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All,

The Governor will be hosting a conference call with the full COVID-19 Task Force and its subcommittees tomorrow, Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM. The Governor will provide an update and will call on the chair of each subcommittee for an overview of the work their group is doing. If you are a subcommittee chair, please make sure you are logged in on a computer for the call so we have the ability to unmute your line.

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William,

Please look at the data I have attached for Georgia. In accordance with the White House gating criteria for Phase One, Georgia is seeing a flattened then downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests in a fourteen-day period, counting April 11 onward. In Albany, we are seeing a incidence rate at a lower rate than the state average at this point. With that reality, and by considering Albany's impact as a whole on Georgia, we are on track to meet the gating criteria on Friday when we will begin to allow a targeted reopening of certain businesses, all subject to a minimum of twenty separate requirements before they can open their doors. The attached graph is one of the criteria under consideration. We will gladly send over all applicable data for your review. The Georgia Department of Health developed, reviewed, and provided their approval for our reopening plan.

Tim

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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 **Friday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Please fill out audio call-in information as a backup, please complete this [REDACTED]

Please join 30 minute prior to ensure no issues. If your Governor is unable to join by VTC, **please let me know before 10:00 AM Friday (4/24).**

Dial-In information for the Video Teleconference (VTC)

***Please read carefully and do NOT share or distribute the VTC/call-in information.*** Upon receiving this email, please connect with your State Emergency Manager and their Emergency Operations Center to stand-up the VTC. This VTC will be conducted through the FEMA Emergency Operations Center. Your State Emergency Manager and their staff should reach out to the FEMA Region contact (if they haven't already contacted you).

The VTC/call line has limited lines and we are permitting only one dial-in per state. All relevant cabinet members and key state officials must join their governor in the same room to ensure you are using the access code only once per state. ***If your state dials-in using the same access code as the governor, you may prevent your governor from participating in the VTC/call as lines are limited.*** Your governor will be receiving an unmuted line, so we ask when the governors dials-in to mute their line and ONLY unmute if a federal participant asks them to unmute. This will ensure maximum participation, but ensure a smooth conference call.

### ***VTC Dial-In Options***

- **SIP:** [REDACTED]
- **IP:** [REDACTED] /Cisco <or> [REDACTED]
- **Toll Free ISDN:** [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
- **Direct Dial ISDN:** [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

***Do NOT connect via an audio line and a video line in the same room.***

**Testing (highly encouraged):** The video bridge will be available for testing starting at 9:00 a.m. ET on (4/24) and remaining up to one hour prior to the conference start time. All VTC are asked to join 30 minutes prior to the VTC start time for a final audio/video check.

**Testing & Troubleshooting Contact:** The FEMA Operations Center (540-542-2171).

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Governor's Senior Staff (Chief of Staff, State-Federal Director, and Scheduler),

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**Briefing Call/VTC Details**

- **Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Expected Length:** 60-90 minutes
  - **Please communicate if your governor is expected to be late or depart early from the call.**
- **Federal Participants:** Vice President Mike Pence & Senior Administration Officials

- **Reminder Governors-Only (i.e., one call-in per state):** Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, state economic development directors, state workforce directors, other key state leaders in the state's response and re-opening efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.
- **Video Teleconference Option:** If possible, **we encourage your governor to participate by VTC.** Participation by VTC allows governors and federal speakers to interact more efficiently. Any governor who wants to participate in this briefing via video teleconference (VTC), **indicate so in the RSVP.** FEMA has worked with your emergency manager to identify VTC capabilities in your state and we can provide you that information.

**NOTE:** We ask if your governor needs to leave early or arrive late to the call, that you communicate this no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24. If not, we will expect your governor is on the call the entire time to potentially provide an update.

**RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Thursday April 23 at 5:00 p.m. ET**

To RSVP your governor, email please email me ([Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)) by **no later than Thursday April 21 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Once you RSVP your governor, you will receive a call-in information link and guidance. VTC guidance will be provided upon request.

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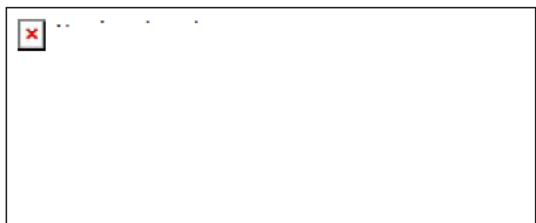
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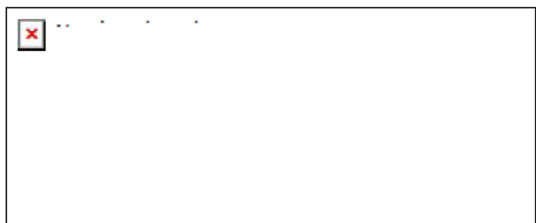
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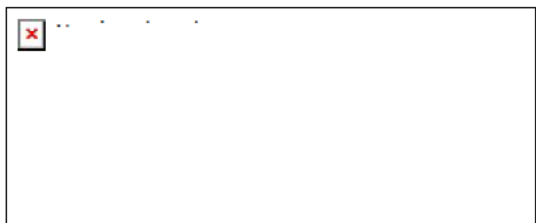
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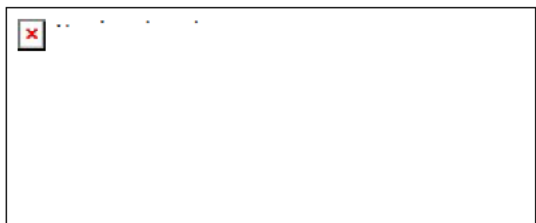
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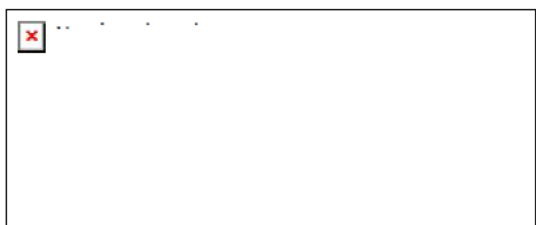
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April 22, 2020

# FEMA Advisory

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

Attached you will find today's FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- On **April 16**, President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening America Up 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.
- As of **April 21**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 56.9 million N95 respirators, 82.5 million surgical masks, 5.9 million face shields, 12.3 million surgical gowns, 643 million gloves, 10,998 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 4.4 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 vast 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.
  - Consolidating testing supplies under the IRR simplifies the resource request process for states and territories and alleviates the burden on public health labs on needing to work with separate suppliers for swabs, reagents and other diagnostic testing supplies.
  - 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.
- On **April 21**, [New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced](#) that the state would no longer need the USNS Comfort because of declining cases in New York City.
  - The USNS Comfort arrived in Manhattan on March 30 and has treated 182 patients.
- On **April 21**, HHS announced [\\$955 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living](#) to help meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities. This funding is part of the CARES Act.
  - The grants will fund home-delivered meals, care services in the home, respite care and other support to families and caregivers, and other support services.

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Governor's Senior Staff (Chief of Staff, State-Federal Director, and Scheduler),

Our Nation's Governors are invited to a **Governors-only Briefing Call (with a video teleconference option) with Vice President Mike Pence** and Senior Administration Officials on **Friday, April 24, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time** for an update on the Federal-State-Local efforts to respond to COVID-19.

### **Briefing Call/VTC Details**

- **Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Expected Length:** 60-90 minutes
  - ***Please communicate if your governor is expected to be late or depart early from the call.***
- **Federal Participants:** Vice President Mike Pence & Senior Administration Officials
- **Reminder Governors-Only (i.e., one call-in per state):** Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, state economic development directors, state workforce directors, other key state leaders in the state's response and re-opening efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.
- **Video Teleconference Option:** If possible, **we encourage your governor to participate by VTC.** Participation by VTC allows governors and federal speakers to interact more efficiently. Any governor who wants to participate in this briefing via video teleconference (VTC), **indicate so in the RSVP.** FEMA has worked with your emergency manager to identify VTC capabilities in your state and we can provide you that information.

**NOTE:** We ask if your governor needs to leave early or arrive late to the call, that you communicate this no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24. If not, we will expect your governor is on the call the entire time to potentially provide an update.

### **RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Thursday April 23 at 5:00 p.m. ET**

To RSVP your governor, email please email me ([Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)) by **no later than Thursday April 21 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Once you RSVP your governor, you will receive a call-in information link and guidance. VTC guidance will be provided upon request.

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

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Thanks,  
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Good evening,

Today, the Trump Administration took the following steps in response to the COVID-19 epidemic:

- As portions of the economy begin to reopen, President Trump took action to prioritize American workers by [temporarily pausing immigration for 60 days](#).
  - The Administration will continue to monitor the labor market to amend or extend the proclamation if needed.
  - There are exemptions for medical and other essential workers to combat the outbreak and for spouses and minor children of American citizens.
  - More information can be found here: [Fact Sheet](#)
- The President also directed the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to focus its efforts on supporting distressed communities impacted by the Coronavirus.
  - "As President, I am absolutely determined to deliver a great future for Americans of every race, religion, color, and creed." – President Donald J. Trump
  - The White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council will identify additional funding needed from Congress to best support minority and distressed areas.
- The Department of the Treasury updated its website on [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#) to include additional information:
  - [Q&A: Payroll Support to Air Carriers and Contractors – Update](#)
  - [Payroll Support Agreement](#)
- The Department of Health and Human Services [announced additional allocations](#) of CARES Act Provider Relief Funds.
  - \$100 billion is being distributed by the Administration to healthcare providers, including hospitals battling COVID-19.
  - \$50 billion of the Provider Relief Fund is allocated for general distribution to Medicare facilities and \$10 billion will be provided to hospitals in areas that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.
  - As announced in early April, a portion of the \$100 billion Provider Relief Fund will be used to reimburse healthcare providers, at Medicare rates, for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured.

Finally, President Trump continues to urge the House of Representatives to pass legislation to replenish the critical Paycheck Protection Program and to fund hospitals and testing efforts.

**Tomorrow, members of the Coronavirus Task Force hold a press briefing at 5:00pm ET.**

### Additional Guidance (as of 4.22, 5:30pm):

- **HHS** - HHS Awards Nearly \$165 Million to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Communities ([Click here](#))

- **CMS** - Trump Administration Launches New Toolkit to Help States Navigate COVID-19 Health Workforce Challenges ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Confirmation of COVID-19 in Two Pet Cats in New York ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - April 21 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - Virtual Town Hall Series - Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Diagnostic Tests ([Click here](#))
- **DHS** - Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - FEMA Provides \$36.5 Million to City And County of Denver for COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Setting ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Increases Monthly SNAP Benefits by 40% ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Alabama ([Click here](#))
- **ED** - Secretary DeVos Calls on Wealthy Institutions to Reject Taxpayer Emergency Funds, Congress to Change Eligibility ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Issues Alert to Help Keep Construction Workers Safe during The Coronavirus Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - Department of Justice Announces Disruption of Hundreds of Online COVID-19 Related Scams ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - COVID-19 Doesn't Stop Homeland Defense, Northcom Commander Says ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - 3,600 National Guardsmen Contribute to New York's COVID-19 Fight ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Starts Tiered COVID-19 Testing Process to Ensure Safety ([Click here](#))
- **State** - The United States Continues Leadership in the Global COVID-19 Response With More Than \$270 Million in Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance ([Click here](#))

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Dear Colleague:

There is no higher priority than ensuring that our healthcare providers are ready and able to care for COVID-19 cases. In record time, HHS is doing our part by getting appropriated relief funds to providers to help maintain readiness. So, let's start with new information announced by Secretary Azar on the Provider Relief Fund.

