another and will act in the best interest of our state as a whole."

The governor's announcement follows a week of meetings of [AccelerateSC](#) – a group created by the governor to develop a coordinated economic revitalization plan which includes healthcare professionals, representatives from large and small businesses, local government officials, and education professionals.

Based on advice and recommendations from DHEC and the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association, Governor McMaster has established the following guidelines for restaurants to follow if they choose to open for outdoor seating.

Existing approved outdoor seating areas:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
- Limit table groups to 8 individuals;
- Eliminate gatherings in the building when entering or exiting outdoor seating area;
- Maintain strict social/physical distancing guidelines;
- Tables, chairs, and seats should be sanitized after every customer

If open areas and/or temporary tents are utilized by existing, permitted restaurants, all sides of the tent must be open and the following conditions are required:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
- Table groups are to be limited to 8 individuals;
- State approved fire extinguisher within 75 feet of tent area;
- Minimum of 7-foot-6 inch head room (ceiling height)

These guidelines, along with a list of frequently asked questions, [can be found here](#).

Additional guidance that restaurants are expected to follow, should they choose to open, have been provided by the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association and [can be found here](#).

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**Subject:** FW: Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020 8:10:00 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Do you know the answer to my below question? We currently have an order that requires anyone traveling to South Carolina from New Jersey, New York, or Connecticut to self-quarantine for two weeks. The governor is considering lifting this order if the CDC removes its advisory. This is a time-sensitive request.

Thank you for any assistance.

Best,  
Jordan

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**From:** Marsh, Jordan  
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**To:** Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>  
**Subject:** Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut  
**Importance:** High

Do you know if this advisory has been lifted? The governor just asked me to confirm and needs the information asap.

#### **CDC Issues Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut**

Due to extensive community transmission of COVID -19 in the area, CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. This Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services, and food supply.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s038-travel-advisory.html>

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**From:** [Lemoine, Leigh](#)  
**To:** [Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)  
**Subject:** Governor McMaster  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:09:08 PM

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Good afternoon - Governor McMaster will participate via videoconference on Monday.

Thank you,  
Leigh

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**Subject:** Governor McMaster  
**Date:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 1:46:27 PM

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Hi Zach, I apologize I can't see that my email RSVP went thru for Governor McMaster to participate tomorrow morning via videoconference.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Leigh LeMoine  
Cell: 803-466-2272

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**To:** [Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/ WHO](#)  
**Subject:** PUA  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:34:15 PM

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I'm also interested in the PUA employee recall issue.

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**To:** [Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Follow-Up COVID-19 Testing Technical Assistance Call Tomorrow  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020 10:17:00 AM

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Thanks for flagging.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:24 PM  
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Trey and Jordan,

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**We wanted to ensure someone from governor's senior leadership team is also joining.** Below is the time and call-in information for the call. I've been asked that we limit the additional person from the governors office to 1 or 2 people to ensure a productive call.

**State:** South Carolina

**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020

**Time:** 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. EST

**Call-In Information:**

- **Phone:** [REDACTED]
- **Code** [REDACTED]

Wanted to ensure you were tracking this. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 28, 2020

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is helping to expand COVID-19 testing capabilities for the novel coronavirus COVID-19 by deploying rapid-testing devices and testing supplies to areas of the state where testing for the virus may be limited.

The Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 rapid-response test recently received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to test specimens for COVID-19, and South Carolina received 15 of the devices from U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). DHEC deployed the devices and a limited amount of testing supplies to 15 health care facilities across the state last week, and today, the agency is distributing additional testing supplies to those facilities. The rapid-test devices, which can provide COVID-19 specimen results in 15-20 minutes, are in high demand around the country.

“This specialized technology will help us increase testing for those who are most susceptible to this disease and who live in areas of our state where access to COVID-19 testing isn’t easily accessible,” said Dr. Joan Duwve, DHEC’s Director of Public Health. “We wish every health care facility in the state could be provided with these new instruments, but until then, we’ve prioritized their distribution to the places where we hope they can have the biggest and best impact for South Carolinians.”