- **New Announcements Today on Provider Relief Fund Allocations:** Today, HHS announced additional information about allocations of the \$100 billion Provider Relief Act created in the CARES Act. As the Secretary said again today, "our goal in disbursing the money from the CARES Act [is] to get it out the door as quickly as possible while targeting it to those who are most impacted by the pandemic." Below is a short outline of the information released, but for those of you who want more detail, I would point you to two resources: (1) [Fact Sheet](#), attached and linked, (2) [Secretary Azar's remarks](#) at the top of today's press briefing on the announcement.

High Level Description of PRF Allocation Information Released Today:

- **\$50 Billion General Allocation to Providers:** \$50 billion of the PRF will be allocated for general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, based on eligible providers' 2018 net patient revenue. The distribution will also take into consideration the challenges faced by facilities serving a significantly disproportionate number of low-income patients, as reflected by their Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Adjustment. As you know, \$30 Billion of the \$50 has already been distributed, the \$20 billion balance will be distributed on a rolling basis, beginning at the end of this week. More details provided in the attached [fact sheet](#) and the Secretary's [remarks](#).
- **\$10 billion for Providers in Hot Spots:** \$10 billion of the PRF will be allocated for a targeted distribution to hospitals in areas that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. **Note there is an April 23<sup>rd</sup> midnight PT deadline** for submitting certain information. More details provided in the attached [fact sheet](#) and the [Secretary's remarks](#).
- **\$10 billion for Rural Health Providers:** \$10 billion will be allocated for rural health clinics and hospitals, most of which operate on especially thin margins and are far less likely to be profitable than their urban counterparts. More details provided in the attached [fact sheet](#) and the [Secretary's remarks](#).

- **Reimbursement for Providers Treating Uninsured COVID-19 Patients:** Every health care provider who has provided treatment for uninsured suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients on or after February 4, 2020, can request claims reimbursement from the PRF at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. Providers can register for the program on April 27, 2020 through a [portal](https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim), <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>, and begin submitting claims in early May. More detail is found [here](#).
- **Other?** Some savvy readers will note that this does not necessarily add up to the full \$100 billion. On that score, also announced is that some providers will receive further, separate funding, including skilled nursing facilities, dentists, and providers that solely take Medicaid.

Other releases from today:

### **Resources and Funding**

**More Good News for Rural Hospitals & COVID-19:** HRSA awarded nearly [\\$165 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities](#). These investments will support 1,779 small rural hospitals and provide additional funding to 14 HRSA-funded Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) to provide technical assistance on telehealth to help rural and underserved areas combat COVID-19.

**Telehealth Resources:** A new website, <https://telehealth.hhs.gov/>, went live today to provide information about the latest federal efforts to support and promote telehealth services. It provides helpful information about telemedicine and links to tools and resources for practitioners. Accompanying the release, the Surgeon General released a blog directed to healthcare providers, urging them to [join the telehealth revolution](#). He notes that healthcare providers have a unique opportunity to integrate telemedicine into their practice.

**Updated FAQs on COVID-19:** The FDA updated their [general FAQ page](#) to include updated consumer information on serology and home tests. [HRSA updated their FAQs](#) to include additional information on funding, program oversight and monitoring, providing care during emergencies, FTCA requirements, service delivery, temporary sites, quality improvement, and partnerships and special populations.

**Mental Health Resources:** SAMHSA released a [training and technical assistance document](#) that include products and resources (e.g., webinars) that can be helpful when coping with the effects of widespread public health crises, such as psychosocial impacts of disasters and supportive practices for mental health professionals.

**Mental Health Webinar for Faith Leaders:** HHS's Partnership Center is hosting a [webinar series on mental health and COVID-19 for faith and community leaders](#). This webinar will share what secondary mental health "aftershocks" might be on the horizon, offers the perspective of mental health professionals in this moment, and what faith leaders are preparing to address. The first webinar will be on April 28 at 12 PM.

**Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations:** SAMHSA has released a White Paper on [IPV and Child Abuse Considerations](#) during COVID-19. The paper includes background information and resources for additional information.

### **PPE and Supplies**

**Optimizing PPE:** CDC updated their guidance on [strategies to optimize PPE](#). Outlines strategies can be considered during severe PPE shortages and should be used with the contingency options to help stretch available supplies for the most critical needs. As PPE availability returns to normal, healthcare facilities should promptly resume standard practices.



**Decontaminating N95 Respirators:** The FDA issued an EUA for the emergency use of the [Sterilucent HC 80TT Hydrogen Peroxide Sterilizer](#) for use in decontaminating compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators for single-user reuse by healthcare providers to prevent exposure to pathogenic biological airborne particulates when there are insufficient supplies of face-filtering respirators (FFRs) resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sterilucent Sterilizer System is an FDA-cleared sterilization system for terminal sterilization of certain types of medical devices. This EUA authorizes expansion of the indication for decontamination of compatible N95 respirators for up to 10 decontamination cycles per respirator.

**Flexibility for Food Supply Chain:** A new “FDA Voices” was issued, [FDA Provides Flexibility to the Food Industry to Support Food Supply Chain and Meet Consumer Demand During COVID-19](#). It explains how the agency is working closely with the food industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide flexibility regarding federal food labeling and other requirements when possible, so consumers have access to the food they want. To achieve that goal, the FDA has issued temporary guidance that provides flexibility to various segments of the food industry—restaurants, food manufacturers, producers and retail establishments—to help support the food supply chain and meet consumer demand in this time of crisis.

### **Testing and Treatment**

**Call for Plasma Donations:** FDA updated information and continues to urge recovered patients to [donate plasma](#). If you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease.

**IHS Distribution of 250 Abbott Testing Devices:** On April 6, HHS announced it was purchasing the ID NOW COVID-19, a rapid acting, point-of-care test developed for state, territorial, and tribal public health labs by Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc. (Abbott Diagnostics). The Indian Health Service (IHS) has been given priority access to rapid point-of-care COVID-19 testing systems as part of this effort. The IHS received 250 devices and an initial 9,000 individual tests to distribute to selected IHS and Tribal locations. As of April 21, 2020, all analyzers have been distributed to 192 different IHS and tribal sites.

**Increasing Kids’ Access to Asthma Medications:** Yesterday, the FDA approved an [Abbreviated New Drug Application \(ANDA\) for Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution 0.021% and 0.042%](#) for the relief of bronchospasm in patients 2 to 12 years of age with asthma. The agency recognizes the increased demand for albuterol products during the novel coronavirus pandemic and remains deeply committed to facilitating access to medical products to help address critical needs of the American public.

**Diagnostics Update:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 350 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 42 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 17 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 210 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.

### **Increasing Flexibilities**

**Increasing Hospital Capacity:** CMS [issued critical guidance allowing licensed, independent freestanding emergency departments \(IFEDs\)](#) in Colorado, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Texas to temporarily provide care to Medicare and Medicaid patients to address any surge. IFEDs generally offer a range of services including basic imaging services, computed tomography (CT) scans, ultrasound, and basic on-site laboratory services. Current law does not recognize

IFEDs as a certified Medicare provider, meaning they cannot bill Medicare and Medicaid for services. However, during this public health emergency these entities can be temporarily certified as a hospital to increase healthcare system capacity as part of each state's pandemic plan.

**Confirmed COVID-19 in Cats:** The CDC announced [the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in two pet cats](#). These are the first pets in the United States to test positive for SARS-CoV-2. The cats live in two separate areas of New York state.

Stay safe. Any questions please contact [Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov](mailto:Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov).

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Dear State Partners,

The Department of Health and Human Services is announcing upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide additional resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation's response to COVID-19.

Please find press release below and funding levels at:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/23/updated-cdc-funding-information.html>

## News Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 23, 2020

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"This new funding secured from Congress by President Trump will help public health departments across America continue to battle COVID-19 and expand their capacity for testing, contact tracing, and containment," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "The professionals who staff America's state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments have played a vital role in protecting Americans throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, by reporting and analyzing surveillance data, tracing the spread of the virus, and developing scientific guidelines appropriate for local communities. As we look toward re-

opening the economy, the work of these dedicated public health officials is only going to get more important, and the Trump Administration and CDC will be working right alongside them to assist.”

“This infusion of additional funding into the nation’s public health infrastructure will strengthen our capacity to implement tried and true containment measures,” said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “The ability to implement aggressive contact tracing, surveillance and testing will be fundamental to protecting vulnerable populations as the nation takes steps to reopen and Americans begin returning to their daily lives.”

CDC will use existing networks to reach out to state and local jurisdictions to access this funding, which may be used for a variety of activities including:

- Establishing or enhancing the ability to aggressively identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up, as well as implement appropriate containment measures.
- Improving morbidity and mortality surveillance.
- Enhancing testing capacity.
- Controlling COVID-19 in high-risk settings and protect vulnerable or high-risk populations.
- Working with healthcare systems to manage and monitor system capacity.

To view a list of the funding jurisdictions, including past COVID-19 related funding from CDC, please visit [here](#).

For more information about COVID-19, please visit CDC’s website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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## President Trump and the Coronavirus Task Force Update Americans on Relief Efforts

— Issued on: April 22, 2020



### ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES

PRESIDENT TRUMP: “My Administration is committed to providing the testing that is needed to fight the virus in distressed communities. In the last month alone, we’ve already sent over \$1.4 billion to our nation’s 13,000 community health care centers – think of that, 13,000 – to increase testing and treatment in the underserved areas. We’re also expanding access to telehealth. Telehealth has become a big deal.”

PRESIDENT TRUMP: “The legislation passed by the Senate yesterday includes an additional \$25 billion to further expand testing and provides even more funding for community health centers.”

PRESIDENT TRUMP: “My administration is working closely with governors to ensure that they have the testing infrastructure in place to reduce further spread of the virus, if they’re so inclined to use the testing apparatus including strategies for older individuals, low-income Americans, minorities, and Native Americans.”

PRESIDENT TRUMP: “My administration’s committed to restoring black and Hispanic communities to full economic health. They want to be healthy economically and physically, and that’s what we’re doing. To that end, today, I’m directing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, led by Secretary Ben Carson, to focus its effort on supporting underserved communities impacted by the coronavirus.”

PRESIDENT TRUMP: “Furthermore, the council will seek input from the private sector and community leaders on how we can best support minority and distressed communities. As president,

I'm absolutely determined to deliver a great future for Americans of every race, religion, color, and creed."