The rapid-response testing machines and supplies have been distributed to:

- Kershaw Health (Kershaw County)
- Self Regional Healthcare (Greenwood County)
- Piedmont Medical Center (York County)
- Regional Medical Center: Orangeburg Hospital (Orangeburg County)
- Bon Secours Health System (Greenville County)
- AnMed Health (Anderson County)
- Aiken Regional Medical Center (Aiken County)
- McLeod Health Clarendon (Clarendon County)
- Spartanburg Regional Healthcare (Spartanburg County)
- Coastal Carolina Hospital (Jasper County)
- MUSC Health Marion (Marion County)
- Williamsburg Regional Hospital (Williamsburg County)



- Lexington Medical Center (Lexington County)
- Al Cannon Detention Center (Charleston County)
- S.C. Department of Corrections

DHEC considered several factors in determining where to send these initial rapid-test devices, including regions with high numbers of positive cases; regions with rates above the state average for underlying conditions like diabetes, hypertension and chronic diseases; and a facility's capacity to use the machines to expand testing to rural communities.

The devices use the same type of nasopharyngeal specimen, or nose swab, as the traditional testing. A health care provider collects the patient's specimen, enters the specimen into the device, and results are provided in 15-20 minutes.

DHEC has requested more of the rapid-test devices and additional testing supplies but no specific timeline has been provided on when to expect a next shipment.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in South Carolina, visit [www.scdhec.gov/COVID19](http://www.scdhec.gov/COVID19).

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**To:** Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

**Subject:** [External] FOX Carolina Greenville: FEMA sent 15 Abbott ID Now rapid-response testing devices to South Carolina

Fyi

A story we are echoing.

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**Subject:** Re: [External] notes  
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Want to get to 11,700 tests per day. I'll let you translate that into a per 1,000 number.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Current Testing Capacity**

10,700/day

### **Lab Capacity**

Significant lab capacity; only operating at 30-40% capacity right now. Getting results back very quickly.

### **Expanded Testing Plans**

Will add an additional 1000 tests per day (total=11,700 tests/day) by May 1. Governor just started Accelerate South Carolina Task Force. They know they will need more tests to support containment and contact tracing as they reopen but have not set specific goal # or timeline. (Need to follow up in a week to find out if they have specific goal.)

### **Supply Requests / Needs**

Waiting on IRR request for 40 ID Now kits since 4/9 (but not emphasizing ID NOW as part of overall strategy). Noted supply chain problems with PPE and challenges getting providers to start testing without PPE; we briefly discussed moving away from NP collection so as to minimize PPE requirements

### **Data Requests / Needs**

ELR challenges; would like to better leverage HIE. In absence of ELR/HIE, would be helpful to have additional staffing support since so heavily dependent upon manual data.

### **Surveillance Requests / Needs**

N/A

### **Vulnerable Population Requests / Needs**

Interested in follow up from IHS

### **Contact Tracing Requests / Needs**

N/A. Getting creative about using state social workers, WIC coordinators, furloughed health care workers, etc.

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On April 20, each governor and staff received state-by-state testing platform information that included a state-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details. Since then, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the White House have conducted one-on-one technical assistance calls with states.

This email provides details on testing supplies (i.e., swabs, transport media) being distributed to your state to support enhanced testing efforts in partnership with you all. We appreciate your team providing your state's shipping address for swabs and media, logistics point of contact, and lab testing supplies point of contact.

#### **Attached You Will Find Some Helpful Documents**

- Overview of Testing Technical Assistance For States (7-page slide, attached)
- FAQ On Testing Technical Assistance (10-pages, attached)
- State Specific Swab & Media Allocations And Federal Points Of Contact (Please Share Updates As Necessary)

#### **Additional Questions**

- For personnel and guidance questions, please have your state health official(s) reach out to their CDC point of contact.
- For lab capacity and specimen collection allocations questions, please reach out to your testing subject matter expert.
- For logistic questions regarding swab and media shipments, please reach out to your FEMA Regional Administrator.

#### **Follow-Up Technical Assistance**

If it would be helpful, we are happy to organize another technical assistance call with your state health officials later this week or early next week to talk through the specimen collection supplies, lab testing supplies, or any other topics that would be helpful to you. If you would like to have a call this week, please let us know and we will work with your team to arrange it.

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On April 20, each governor and staff received state-by-state testing platform information that included a state-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details. Since then, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the White House have conducted one-on-one technical assistance calls with states.

This email provides details on testing supplies (i.e., swabs, transport media) being distributed to your state to support enhanced testing efforts in partnership with you all. We appreciate your team providing your state's shipping address for swabs and media, logistics point of contact, and lab testing supplies point of contact.