### **TREATMENTS AND THERAPEUTICS**

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "My administration has directed more than \$7 billion in federal funding to support the development of treatments, diagnostics, and therapies."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "The FDA, the NIH, and industry leaders are establishing master clinical trial protocols to test multiple promising new drugs at the same time."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "More than 1,600 locations across the country have signed up to administer convalescent plasma to patients, infusing them with antibodies of those who have recovered. And when they recover – I said it last time – practically the first thing they say is 'I want to give my blood so I can help other people.'"

### **ECONOMIC RELIEF FUNDING**

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "Following around the clock negotiations yesterday, the Senate answered my call to replenish the paycheck protection program so that millions of additional American workers can keep getting a paycheck. We just increased it by \$310 billion. I urge the House to pass the bill without delay."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "The legislation passed by the Senate yesterday also reserves \$30 billion in loans for small financial institutions that serve minority and distressed communities, very important."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "As you know, and this was an interesting story in recent days. I've called for Harvard – that's Harvard University – which has a \$40 billion endowment fund to return the money that it was allocated under the CARES Act. And I'm pleased to announce that Harvard has announced today that they will not accept the funds, nor will Stanford University, or many of the others that were involved."

### **REOPENING AMERICA SAFELY**

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "The number of new positive cases continue to decline nationwide. Recent hotspots appear to be stabilizing."

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "Cases in the Boston area are now declining. The Chicago curve appears to have flattened, which is terrific, and Detroit is past its peak. These trends demonstrate that our aggressive strategy to battle the virus is working and that more states will soon be in a position to gradually and safely re-open."

VICE PRESIDENT PENCE: "The New York metro area, New Jersey, Connecticut, all appear to be past their peak. And as our scientists may reflect in a few moments, we also are seeing the positive rate going down, which is actually even as encouraging as the declining cases."

### **FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES**

PRESIDENT TRUMP: "As restrictions are lifted, we must maintain vigilance and continue practicing social distancing. I encourage governors to follow a careful, phased approach and I want to remind all Americans to adhere to our guidelines."



PRESIDENT TRUMP: "I told the Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp, that I disagree strongly with his decision to open certain facilities which are in violation of the phase one guidelines for the incredible people of Georgia ... I want him to do what he thinks is right, but I disagree with him on what he's doing."

NIAID DIRECTOR FAUCI: "If I were advising the governor, I would tell him that he should be careful. And I would advise him not to just turn the switch on and go because there is a danger of a rebound."

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Georgia's call will take place **Friday, April 24 at 2PM EST**. To access this call please dial [REDACTED]  
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Call participants will include the White House Task Force, White House Intergovernmental Affairs, CDC, HHS, FEMA and the State.

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**Start:** Fri 4/24/2020 2:00 PM  
**End:** Fri 4/24/2020 3:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
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**April 24, 2020 | 2 pm Eastern Time**

**White House and Georgia Call to Discuss COVID-19 Testing**

**Dial In:** [REDACTED]  
**Access Code:** [REDACTED]

**Background:**

As a continuing part of the coordination process to fight COVID-19, White House Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Office of Policy Coordination invites you to a call to discuss COVID-19 testing. The purpose of this call is to help the state of Georgia understand testing capacity and to assist in developing a plan to move the state forward based on available resources.

**Agenda**

**1. Introduction**

**2. Discussion Questions**

- A. How do you feel your state is doing with testing? Do you have all the testing you need to reopen?
- B. What efforts, if any, is your state taking to increase testing?
- C. What type of support, if any, do you need from the federal government to increase testing?
- D. As you scale testing, are there any improvements you need to make to your data reporting system?
- E. What is your strategy around surveillance, including ILI/syndromic surveillance?

F. What are your sentinel surveillance strategies among vulnerable populations, including screening for asymptomatic cases? (e.g., nursing homes, FQHCs, IHS)

G. What are your plans around contact tracing?

### **3. Conclusion and Next Steps**

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Good afternoon,

Please join us for an African American Stakeholders Conference call **TOMORROW, April 24 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time** for information on the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Relief Efforts for Distressed Communities, and COVID-19. This conference call will include updates from Senior Administration officials and community partners.

To attend the conference call, please fill out the link below. You will receive dial-in information upon registration.

### Call Information

- **Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020
- **Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Call-In Registration:** [REDACTED]

Thank you,

Nicole

**Nicole A. Frazier**, Special Assistant to the President  
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Sir – This evening's update is outlined below:

1. **Testing:** Two SPOC sites went live today – Decatur Armory/Dekalb County (25 Patients scheduled), and KSU/Cobb County (none scheduled yet).

Four sites go live Friday - Greenbriar Mall/Fulton County (76 patients scheduled for testing), Sparta/Hancock County (4 patients scheduled, Albany Civic Center/Dougherty County (none scheduled), and Colquitt County Hospital (none scheduled). One site goes live on Saturday - GA State University Field (Turner Field)/Fulton County

We are also coordinating with Fulton County to establish sites – Wolf Creek and North Point. We expect to finalize coordination on those and could go live as early as Saturday.

We received authorization from the University System of GA to utilize the sites below as testing sites.

2. **GWCC ACF-Atlanta:** 6 patients remain at the site. 194 beds remain available.

3. **Additional Augmentation Efforts:**

Rome: Discussion with MODS Inc. today shows that they are having a further delay in getting the required parts on hand to complete the build out of their containers. New expected arrival date for containers is 1MAY in Rome. Expected Operational date of 5MAY. Equipment list is being finalized this afternoon. Should be ready for MOU signatures tomorrow.

Albany: On site work continues as scheduled. A little bit of weather delay on site today. Expected operational date of 28 APR.

Macon: On site work delayed today due to weather. Container build out continues as scheduled. Containers should arrive on site in Macon on Saturday, 25APR. Expected operational date 6MAY.

Gainesville: Site work and coordination continues and Container build out is affected by the same issues as the ones for the Rome container. FOC Expected 9MAY

4. **Additional Hospital Staffing:** We coordinated with Region E today - Staffing is stable with the exception of NGMC which is being addressed. Reagent for Cepheid machine for COVID testing is needed at St Mary's Hospital System as well as Morgan Medical Center.

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Sir – This evening's update is outlined below:

1. **Testing:** Two SPOC sites went live today – Decatur Armory/Dekalb County (25 Patients scheduled), and KSU/Cobb County (none scheduled yet).

Four sites go live Friday - Greenbriar Mall/Fulton County (76 patients scheduled for testing), Sparta/Hancock County (4 patients scheduled, Albany Civic Center/Dougherty County (none scheduled), and Colquitt County Hospital (none scheduled). One site goes live on Saturday - GA State University Field (Turner Field)/Fulton County

We are also coordinating with Fulton County to establish sites – Wolf Creek and North Point. We expect to finalize coordination on those and could go live as early as Saturday.

We received authorization from the University System of GA to utilize the sites below as testing sites.

2. **GWCC ACF-Atlanta:** 6 patients remain at the site. 194 beds remain available.

3. **Additional Augmentation Efforts:**

Rome: Discussion with MODS Inc. today shows that they are having a further delay in getting the required parts on hand to complete the build out of their containers. New expected arrival date for containers is 1MAY in Rome. Expected Operational date of 5MAY. Equipment list is being finalized this afternoon. Should be ready for MOU signatures tomorrow.

Albany: On site work continues as scheduled. A little bit of weather delay on site today. Expected operational date of 28 APR.

Macon: On site work delayed today due to weather. Container build out continues as scheduled. Containers should arrive on site in Macon on Saturday, 25APR. Expected operational date 6MAY.

Gainesville: Site work and coordination continues and Container build out is affected by the same issues as the ones for the Rome container. FOC Expected 9MAY

4. **Additional Hospital Staffing:** We coordinated with Region E today - Staffing is stable with the exception of NGMC which is being addressed. Reagent for Cepheid machine for COVID testing is needed at St Mary's Hospital System as well as Morgan Medical Center.

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## **What You Need To Know | President Trump's Coronavirus Response Efforts**

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*President Trump and his Administration are working every day to protect the health and wellbeing of Americans and respond to the coronavirus.*

### **WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH**

- The President signed the CARES Act, providing unprecedented and immediate relief to American families, workers, and businesses.
- President Trump declared a national emergency, inviting States, territories, and tribes to access over \$42 billion in existing funding.
- President Trump signed initial legislation securing \$8.3 billion for coronavirus response.
- President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need.
- To leverage the resources of the entire government, the President created a White House Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate response.
- The Vice President named Dr. Deborah Birx to serve as the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator.
- At the request of President Trump, FEMA is leading federal operations on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force.
- FEMA's National Response Coordination Center has been activated to its highest level in support of coronavirus response.
- The President held a teleconference with other G20 leaders to coordinate coronavirus response.
- President Trump signed an executive order giving the DoD and DHS the authority to activate the ready reserve components of the armed forces to assist with coronavirus response.
- President Trump announced a number of industry groups to advise on economic relief efforts.

- President Trump convened members of Congress to serve on the Opening Up America Again Congressional Group.

## **SUPPORTING STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS**

- President Trump announced new guidelines for Opening Up America Again, providing states with a data-based approach on how to open up again step by step.
- The President has approved numerous major disaster declarations for impacted states and territories.
- Through the CARES Act, we more than doubled the funds available through the President's Emergency and Disaster Declarations to help State, local, and tribal leaders effectively respond.
- The Administration is covering costs of deploying National Guard units to assist with response efforts in hard hit states, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- The President has held multiple teleconferences with our nation's governors to coordinate response efforts and offer his full support.

## **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

- In January, President Trump reacted quickly to implement travel restrictions on travel from China, buying us valuable time to respond to the virus.
- The President has announced further travel restrictions on global hotspots, including Europe, the United Kingdom and Ireland, and Iran.
- American citizens returning from travel-restricted countries are being routed to specific airports, where they can be screened and isolated as needed.
- The United States reached mutual agreements with Mexico and Canada to restrict non-essential travel across our northern and southern borders.
- The Administration announced it will expeditiously return aliens who cross between ports of entry or are otherwise not allowed to enter the country, as the facilities in which these aliens would be held cannot support quarantine for the time needed to assess potential cases.
- The Administration raised travel warnings to their highest level for other hot spot locations, like Japan and South Korea.
- The President has expanded airport screenings to identify travelers showing symptoms and instituted mandatory quarantines.
- The State Department issued a global level 4 travel advisory, urging Americans to avoid all international travel due to the coronavirus outbreak worldwide.
- The State Department has worked to safely repatriate thousands of Americans from around the world.

## **EXPANDING TESTING ACCESS**

- The FDA has issued emergency approval for multiple new commercial coronavirus tests, including some that deliver results to healthcare providers within minutes.
- The FDA has authorized coronavirus antibody tests, which will help identify Americans who have recovered and enable researchers to better understand their immune response.
- The President secured legislation that will ensure Americans are able to be tested for free.

- The Administration is working with state and local partners and the private sector to open up drive-through testing sites.
- HHS authorized **licensed pharmacists to order and administer coronavirus tests**.
- The Administration worked with Apple to launch an app and website to help Americans determine if they should seek care for coronavirus, and provide them guidance on next steps.
- HHS is providing funding to help accelerate the development of rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.
- The FDA cut red tape to expand testing availability.
- The President named Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service – to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.
- The FDA empowered states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states.
- The Department of Defense has set up more than a dozen coronavirus testing sites worldwide.
- The President signed legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.
- DoD and HHS worked to airlift hundreds of thousands of swabs and sample test kits from Italy to the United States.
- The FDA granted emergency approval for a new saliva test developed by Rutgers University.

## **HELPING FAMILIES AND WORKING AMERICANS**

- President Trump signed historic legislation to provide direct payments to Americans, significantly expand unemployment benefits, and more.
- The Administration negotiated legislation which will provide tax credits for eligible businesses that give paid leave to Americans affected by the virus.
- President Trump put a 60 day pause on immigration to protect American workers as we face this challenge as a nation.
- The Department of Labor issued guidance to help inform Americans about the paid family and medical leave available to them.
- The Administration took action to provide more flexibility in unemployment insurance programs for workers impacted by the coronavirus.
- The Treasury Department moved tax day [from April 15 to July 15](#).
- President Trump signed legislation providing funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.
- USDA announced new flexibilities to allow meal service during school closures.
- USDA announced a new collaboration with the private sector to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to the coronavirus.
- USDA launched a partnership with Panera Bread and the Children’s Hunger Alliance to provide meals to children across Ohio, with more states to come.
- HHS has announced \$250 million in grants to help communities provide meals for seniors.

- The Administration is halting foreclosures and evictions for families with FHA-insured mortgages.
- The Department of Labor announced up to \$100 million in dislocated worker grants in response to the coronavirus national health emergency.
- The White House worked with the private sector to launch a central website where families, students, and educators can access online education technologies.
- President Trump signed legislation to provide continuity in educational benefits for veterans and their families who attend schools that have had to switch to online learning.
- The Department of Education has given broad approval to colleges and universities to allow them to more easily move their classes online.
- The Department of Education set interest rates on all federally-held student loans to 0% for at least 60 days.
- The Department of Education announced borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments on federally-held student loans for at least two months.
- The Department of Education is providing waivers for federal testing requirements to states that have had to close schools.
- The Department of Education announced over \$6 billion in emergency grants to be distributed immediately to help college students impacted by the virus.
- The Department of Education announced nearly \$3 billion in funding available to governors to ensure education continues for students of all ages impacted by the coronavirus.
- The President has directed the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to focus on supporting underserved communities impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.
- The President announced a \$19 billion relief program for farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus.

## **SUPPORTING IMPACTED BUSINESSES**

- The Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program to provide nearly \$350 billion in loans to help small businesses keep workers on payroll.
- The President secured legislation giving the Treasury and Federal Reserve \$500 billion to provide liquidity and purchase business, municipal, and State debt.
- Thanks to legislation signed by President Trump, the Federal Reserve can leverage more than \$4 trillion in funds if needed during this crisis.
- The Small Business Administration has announced disaster loans which provide impacted businesses with up to \$2 million.
- SBA relaxed criteria for disaster assistance loans – expanding small businesses’ access to economic assistance.
- The President directed the Energy Department to purchase large quantities of crude oil for the strategic reserve.
- President Trump has held calls and meetings with business leaders from the pharmaceutical industry, airlines, health insurers, grocery stores, retail stores, banks, and more.

- The Treasury Department approved the establishment of the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility to provide liquidity to the financial system.
- The Export-Import Bank announced four new temporary relief programs to provide maximum financing flexibility and inject liquidity into the market.
- The Federal Reserve announced it will provide up to \$2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy through various channels, including the Main Street Lending Program.

## **INFORMING THE PUBLIC**

- The Administration launched a website – [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov) – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.
- The President announced he is extending CDC guidelines for 30 days to slow the spread of the virus.
- The President launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.
- The President announced guidelines for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.
- The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information.
- The Task Force recommended mitigation strategies early on to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.
- CMS issued guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes.
- CDC issued guidance for critical workers who have been exposed to coronavirus.
- President Trump's PREVENTS initiative started a new public awareness campaign to promote emotional wellbeing for veterans during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The CDC issued an advisory to Americans on wearing non-medical face coverings, while reserving medical masks for healthcare workers.
- President Trump announced plans to hold up funding for the WHO until an investigation is conducted into the organization's failures during the coronavirus outbreak.

## **SUPPORTING PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

- The President worked with Congress to secure \$100 billion for out healthcare providers.
- HHS is directing funds to healthcare providers to help cover costs for treating and testing uninsured patients.
- In January, the Administration declared the coronavirus to be a public health emergency.
- The Trump Administration has sent over \$1.4 billion to 13,000 community health care centers across the country – with more on the way.
- The President donated his fourth-quarter 2019 salary to the Department of Health and Human Services for coronavirus response efforts.



- The Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA are helping to build temporary hospitals and medical facilities in hard hit areas.
- The President secured agreements from major health insurance companies to waive out of pocket costs for coronavirus treatments.
- The Vice President penned a letter to hospital administrators asking hospitals to report testing data to HHS to help inform policies.
- The President took action to give HHS authority to waive rules and regulations so that healthcare providers have maximum flexibility to respond to this outbreak.
- CMS issued sweeping regulatory changes to increase hospital capacity, rapidly expand the healthcare workforce, and cut paperwork so doctors can put patients first.
- HHS is providing funding to help healthcare systems across the country quickly prepare for a surge in coronavirus patients.
- CMS is giving flexibility to Medicare Advantage and Part D plans to waive cost-sharing for coronavirus tests and treatment.
- CMS created new billing codes for coronavirus tests to promote better tracking of the public health response.
- The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy coordinated with the NIH, the tech industry, and non-profits to release a machine readable collection of 29,000 coronavirus-related research articles, which will help scientists discover insights to virus' genetics, incubation, treatment, symptoms, and prevention.
- The White House launched a new public-private consortium to help provide coronavirus research projects access to powerful supercomputer resources.
- The Administration announced that health plans with health savings accounts will be able to cover coronavirus testing and treatment without co-payments.
- CMS dramatically expanded telehealth for Medicare beneficiaries, ensuring more patients can access their doctors remotely while avoiding exposure.
- CMS is requiring nursing homes to report to patients and their families when there are coronavirus cases within the nursing home.
- HHS lifted HIPAA penalties to enable healthcare providers to expand telehealth access for patients.
- The Indian Health Service is expanding telehealth services to reduce exposure for patients and free up healthcare resources.
- The FDA took action to allow expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely, reducing hospital visits and minimizing risks of exposure.
- The VA established 19 emergency operations centers across the country and put in place visitation restrictions to limit patients' exposure.
- Thanks to a waiver from the Office of Personnel Management, the VA is working to rehire retired medical personnel during the coronavirus outbreak.
- CMS and the VA are working to limit nonessential, elective medical procedures to free up healthcare resources.

- The Department of Defense issued guidance to delay elective medical procedures at military facilities in order to preserve healthcare resources.
- The VA expanded its ICU and Medical/Surgical capacity by thousands of beds across the country.
- The Navy deployed two medical ships to provide assistance in New York and Los Angeles.
- The President announced Carnival Cruise Lines will be making ships available for hospitals to use for non-coronavirus patients.

### **STRENGTHENING ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

- The Administration mobilized a Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk.
- FEMA is working to distribute ventilators and other critical supplies to hard hit states.
- FEMA launched Project Airbridge to help quickly airlift critical supplies across the country.
- The President invoked the Defense Production Act, providing a number of authorities that can be used as needed.
- The President took action under the Defense Production Act to compel General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators.
- The President acted under the Defense Production Act to prevent the export of scarce medical supplies by profiteers.
- The President utilized the Defense Production Act to help domestic manufacturers secure the supplies they need to build ventilators.
- President Trump signed an executive order providing HHS and DHS with the full authorities available under the Defense Production Act to respond to this outbreak.
- The President urged the private sector to bolster response efforts, leading companies across the country to produce more critical supplies like masks, ventilators, and hand sanitizer.
- The President signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers.
- HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile.
- The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.
- The Department of Defense is procuring 8,000 ventilators worth an estimated \$84.4 million
- The President signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.
- The FDA gave emergency approval to a new system to sterilize N95 masks, helping hospitals get the most use out of their masks.
- The President signed an executive order to prevent hoarding and price-gouging of critical medical supplies.
- The Department of Justice has taken action to combat coronavirus related fraud.
- DOJ and HHS partnered to distribute more than 190,000 N95 masks seized in an enforcement operation.

- HHS announced an agreement with DuPont to expedite the delivery of 2.25 million TYVEK suits.
- The Defense Department awarded a contract under the Defense Production Act to produce 39 million N95 respirator masks over the next 90 days.
- Hospitals nationwide partnered with the federal government to create the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve.

### **DEVELOPING VACCINES AND THERAPEUTICS**

- The Administration is working to help accelerate the development of therapeutics and a vaccine to combat the coronavirus.
- The FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients.
- The FDA approved emergency use of convalescent plasma treatments for seriously ill coronavirus patients.
- HHS accepted 30 million doses of hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated by pharmaceutical companies.
- The Trump Administration is actively working with drug manufacturers to monitor any potential drug supply chain issues.
- The Administration is expanding research and consulting with experts to better understand the transmission of coronavirus.
- The National Institutes of Health has announced the beginning of a clinical trial for a coronavirus vaccine candidate.

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Dear Colleague:

As the Task Force conducted their briefing tonight, Congress passed legislation that included \$75 billion more for healthcare providers as they contend with the impact of COVID-19. HHS continues to move current funding out to providers.

**Hospitals Get More Time to Apply for COVID-19 High-Impact Payments:** 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. The deadline for hospitals to submit this information is now **3:00 PM Eastern Time, Saturday, April 25**. Hospitals have received emails from HHS regarding how to submit the four necessary pieces of information: their Taxpayer Identification Number, their National Provider Identifier, their number of ICU beds as of April 10, and their number of COVID-19 admissions from January 1 to April 10.

### New Resources and Tools

**CDC Releases \$631 Million to States and Jurisdictions:** CDC is awarding [\\$631 million to 64 jurisdictions](#) through the existing Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) cooperative agreement. These funds, along with the previous support CDC has provided, will help states with their efforts to re-open America. This funding can be used for: Establishing or enhancing the ability to aggressively identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up, as well as implement appropriate containment measures; Improving morbidity and mortality surveillance; Enhancing testing capacity; Controlling COVID-19 in high-risk settings and protect vulnerable or high-risk populations and Working with healthcare systems to manage and monitor system capacity. A general page with all available [CDC financial resources](#) was also published.

**Funding for Poison Control Centers:** HHS through HRSA awarded nearly [\\$5 million to poison control centers](#) across the country to improve their capacity to respond to increased calls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. HRSA-funded Poison Control Program (PCP) award recipients may use these resources to increase outreach and education to reduce the risk of COVID-19 related poisonings and to enhance readiness and training to respond to and manage the increased calls related to COVID-19 related poisonings. The PCP was created to ensure access to Poison Control Center services.