#### **Attached You Will Find Some Helpful Documents**

- Overview of Testing Technical Assistance For States (7-page slide, attached)
- FAQ On Testing Technical Assistance (10-pages, attached)
- State Specific Swab & Media Allocations And Federal Points Of Contact (Please Share Updates As Necessary)

#### **Additional Questions**

- For personnel and guidance questions, please have your state health official(s) reach out to their CDC point of contact.
- For lab capacity and specimen collection allocations questions, please reach out to your testing subject matter expert.
- For logistic questions regarding swab and media shipments, please reach out to your FEMA Regional Administrator.

#### **Follow-Up Technical Assistance**

If it would be helpful, we are happy to organize another technical assistance call with your state health officials later this week or early next week to talk through the specimen collection supplies, lab testing supplies, or any other topics that would be helpful to you. If you would like to have a call this week, please let us know and we will work with your team to arrange it.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

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Thanks,  
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Thank you for this document and the update on today's RGPPC call--very helpful and much appreciated.

Best,  
Jordan

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South Carolina State and Local Partners,

Thank you for your continued efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) for the benefit of the people of South Carolina. As you know, our citizens are best served when response is locally executed, State managed and Federally supported. The Federal government scales best practices, coordinates key priorities, provides regulatory flexibilities, guidance, and key resources to supplement, but not replace, private sector, local, and State resources. On January 31, the Trump Administration [declared](#) the coronavirus a public health emergency. The declaration set in motion the Trump Administration's whole-of-government approach to protecting the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. Working in partnership with State, Local, and Tribal leaders, the President and Administration have and continue to leverage all resources to respond to the coronavirus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.

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Through collective action, shared  
sacrifice, and national determination,  
***we will overcome this threat.***

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Attached, please find a fact sheet (***The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of South Carolina***) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of South Carolina and the people of South Carolina to combat the coronavirus. The attached information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of South Carolina in partnership with State and local leaders. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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## **COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials**



- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On March 31, the White House announced updated [Coronavirus Guidelines for America \(Español\)](#), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [guidance](#) recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission). On April 8, CDC also provided [guidelines](#) regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA's public assistance

guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter](#)/[Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter](#)/[Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

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Do you know if this advisory has been lifted? The governor just asked me to confirm and needs the information asap.

### **CDC Issues Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut**

Due to extensive community transmission of COVID -19 in the area, CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. This Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services, and food supply.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s038-travel-advisory.html>

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Director Joshua Baker  
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Director Mary Poole  
Chairman Gary Lemel  
SCDDSN

**RE:** DDSN plan to reduce band payments for waiver participants living at home

Dear Governor McMaster, Mr. Baker, Ms. Poole and Chairman Lemel:

On Thursday, April 23, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs advised financial managers (mainly local DSN Board directors) that it's current plan is to reduce the payments made for Medicaid waiver participants who live at home by 70%, effective with the second payment made to local DSN Boards in May. As I understood the information provided at the meeting, the reason for reducing payments to local DSN Boards is that **DDSN has a budget deficit for FY 2020 that is in excess of \$5 million due to the closure of congregate day programs.**



According to information provided at that meeting, DDSN has not received any of the increased FMAP payments that have already been paid by the federal government to SCDHHS for the purposes set forth in the Families First Response Act that was passed by Congress on March 18, 2020.

That Act retroactively increased the federal match rate for Medicaid services in South Carolina from approximately 70% to 76.2%. Given that DDSN has only provided the draft Mercer reports, not the report that was finalized in August, 2019 (according to DDSN's Annual Accountability Report), it is difficult to calculate the amount DHHS has already received in increased retroactive FMAP funds (paid retroactively to January, 2020). For purposes of this inquiry, I have used the costs which DHHS provided in the current ID/RD and Community Support waiver applications (found on the DHHS website) for year four.

If those numbers are correct, the increased FMAP for the ID/RD waiver program should have produced an additional \$3.377 million per month for that program. The increased FMAP for the Community Supports program should have produced an additional \$421,706 per month. Given that the initial payment was retroactive to January 1, 2020, DHHS should have already received a retroactive payment of at least \$11,396,120 for the months January – March, 2020 for those two programs alone.