**Tool to Estimate Hospital Surge Capacity:** CDC released [COVID19Surge](#), which is a spreadsheet-based tool that hospital administrators and public health officials can use to estimate the surge in demand for hospital-based services during the COVID-19 pandemic. A user of COVID19Surge can produce estimates of the number of COVID-19 patients that need to be hospitalized, the number requiring ICU care, and the number requiring ventilator support. The user can then compare those estimates with hospital capacity, using either existing capacity or estimates of expanded capacity.

**Transportation Communication Toolkit:** CDC released a [Communication Toolkit for Transportation Partners to Inform Road Travelers](#). 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. This toolkit provides messages, graphics and

products to: support timely messaging to those traveling by road in the United States, share CDC resources and content with transportation partners, and help transportation partners develop further COVID-19 materials.

## **Updates on PPE**

**PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Settings:** FEMA released updated guidance on [Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Setting](#). This guidance summarizes how organizations should consider and manage their personal protective equipment (PPE) needs while ensuring the protection of workers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response.

**Updated Information on Respirators:** CDC released an interim guidance, [Considerations for Optimizing the Supply of Powered Air-Purifying Respirators](#). The guidance describes considerations for the use of these devices to provide respiratory protection to healthcare practitioners and includes conventional, contingency and crisis capacity strategies. Additionally, CDC updated their webpage on [decontamination and reuse of filtering facepiece respirators](#). The updates include clarification on individual facilities using their discretion when determining what decontamination methods to use; Emergency Use Authorization statements; bleach decontamination, and ethylene oxide.

**Guidance on Reusing Respirators:** CDC released guidance on [Elastomeric Respirators: Strategies During Conventional and Surge Demand Situations](#). Elastomeric respirators, such as half facepiece or full facepiece tight-fitting respirators where the facepieces are made of synthetic or natural rubber material, can be repeatedly used, cleaned, disinfected, stored, and re-used. They are available as alternatives to disposable half mask filtering facepiece respirators (FFRs), such as N95 FFRs, for augmenting the total supply of respirators available for use by HCP. This webpage offers guidance for the use of reusable elastomeric particulate respirators to provide respiratory protection to healthcare practitioners (HCP) against pathogens as a component of a formally developed and implemented written respiratory protection program.

**Increasing Availability of Ventilators:** In order to further help increase the availability of ventilators, the FDA's guidance provides [regulatory flexibility for manufacturers of FDA-cleared ventilators](#) making certain modification to address current manufacturing limitations or supply shortages, under circumstances described in the guidance. The information on this site includes responses to questions about "open source" code for manufacturing ventilators.

## **Testing and Treatment**

**Information on Contact Tracing:** CDC released new information on [Contact Tracing : Part of a Multipronged Approach to Fight the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Contact tracing, a core disease control measure employed by local and state health department personnel for decades, is a key strategy for preventing further spread of COVID-19. Immediate action is needed. Communities must scale up and train a large contact tracer workforce and work collaboratively across public and private agencies to stop the transmission of COVID-19. The information highlights basic principles of contact tracing to stop COVID-19 transmission; detailed guidance for health departments and potential contact tracers is forthcoming.

**Resources on Drug and Treatment Studies:** FDA's [Sentinel System](#) is engaged in numerous activities to protect and promote public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, ranging from monitoring the use of drugs, describing the course of illness among hospitalized patients, and evaluating the treatment impact of therapies actively being used under real-world conditions. Descriptions of efforts led by the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research are shown on this site.

**Remote Patient Monitor Approved:** The FDA issued an [emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) for the Philips Medizin Systeme Boeblingen GmbH's IntelliVue Patient Monitors MX750/MX850, IntelliVue 4-Slot Module Rack FMX-4 and IntelliVue Active Displays AD75/AD85, intended to be used by healthcare professionals in the hospital environment for remote monitoring of adult, pediatric and neonate patients having or suspected of having COVID-19 to reduce healthcare provider exposure. The IntelliVue Patient Monitors are not intended for home use. The remote monitoring capabilities of the Philips IntelliVue Patient Monitors reduce the amount of contact by healthcare providers with patients during the COVID-19 pandemic who are in isolation rooms, thereby reducing the healthcare providers' risk of exposure to the virus.

**Expanding Ability to Repackage Certain Drugs in Shortage:** The FDA issued a [guidance](#) explaining a temporary policy regarding the repackaging or combining of FDA-approved propofol injectable emulsion, 10 mg/ mL (propofol) products, for the treatment or management of hospitalized patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This guidance provides regulatory flexibility for state-licensed pharmacies (including hospital pharmacies), federal facilities and outsourcing facilities that repackage or combine FDA-approved propofol products for hospitals that are having difficulty obtaining adequate supplies of the FDA-approved version in the sizes they use to support or treat patients with COVID-19.

**Rapid Diagnostic Test for Sepsis:** BARDA announced a [partnership with Cytovale](#) for continued development of their rapid diagnostic test. To validate this rapid diagnostic system in identifying patients at risk of viral sepsis, Cytovale’s pilot study specifically will enroll patients suspected of respiratory infections, including COVID-19 patients, prior to conducting full validation studies. This pilot study is an important step in evaluating the system’s performance to rapidly identify the likelihood of sepsis in these patients in the emergency department.

**Diagnostics Update:** 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 43 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 17 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 215 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.

**Warning to Fraudulent Company:** 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, [Copper Touch, LLC](#), offers unapproved and misbranded products including “Sani-Bar GK95” and “Sani-Disc GK95D” 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.

## **Research Findings**

**Information on Impact of COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups:** CDC released information on [COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#). To date, the effects of COVID-19 on the health of racial and ethnic minority groups is still emerging; however, current data suggest a disproportionate burden of illness and death among racial and ethnic minority groups. The data suggest an overrepresentation of blacks among hospitalized patients. Health differences between racial and ethnic groups are often due to economic and social conditions that are more common among some racial and ethnic minorities than whites. In public health emergencies, these conditions can also isolate people from the resources they need to prepare for and respond to outbreaks. The webpage provides additional information and resources and what HHS is doing to address this issue.

**Findings from Cluster of Cases at Homeless Service Sites:** CDC released their report on [COVID-19 Outbreak Among Three Affiliated Homeless Service Sites — King County, Washington, 2020](#). On April 1, 2020, a COVID-19 outbreak was detected at three affiliated homeless shelters. In settings with known COVID-19 outbreaks, assistance with enforcement of shelter-in-place orders, testing of residents and staff members, and prompt isolation of symptomatic or residents with confirmed disease are needed to prevent further transmission in homeless shelters. In a second report, [Assessment of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Prevalence in Homeless Shelters — Four U.S. Cities, March 27–April 15, 2020](#) an analysis of COVID-19 at homeless shelters showed high numbers of residents and staff members tested positive for COVID-19 after clusters of cases were identified in shelters in 3 of the 4 cities that were analyzed. To protect homeless shelter residents and staff members, CDC recommends that homeless service providers apply social distancing measures, ensure implementation of appropriate infection control practices, and promote use of cloth face coverings.

**Research Priorities for COVID-19:** NIAID released their [Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research](#). Scientific research to improve our understanding of the virus and how it causes disease, and to develop strategies to mitigate illness and death, is of paramount importance. The four priorities include improving fundamental knowledge of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, development of rapid, accurate diagnostics and assays to identify and isolate COVID-19 cases and track the spread of the virus, the third research priority is characterizing and testing potential treatments for COVID-19, and to develop safe and effective vaccines to protect individuals from infection and prevent future SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks.

### **Expanded Flexibilities**

**Increased Flexibilities for Long-Term Care Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics and FQHCs:** CMS released [additional blanket waivers](#) related to care for patients in Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), temporary expansion locations of Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), staffing and training modifications in Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual disabilities, and the limit for substitute billing arrangements (locum tenens). These waivers do not require a request to be sent to CMS or notification to a CMS regional office to implement.

**Updated Guidance on Prior Authorization to Increase Flexibilities:** CMS issued guidance to issuers of individual, small group, Medicare Advantage, and Part D plans, addressing the flexibilities available related to utilization management and prior authorization during the COVID-19 public health emergency. [New guidance for individual and small group health plans](#) encourages issuers to utilize flexibilities related to utilization management processes, as permitted by state law, to ensure that staff at hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies can focus on care delivery and ensure that patients do not experience care delays. [Updated guidance for Medicare Advantage and Part D](#) plans allows them to implement a number of additional flexibilities to support efforts that can help curb the spread of the virus and to help ensure MA and Part D enrollees do not experience disruptions in care or disruptions in pharmacy and prescription drug access.

### **Information for Specific Populations**

**Guidance for At-Risk Populations:** CDC updated their information for [people who need to take extra precautions](#). People at higher risk for severe illness include older adults, people with asthma, people with HIV, and people with other underlying medical conditions and people with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding women, people experiencing homelessness, and racial and ethnic minority groups. The webpage also includes additional information on how to prevent illness, symptoms and testing and what to do if you are sick.

**Guidance for Veterinary Clinics:** CDC released [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Veterinary Clinics During the COVID-19 Response](#). This interim guidance is for veterinarians and their staff who may be treating or advising on companion animal medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Based on the limited data available, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low. We are still learning about this virus, and it appears that in some rare situations, people can spread the virus to animals. Further studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by the virus, and the role animals may play in the spread of COVID-19.

**Updated Information on Animals, Pets, and Animal Drug Products:** FDA updated their [FAQs with new information on animals, pets and animal drug products](#) to reflect updated information on pets being infected with the virus.

**Information for Foreign Food Entities and their Products:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a [guidance](#) to communicate its temporary policy regarding certain requirements under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) [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.

Stay safe. If you have questions, contact [Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov](mailto:Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov).

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Good morning,

President Trump is dedicated to providing support, testing, and treatment for all communities during the global Coronavirus outbreak. As of yesterday, over 5 million COVID-19 tests have been administered to Americans, with additional resources and funding being deployed daily by the federal government to all fifty states.

Additionally, the President is pleased that yesterday Congress approved nearly \$500 billion in coronavirus funds, including \$321 billion for the essential Paycheck Protection Program. Within the next 24 hours, the Administration will be sending more help to America's 30 million small businesses, which employ nearly half of our nation's private-sector workforce.

Finally, the Department of the Treasury [released additional guidance](#) regarding the Paycheck Protection Program.

**Today, the President participates in a signing ceremony for H.R. 266, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act at 12:00pm ET. The President then receives a briefing on NASA COVID-19 Response at 2:30pm ET. Members of the Coronavirus Task Force hold a press briefing at 5:00pm ET.**

**Additional Guidance (as of 4.23, 7:00pm):**

- **WH** - Text of the Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Is Honoring His Commitment to Protect American Workers by Temporarily Pausing Immigration ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Announces CARES Act Funding Distribution to States and Localities in Support of COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Awards Nearly \$5 Million to Poison Control Centers as Calls Spike Due to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Financial Resources ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Elastomeric Respirators: Strategies During Conventional and Surge Demand Situations ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Veterinary Clinics During the COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - Trump Administration Releases COVID-19 Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid and CHIP ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - April 23 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - April 22 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **NIH** - NIAID strategic plan details COVID-19 research priorities ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Wisconsin ([Click here](#))
- **ED** - Secretary DeVos Makes Available Over \$13 Billion in Emergency Coronavirus Relief to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students ([Click here](#))

- **HUD** - COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies ([Click here](#))
- **FHFA** - FHFA Supports Small Business by Allowing Federal Home Loan Banks to Accept Paycheck Protection Program Loans as Collateral ([Click here](#))
- **EPA** - U.S. EPA calls on eight technology companies to address fraudulent COVID-19 disinfectants ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Alaska National Guard Adopts Proactive Response Posture to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Army Has Long History of Combating Diseases ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Troops' Skill Sets During Pandemic Sharpen the Sword ([Click here](#))
- **State** - The United States and ASEAN are Partnering to Defeat COVID-19, Build Long-Term Resilience, and Support Economic Recovery ([Click here](#))

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## What You Need To Know | President Trump's Coronavirus Response Efforts

*President Trump and his Administration are working every day to protect the health and wellbeing of Americans and respond to the coronavirus.*

### WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH

- The President signed the CARES Act, providing unprecedented and immediate relief to American families, workers, and businesses.
- President Trump declared a national emergency, inviting States, territories, and tribes to access over \$42 billion in existing funding.
- President Trump signed initial legislation securing \$8.3 billion for coronavirus response.
- President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need.
- To leverage the resources of the entire government, the President created a White House Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate response.
- The Vice President named Dr. Deborah Birx to serve as the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator.
- At the request of President Trump, FEMA is leading federal operations on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force.
- FEMA's National Response Coordination Center has been activated to its highest level in support of coronavirus response.
- The President held a teleconference with other G20 leaders to coordinate coronavirus response.
- President Trump signed an executive order giving the DoD and DHS the authority to activate the ready reserve components of the armed forces to assist with coronavirus response.

- President Trump announced a number of industry groups to advise on economic relief efforts.
- President Trump convened members of Congress to serve on the Opening Up America Again Congressional Group.

### **SUPPORTING STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS**

- President Trump announced new guidelines for Opening Up America Again, providing states with a data-based approach on how to open up again step by step.
- The President has approved numerous major disaster declarations for impacted states and territories.
- Through the CARES Act, we more than doubled the funds available through the President's Emergency and Disaster Declarations to help State, local, and tribal leaders effectively respond.
- The Administration is covering costs of deploying National Guard units to assist with response efforts in hard hit states, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- The President has held multiple teleconferences with our nation's governors to coordinate response efforts and offer his full support.

### **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

- In January, President Trump reacted quickly to implement travel restrictions on travel from China, buying us valuable time to respond to the virus.
- The President has announced further travel restrictions on global hotspots, including Europe, the United Kingdom and Ireland, and Iran.
- American citizens returning from travel-restricted countries are being routed to specific airports, where they can be screened and isolated as needed.
- The United States reached mutual agreements with Mexico and Canada to restrict non-essential travel across our northern and southern borders.
- The Administration announced it will expeditiously return aliens who cross between ports of entry or are otherwise not allowed to enter the country, as the facilities in which these aliens would be held cannot support quarantine for the time needed to assess potential cases.
- The Administration raised travel warnings to their highest level for other hot spot locations, like Japan and South Korea.
- The President has expanded airport screenings to identify travelers showing symptoms and instituted mandatory quarantines.
- The State Department issued a global level 4 travel advisory, urging Americans to avoid all international travel due to the coronavirus outbreak worldwide.
- The State Department has worked to safely repatriate thousands of Americans from around the world.

### **EXPANDING TESTING ACCESS**

- The FDA has issued emergency approval for multiple new commercial coronavirus tests, including some that deliver results to healthcare providers within minutes.
- The FDA has authorized coronavirus antibody tests, which will help identify Americans who have recovered and enable researchers to better understand their immune response.
- The President secured legislation that will ensure Americans are able to be tested for free.
- The Administration is working with state and local partners and the private sector to open up drive-through testing sites.
- HHS authorized **licensed pharmacists to order and administer coronavirus tests.**
- The Administration worked with Apple to launch an app and website to help Americans determine if they should seek care for coronavirus, and provide them guidance on next steps.
- HHS is providing funding to help accelerate the development of rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.
- The FDA cut red tape to expand testing availability.
- The President named Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service – to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.
- The FDA empowered states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states.
- The Department of Defense has set up more than a dozen coronavirus testing sites worldwide.
- The President signed legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.
- DoD and HHS worked to airlift hundreds of thousands of swabs and sample test kits from Italy to the United States.
- The FDA granted emergency approval for a new saliva test developed by Rutgers University.

### **HELPING FAMILIES AND WORKING AMERICANS**

- President Trump signed historic legislation to provide direct payments to Americans, significantly expand unemployment benefits, and more.
- The Administration negotiated legislation which will provide tax credits for eligible businesses that give paid leave to Americans affected by the virus.
- President Trump put a 60 day pause on immigration to protect American workers as we face this challenge as a nation.
- The Department of Labor issued guidance to help inform Americans about the paid family and medical leave available to them.
- The Administration took action to provide more flexibility in unemployment insurance programs for workers impacted by the coronavirus.
- The Treasury Department moved tax day from April 15 to July 15.



- President Trump signed legislation providing funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.
- USDA announced new flexibilities to allow meal service during school closures.
- USDA announced a new collaboration with the private sector to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to the coronavirus.
- USDA launched a partnership with Panera Bread and the Children's Hunger Alliance to provide meals to children across Ohio, with more states to come.
- HHS has announced \$250 million in grants to help communities provide meals for seniors.
- The Administration is halting foreclosures and evictions for families with FHA-insured mortgages.
- The Department of Labor announced up to \$100 million in dislocated worker grants in response to the coronavirus national health emergency.
- The White House worked with the private sector to launch a central website where families, students, and educators can access online education technologies.
- President Trump signed legislation to provide continuity in educational benefits for veterans and their families who attend schools that have had to switch to online learning.
- The Department of Education has given broad approval to colleges and universities to allow them to more easily move their classes online.
- The Department of Education set interest rates on all federally-held student loans to 0% for at least 60 days.
- The Department of Education announced borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments on federally-held student loans for at least two months.
- The Department of Education is providing waivers for federal testing requirements to states that have had to close schools.
- The Department of Education announced over \$6 billion in emergency grants to be distributed immediately to help college students impacted by the virus.
- The Department of Education announced nearly \$3 billion in funding available to governors to ensure education continues for students of all ages impacted by the coronavirus.
- The President has directed the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to focus on supporting underserved communities impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.
- The President announced a \$19 billion relief program for farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus.

## **SUPPORTING IMPACTED BUSINESSES**

- The Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program to provide nearly \$350 billion in loans to help small businesses keep workers on payroll.
- The President secured legislation giving the Treasury and Federal Reserve \$500 billion to provide liquidity and purchase business, municipal, and State debt.

- Thanks to legislation signed by President Trump, the Federal Reserve can leverage more than \$4 trillion in funds if needed during this crisis.
- The Small Business Administration has announced disaster loans which provide impacted businesses with up to \$2 million.
- SBA relaxed criteria for disaster assistance loans – expanding small businesses’ access to economic assistance.
- The President directed the Energy Department to purchase large quantities of crude oil for the strategic reserve.
- President Trump has held calls and meetings with business leaders from the pharmaceutical industry, airlines, health insurers, grocery stores, retail stores, banks, and more.
- The Treasury Department approved the establishment of the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility to provide liquidity to the financial system.
- The Export-Import Bank announced four new temporary relief programs to provide maximum financing flexibility and inject liquidity into the market.
- The Federal Reserve announced it will provide up to \$2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy through various channels, including the Main Street Lending Program.

### **INFORMING THE PUBLIC**

- The Administration launched a website – coronavirus.gov – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.
- The President announced he is extending CDC guidelines for 30 days to slow the spread of the virus.
- The President launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.
- The President announced guidelines for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.
- The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information.
- The Task Force recommended mitigation strategies early on to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.
- CMS issued guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes.
- CDC issued guidance for critical workers who have been exposed to coronavirus.
- President Trump’s PREVENTS initiative started a new public awareness campaign to promote emotional wellbeing for veterans during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The CDC issued an advisory to Americans on wearing non-medical face coverings, while reserving medical masks for healthcare workers.

- President Trump announced plans to hold up funding for the WHO until an investigation is conducted into the organization's failures during the coronavirus outbreak.

## **SUPPORTING PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

- The President worked with Congress to secure \$100 billion for out healthcare providers.
- HHS is directing funds to healthcare providers to help cover costs for treating and testing uninsured patients.
- In January, the Administration declared the coronavirus to be a public health emergency.
- The Trump Administration has sent over \$1.4 billion to 13,000 community health care centers across the country – with more on the way.
- The President donated his fourth-quarter 2019 salary to the Department of Health and Human Services for coronavirus response efforts.
- The Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA are helping to build temporary hospitals and medical facilities in hard hit areas.
- The President secured agreements from major health insurance companies to waive out of pocket costs for coronavirus treatments.
- The Vice President penned a letter to hospital administrators asking hospitals to report testing data to HHS to help inform policies.
- The President took action to give HHS authority to waive rules and regulations so that healthcare providers have maximum flexibility to respond to this outbreak.
- CMS issued sweeping regulatory changes to increase hospital capacity, rapidly expand the healthcare workforce, and cut paperwork so doctors can put patients first.
- HHS is providing funding to help healthcare systems across the country quickly prepare for a surge in coronavirus patients.
- CMS is giving flexibility to Medicare Advantage and Part D plans to waive cost-sharing for coronavirus tests and treatment.
- CMS created new billing codes for coronavirus tests to promote better tracking of the public health response.
- The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy coordinated with the NIH, the tech industry, and non-profits to release a machine readable collection of 29,000 coronavirus-related research articles, which will help scientists discover insights to virus' genetics, incubation, treatment, symptoms, and prevention.
- The White House launched a new public-private consortium to help provide coronavirus research projects access to powerful supercomputer resources.
- The Administration announced that health plans with health savings accounts will be able to cover coronavirus testing and treatment without co-payments.
- CMS dramatically expanded telehealth for Medicare beneficiaries, ensuring more patients can access their doctors remotely while avoiding exposure.

- CMS is requiring nursing homes to report to patients and their families when there are coronavirus cases within the nursing home.
- HHS lifted HIPAA penalties to enable healthcare providers to expand telehealth access for patients.
- The Indian Health Service is expanding telehealth services to reduce exposure for patients and free up healthcare resources.
- The FDA took action to allow expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely, reducing hospital visits and minimizing risks of exposure.
- The VA established 19 emergency operations centers across the country and put in place visitation restrictions to limit patients' exposure.
- Thanks to a waiver from the Office of Personnel Management, the VA is working to rehire retired medical personnel during the coronavirus outbreak.
- CMS and the VA are working to limit nonessential, elective medical procedures to free up healthcare resources.
- The Department of Defense issued guidance to delay elective medical procedures at military facilities in order to preserve healthcare resources.
- The VA expanded its ICU and Medical/Surgical capacity by thousands of beds across the country.
- The Navy deployed two medical ships to provide assistance in New York and Los Angeles.
- The President announced Carnival Cruise Lines will be making ships available for hospitals to use for non-coronavirus patients.