According to the information DDSN provided to local DSN Boards on Thursday, none of these increased FMAP payments have been passed on to DDSN, creating a budget deficit of more than \$5 million, which DDSN now plans to balance on the backs of local DSN Boards and families who are already struggling to provide additional hours care at home, given the closure of day programs funded by the waiver. The proposed reductions have not been approved by the governing board of DDSN.

DDSN has also failed to notify Medicaid waiver families of the agency's plan to reduce the band rates paid for services provided to



waiver participants living at home by 70% in less than three weeks. DDSN's plan calls for all financial managers to share in this across-the-board reduction, regardless of their production rates. This punishes those boards who have worked hard to comply with DDSN's request to provide day services in DDSN's residential settings and rewards those who have not. Given the increased costs Boards are experiencing resulting from Cov-19 due to absences, increased overtime, having to pay hazardous duty pay to cover houses infected with Cov-19 and having to pay for PPE that should be provided to waiver participants through the State Plan, threatening to reduce rates to solve DDSN's budgeting problem on such short notice, and without a public hearing, is unconscionable.

By forcing boards to reduce home-based services, DHHS risks loss of the 6.2% FMAP increase, which requires the state to continue to provide services in the "amount, duration and scope" provided prior to the enactment of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act.

I am already seeing reductions "on the ground." DDSN reduced the hours of one client who was receiving 42 hours per week of PCA II services to 10.5 hours, without explanation, and without any change in the client's need for those services. Another client's request for an additional hours of PCA services to replace the day program services he was receiving prior to the closure of DDSN's day programs was first approved for 30 additional hours per week, but later that same day reduced to 5 hours a week, claiming that the approval for an additional 30 hours a week was a "typo."

Before I send information out to families, I am requesting, Mr. Baker, that you provide the amount of the FMAP funding increase your agency has already received and that you explain why none of these funds have been paid to DDSN. When do you intend to pay those funds already received to DDSN so that they can avoid the ill-conceived and illegal plan to reduce payments for B and I band recipients?

For years, advocates have complained that the agencies' overreliance on DDSN workshops violates the ADA and the Medicaid Act and

DHHS' illegal refusal to allow all providers to bill DHHS directly. Instead, DHHS and DDSN have continued to mandate that local DSN Boards involuntarily assign payments to DDSN, to be distributed according to the "bands" DDSN has established. DDSN has continued to divert funds allocated for services to build more congregate capacity, without authorization from the General Assembly. Instead of substituting services provided in integrated settings, DDSN has continued its business model of billing excessive rates for day program services, while passing on lower rates to providers.

Given the emergency nature of the pending reductions, I will appreciate your prompt response. If any of my calculations are wrong, please so advise and provide the correct amounts and the final Mercer report.

Sincerely,

Patricia Logan Harrison

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Robert, Mary and Gary told the General Assembly in the accountability report sent in September that the Mercer report had been finalized in August. If that is true, DDSN should have it. If that is not true, and if DDSN never received the final report, you should correct the misinformation you provided to legislators in that report.

I made a FOIA request months ago. DDSN cannot avoid FOIA by telling the requestor that someone else owns the report. If DDSN has it, you need to produce it.

I am also sending this request to Mr. Baker and asking that you two agencies communicate with each other about why the final Mercer report has not been provided to all that requested it.

Please email the final Mercer report to me pursuant to this request and the one I made last fall. Thank you.

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Ms. Harrison,

The Mercer Report belongs to SCDHHS. DDSN has only ever received the final DRAFT report that we provided to you previously. Please direct your concerns re the Mercer Report to SCDHHS.

Thanks and stay safe,

Robb McBurney

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I requested a copy of the Mercer report last fall and was provided only with the **two draft reports dated February 28, 2019**. The SC Human Services Providers Association was also provided these draft reports on November 7, 2019, in response to their October 2, 2019 FOIA request.

However, the Annual Accountability Report that DDSN submitted to the General Assembly on September 11, 2019 states that the Mercer report was **finalized in August, 2019**. Page A-4. Please explain why DDSN provided only with the draft report that was sent to DHHS in February, if the report was finalized in August, 2019. If the Mercer report was not finalized in August, please advise of the agency's plan to file a corrected annual accountability report.

**Also, please provide me with a copy of the finalized Mercer report via email.** Given that this report was requested pursuant to FOIA months ago, I would hope that you will provide the requested report immediately, so that the analysis I am working on regarding DDSN's plan to drastically reduce home-based band payments will be accurate.

Thank you.

Trisha Harrison

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