### **STRENGTHENING ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

- The Administration mobilized a Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk.
- FEMA is working to distribute ventilators and other critical supplies to hard hit states.
- FEMA launched Project Airbridge to help quickly airlift critical supplies across the country.
- The President invoked the Defense Production Act, providing a number of authorities that can be used as needed.
- The President took action under the Defense Production Act to compel General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators.
- The President acted under the Defense Production Act to prevent the export of scarce medical supplies by profiteers.
- The President utilized the Defense Production Act to help domestic manufacturers secure the supplies they need to build ventilators.
- President Trump signed an executive order providing HHS and DHS with the full authorities available under the Defense Production Act to respond to this outbreak.

- The President urged the private sector to bolster response efforts, leading companies across the country to produce more critical supplies like masks, ventilators, and hand sanitizer.
- The President signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers.
- HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile.
- The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.
- The Department of Defense is procuring 8,000 ventilators worth an estimated \$84.4 million
- The President signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.
- The FDA gave emergency approval to a new system to sterilize N95 masks, helping hospitals get the most use out of their masks.
- The President signed an executive order to prevent hoarding and price-gouging of critical medical supplies.
- The Department of Justice has taken action to combat coronavirus related fraud.
- DOJ and HHS partnered to distribute more than 190,000 N95 masks seized in an enforcement operation.
- HHS announced an agreement with DuPont to expedite the delivery of 2.25 million TYVEK suits.
- The Defense Department awarded a contract under the Defense Production Act to produce 39 million N95 respirator masks over the next 90 days.
- Hospitals nationwide partnered with the federal government to create the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve.

## **DEVELOPING VACCINES AND THERAPEUTICS**

- The Administration is working to help accelerate the development of therapeutics and a vaccine to combat the coronavirus.
- The FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients.
- The FDA approved emergency use of convalescent plasma treatments for seriously ill coronavirus patients.
- HHS accepted 30 million doses of hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated by pharmaceutical companies.
- The Trump Administration is actively working with drug manufacturers to monitor any potential drug supply chain issues.
- The Administration is expanding research and consulting with experts to better understand the transmission of coronavirus.

- The National Institutes of Health has announced the beginning of a clinical trial for a coronavirus vaccine candidate.

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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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*"Throughout this crisis, my Administration has taken unprecedented actions to rush economic relief to our citizens." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR AMERICANS: President Donald J. Trump is signing new legislation to further assist American small businesses, workers, and healthcare providers.**

- President Trump is signing into law additional funding to support Americans impacted by the coronavirus.
- This legislation provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the incredibly successful Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which has already aided countless small businesses and millions of American workers.
  - With this new round of funding, President Trump will have signed into law more than \$670 billion for the program.
- The bill also appropriates \$60 billion more for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program.

- To aid our coronavirus response efforts, \$75 billion in funding will be provided to hospitals and healthcare providers and \$25 billion will support our Nation's historic testing efforts, including support for State, local, and tribal governments.

**PROTECTING JOBS AND SMALL BUSINESSES: The President's Paycheck Protection Program is providing critical relief for our small businesses and supporting millions of American workers.**

- The PPP has already experienced unprecedented success in protecting American jobs and small businesses, including America's great nonprofit and faith-based organizations.
- During its initial run, the SBA and Department of the Treasury were able to process more than 14 years' worth of loans in less than 14 days.
- All told, PPP was able to provide payroll assistance to more than 1.6 million small businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and each territory.
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- Nearly 5,000 lenders participated in the program, including many community banks and credit unions.
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**UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE: Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, President Trump has provided unprecedented relief to American families, workers, and businesses.**

- President Trump and his Administration are providing direct payments to help Americans during this difficult time.
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- The President has worked to significantly expand unemployment benefits and has taken action to provide more flexibility in unemployment insurance programs.
- The Administration has halted foreclosures and evictions for families with Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insured mortgages.

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FEMA recently published a Temporary Final Rule and a subsequent 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, 2020.

The COVID-19 National Strategy for Addressing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Shortage seeks to ensure protection against COVID-19 for healthcare workers, first responders, and patients by implementing three pillars of practice: reduce, reuse and repurpose. Industries that use similar PPE (e.g., N95 respirators) as part of their normal duties will be challenged in obtaining PPE while available supply is prioritized for healthcare workers and first responders. Industries whose essential critical infrastructure workers need PPE to perform their duties should continue working with suppliers to acquire needed PPE, but should expect shortages to continue. All industries should immediately implement strategies to preserve existing supplies of PPE and find alternative work methods to address shortfalls. A critical component in implementing PPE preservation strategies is determining the appropriate level of PPE for use. Non-healthcare industries should carefully consider whether PPE is required by law or regulation as part of their routine duties, or whether it is needed for mitigating employee exposure to COVID-19.

The intent of the President's Memorandum and the FEMA Administrator's allocation order are to preserve scarce personal protective equipment for domestic use in the response to the COVID-19 emergency. FEMA is working closely with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to implement the allocation order through the [Temporary Final Rule](#) published on April 10. The notice lists the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) subject to this allocation order to include: N95 respirators, and a variety of other filtering respirators; air-purifying respirators; surgical masks; and, surgical gloves.

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.

FEMA will then determine if a shipment is in the national defense interest to remain in the United States as related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. If this is the case, FEMA may purchase part or all of the shipment using a rated order under Title 1, return part or all of the shipment for domestic distribution, or allow part or all of the shipment to be exported. If a shipment is detained, FEMA and CBP will provide a response to the owner of the shipment within 72 hours.

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Questions about a specific shipment should be directed to [Custom and Border Protection](#). Questions about the allocation order and Notice of Exemptions in the Federal Register may be directed to [FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center](#).

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Hi Candice:

Our Ombudsman Representative, Angela Chavous, who is quoted in the story, went to the state licensed personal care home before the governor issued his order about all long-term care facilities being closed to visitors.

Angela also consulted with me, as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and asked my permission before she went. She had an appropriate plan to keep herself and the residents safe. I gave her permission.

Melanie

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### The Crisis Inside America's Nursing Homes

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For several days in April, Susan Cady didn't know where her mother was. A resident at Hornell Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation, a nursing home in Hornell, N.Y., her mother had recently tested negative for Covid-19, Cady says. So when Cady saw a news report saying that the facility, the site of a cluster of Covid infections, planned to transfer its Covid-negative residents to another facility about 70 miles away, she assumed that her mother might be among them.

She called her 89-year-old father, who hadn't heard anything about the move, and the facility, which wouldn't give her any information, she says. A few days later, she called her father again, and he was in tears: He had just learned from the facility, she says, that her mother had subsequently tested positive for Covid and remained at Hornell Gardens. "It's heartbreaking," says Cady, 57. Her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, "doesn't know who I am," she says. "But she's still my mom."

Hornell Gardens and Hurlbut Care Communities, which operates the facility, didn't respond to requests for comment. In a statement on Hurlbut's website, CEO Bob Hurlbut said the company is regularly updating residents and families by phone and in writing, "in order to ensure transparency in affected facilities."

The coronavirus has caused long-term-care facilities serving older and disabled people, who are among the most vulnerable to the pandemic, to draw the curtains. Following regulators' guidance, family members, volunteers, and long-term-care ombudsmen—whose job it is to advocate for residents' rights and help them resolve complaints—have generally been barred from facilities since mid-March. Visits from state surveyors, who check that nursing homes are complying with federal regulations, have been curtailed. Regulators have also waived a host of nursing-home rules, including, under certain circumstances, the requirement that facilities give residents and family members advance notice before transferring residents from one facility to another.

"What's going on behind closed doors? We have no clue," says Brian Lee, executive director of resident advocacy group Families for Better Care. More than 10,000 long-term care facility deaths have been linked to the coronavirus, according to an analysis by The Wall Street Journal.

Over two million people live in roughly 45,000 nursing homes and assisted-living or other residential-care communities, which employ over 1.2 million nursing and social workers, according to a 2019 report based on 2016 data from the National Center for Health Statistics. Private equity and other forms of for-profit ownership dominate the industry, and most facilities are chain-affiliated. Oversight varies among facility types: Nursing homes participating in Medicare and Medicaid must comply with a raft of federal rules, while assisted-living facilities are largely regulated by states. But in all types of facilities, advocates say, family members, volunteers, and other outside visitors play a critical role in spotting problems and ensuring residents' well-being.

While many in the industry "are doing an incredible job," the rule waivers, diminished inspections, reduced oversight, and chronic understaffing in long-term care facilities may be a toxic combination, says Toby Edelman, senior policy attorney at the Center for Medicare Advocacy. "There's a lot of neglect in nursing homes in the best of times," she says, "and these are not the best of times."

The American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living, an industry group, disagrees. "This type of criticism is a disservice to the brave heroes of this fight, who leave their families every day to care for others," AHCA/NCAL said in a statement. Such concerns "don't recognize the gravity of the situation that this virus is having on our population and only further distracts from the more important issue" of inadequate protective gear, testing, and staffing, the group said. Facilities recognize that communication is key, it said, and "families need to work together and with facilities to identify a single point of contact who can be responsible for information dissemination within families."

For many families and resident advocates, fears about residents' basic welfare and safety weigh just as heavily as the coronavirus. One in five high-risk emergency-room visits by nursing-home residents result from potential abuse or neglect, according to a 2019 report based on 2016 data by the Department of Health and Human Services inspector general. Nursing homes failed to report many of these incidents to survey agencies as required by federal rules, the inspector general found.

Angela Chavous, a representative with the Georgia long-term care ombudsman program, found herself peeking through the windows of a Richmond County, Ga., board and care home in early April. At the start of the month, she had received a disturbing report from a local hospital that had admitted a resident of the facility. The resident, an older woman, had lost significant weight, Chavous says, and the hospital suspected neglect. Chavous had previously had concerns about the facility, including the adequacy of the meals, cleanliness, and the quality of patient care. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, she couldn't visit, and when she called the facility, the number was disconnected, she says. So after consulting with the state ombudsman, she went and knocked on the door.

The awkward scene that followed underscores resident advocates' concerns about the Covid-induced separation between long-term care facilities and the outside world. Chavous talked with the residents, some of whom have dementia or physical disabilities, out on the front porch while maintaining her distance, she says. They didn't raise any serious complaints, which is "not surprising," she says, in part because a staff member hovered nearby. Chavous peered through the windows, but she could not see residents' bedrooms or bathrooms. She did however, note a strong odor of urine wafting through the door, she says.

Chavous reminded residents they could call her and discussed her concerns with the facility's owner, and she plans to check up on the facility at least every two weeks. But she's very concerned that serious issues may be overlooked while ombudsmen are barred from facilities. The residents, she says, "need us now more than ever."

Regulators are tackling at least one key aspect of nursing-home transparency: the reporting of Covid-19 outbreaks. On April 19, seven weeks after the world learned of the nursing-home Covid outbreak at a Seattle-area facility, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, said it would require nursing homes to inform residents and their families of Covid cases in the facilities and report those cases directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CMS plans to make the data publicly available.

The fact that many long-term care residents can't speak for themselves leaves advocates and family members uneasy with some of the recent nursing-home rule waivers. CMS, for example, has said that facilities don't need to provide advance notification before transferring residents in certain situations, such as when the transfers are made to separate Covid-positive from Covid-negative residents. Some families are discovering that their loved one has been moved only after the fact, says Laurie Facciarossa Brewer, the New Jersey long-term care ombudsman. "People's rights are being temporarily suspended," she says.

Suspension of regular nursing-home inspections means that many other serious threats to residents' welfare may be overlooked, advocates say. In March, CMS said that nursing-home inspections would temporarily focus on just infection control and incidents cited as "immediate jeopardy"—the most severe level of violations. (Even in these cases, inspectors should enter facilities only if they have appropriate personal protective equipment, CMS said.) But the vast majority of nursing-home health-inspection violations are cited at less-severe levels, and many involve serious harm to residents, including broken bones and medication errors, advocates say.

CMS did not respond to requests for comment for this article. In a previous statement to Barron's, CMS said it "is using every tool at our disposal to keep nursing homes free from infection." Rule waivers, it said, provide facilities with necessary flexibility and help them prepare for Covid-19. The streamlined inspections, said AHCA/NCAL, help "ensure our caregivers and staff can keep their focus and every resource dedicated to residents during this outbreak."

In normal times, ombudsman representatives help identify problems before they get too serious by visiting facilities and chatting with residents. In March, Melanie McNeil, the Georgia state long-term care ombudsman who, at the time, was also president of the National Association of State Ombudsman Programs, urged CMS to reinstate ombudsman representatives' ability to enter nursing homes when necessary to respond to situations that could threaten residents' health, safety, and rights. It isn't clear, she wrote in a letter to CMS administrator Seema Verma, that ombudsman representatives "pose any greater risk to residents than do the health-care workers at the facility." McNeil says she received no response from CMS. Facilities can review ombudsmen's access on a case-by-case basis, CMS said in its guidance.

That generally leaves ombudsman representatives on the outside looking in, trying to accomplish most of their advocacy work remotely. When they try to reach facility staff and residents by phone, it's "becoming increasingly difficult to even get through, because the facilities are very stressed," says Brewer, the New Jersey ombudsman. Although she has 11 full-time advocates and 200 volunteers, Brewer says she had no early warning of the crisis building at the Andover Subacute and Rehabilitation Center, the Andover, N.J., facility where police said there were 17 bodies in mid-April. The facility had 112 cases and 31 confirmed Covid-19 deaths as of April 22, according to the state. Facility owner Chaim Scheinbaum said in a statement that "current staffing is solid" and that no more than 15 bodies were kept in a room with a normal capacity of four.

Such scenarios aren't the end of ombudsmen's worries. A 2019 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that incidents of abuse cited by nursing-home inspectors more than doubled from 2013 to 2017. In New Jersey, Brewer has found a nearly 40% increase in long-term care facility abuse and neglect cases from 2015 to 2019, and she's "extremely concerned" that such incidents will be overlooked while facilities are on lockdown.

As the crisis grinds on, some families are being denied the window visits that provide the only possible face-to-face interaction with their loved ones. Bayside of Poquoson Health and Rehab in Poquoson, Va., recently halted window visits to "eliminate potential for disease spread by individuals congregating and also given the fact that there is a Stay-at-Home Order in effect in the state of Virginia," the facility said in a statement. Bayside said it is connecting residents and families by phone, email, text, and video chat.

That's not much help to the family member of a Bayside resident who was recently denied permission for a window visit. The resident "gets so confused by Zoom or FaceTime" and has trouble hearing phone calls, the family member says, adding that for many older people, electronic communication "is not the same as seeing a face through the window."

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Hi Candice:

I was happy to help Jason with a concern he forwarded to me yesterday for a family friend who had a long-term care resident concern.

Thank you for asking whether I would send media requests to your office. Respectfully, I won't be able to do that. I would not be fulfilling the federal requirements of my job, if I did.

Especially during this time when long-term care residents are most at risk and have so limited means of advocating for themselves, this is a crucial role for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and an important reason that the program was created.

The federal Older Americans Act and the related federal regulations require the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to act as an independent advocate for long-term care residents. Please see the paragraph highlighted in yellow below that specifically requires each State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to respond to the media.

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(iii) Facilitate public comment on the laws, regulations, policies, and actions;

(iv) Provide leadership to statewide systems advocacy efforts of the Office on behalf of long-term care facility residents, including coordination of systems advocacy efforts carried out by representatives of the Office; and

(v) Provide information to public and private agencies, legislators, the media, and other persons, regarding the problems and concerns of residents and recommendations related to the problems and concerns.

(vi) Such determinations and positions shall be those of the Office and shall not necessarily represent the determinations or positions of the State agency or other agency in which the Office is organizationally located.

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Just so you know, when I have had a chance in an interview, I have thanked Governor Kemp for sending the national guard in to facilities to disinfect. Residents need more, but that is such a great help.

If you want to talk with me about this and any other concerns you may have about long-term care residents, I am available on my cell [REDACTED].

I am participating with my colleagues across the country to consider plans for how we will do our work once facilities are open again. Within our Georgia program, we are also beginning to plan for the new normal.

Have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Melanie

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Angela also consulted with me, as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and asked my permission before she went. She had an appropriate plan to keep herself and the residents safe. I gave her permission.

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### The Crisis Inside America's Nursing Homes

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For several days in April, Susan Cady didn't know where her mother was. A resident at Hornell Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation, a nursing home in Hornell, N.Y., her mother had recently tested negative for Covid-19, Cady says. So when Cady saw a news report saying that the facility, the site of a cluster of Covid infections, planned to transfer its Covid-negative residents to another facility about 70 miles away, she assumed that her mother might be among them.

She called her 89-year-old father, who hadn't heard anything about the move, and the facility, which wouldn't give her any information, she says. A few days later, she called her father again, and he was in tears: He had just learned from the facility, she says, that her mother had subsequently tested positive for Covid and remained at Hornell Gardens. "It's heartbreaking," says Cady, 57. Her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, "doesn't know who I am," she says. "But she's still my mom."

Hornell Gardens and Hurlbut Care Communities, which operates the facility, didn't respond to requests for comment. In a statement on Hurlbut's website, CEO Bob Hurlbut said the company is regularly updating residents and families by phone and in writing, "in order to ensure transparency in affected facilities."

The coronavirus has caused long-term-care facilities serving older and disabled people, who are among the most vulnerable to the pandemic, to draw the curtains. Following regulators' guidance, family members, volunteers, and long-term-care ombudsmen—whose job it is to advocate for residents' rights and help them resolve complaints—have generally been barred from facilities since mid-March. Visits from state surveyors, who check that nursing homes are complying with federal regulations, have been curtailed. Regulators have also waived a host of nursing-home rules, including, under certain circumstances, the requirement that facilities give residents and family members advance notice before transferring residents from one facility to another.

"What's going on behind closed doors? We have no clue," says Brian Lee, executive director of resident advocacy group Families for Better Care. More than 10,000 long-term care facility deaths have been linked to the coronavirus, according to an analysis by The Wall Street Journal.

Over two million people live in roughly 45,000 nursing homes and assisted-living or other residential-care communities, which employ over 1.2 million nursing and social workers, according to a 2019 report based on 2016 data from the National Center for Health Statistics. Private equity and other forms of for-profit ownership dominate the industry, and most facilities are chain-affiliated. Oversight varies among facility types: Nursing homes participating in Medicare and Medicaid must comply with a raft of federal rules, while assisted-living facilities are largely regulated by states. But in all types of facilities, advocates say, family members, volunteers, and other outside visitors play a critical role in spotting problems and ensuring residents' well-being.

While many in the industry "are doing an incredible job," the rule waivers, diminished inspections, reduced oversight, and chronic understaffing in long-term care facilities may be a toxic combination, says Toby Edelman, senior policy attorney at the Center for Medicare Advocacy. "There's a lot of neglect in nursing homes in the best of times," she says, "and these are not the best of times."

The American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living, an industry group, disagrees. "This type of criticism is a disservice to the brave heroes of this fight, who leave their families every day to care for others," AHCA/NCAL said in a statement. Such concerns "don't recognize the gravity of the situation that this virus is having on our population and only further distracts from the more important issue" of inadequate protective gear, testing, and staffing, the group said. Facilities recognize that communication is key, it said, and "families need to work together and with facilities to identify a single point of contact who can be responsible for information dissemination within families."

For many families and resident advocates, fears about residents' basic welfare and safety weigh just as heavily as the coronavirus. One in five high-risk emergency-room visits by nursing-home residents result from potential abuse or neglect, according to a 2019 report based on 2016 data by the Department of Health and Human Services inspector general. Nursing homes failed to report many of these incidents to survey agencies as required by federal rules, the inspector general found.

Angela Chavous, a representative with the Georgia long-term care ombudsman program, found herself peeking through the windows of a Richmond County, Ga., board and care home in early April. At the start of the month, she had received a disturbing report from a local hospital that had admitted a resident of the facility. The resident, an older woman, had lost significant weight, Chavous says, and the hospital suspected neglect. Chavous had previously had concerns about the facility, including the adequacy of the meals, cleanliness, and the quality of patient care. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, she couldn't visit, and when she called the facility, the number was disconnected, she says. So after consulting with the state ombudsman, she went and knocked on the door.

The awkward scene that followed underscores resident advocates' concerns about the Covid-induced separation between long-term care facilities and the outside world. Chavous talked with the residents, some of whom have dementia or physical disabilities, out on the front porch while maintaining her distance, she says. They didn't raise any serious complaints, which is "not surprising," she says, in part because a staff member hovered nearby. Chavous peered through the windows, but she could not see residents' bedrooms or bathrooms. She did however, note a strong odor of urine wafting through the door, she says.

Chavous reminded residents they could call her and discussed her concerns with the facility's owner, and she plans to check up on the facility at least every two weeks. But she's very concerned that serious issues may be overlooked while ombudsmen are barred from facilities. The residents, she says, "need us now more than ever."

Regulators are tackling at least one key aspect of nursing-home transparency: the reporting of Covid-19 outbreaks. On April 19, seven weeks after the world learned of the nursing-home Covid outbreak at a Seattle-area facility, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, said it would require nursing homes to inform residents and their families of Covid cases in the facilities and report those cases directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CMS plans to make the data publicly available.

The fact that many long-term care residents can't speak for themselves leaves advocates and family members uneasy with some of the recent nursing-home rule waivers. CMS, for example, has said that facilities don't need to provide advance notification before transferring residents in certain situations, such as when the transfers are made to separate Covid-positive from Covid-negative residents. Some families are discovering that their loved one has been moved only after the fact, says Laurie Facciarossa Brewer, the New Jersey long-term care ombudsman. "People's rights are being temporarily suspended," she says.

Suspension of regular nursing-home inspections means that many other serious threats to residents' welfare may be overlooked, advocates say. In March, CMS said that nursing-home inspections would temporarily focus on just infection control and incidents cited as "immediate jeopardy"—the most severe level of violations. (Even in these cases, inspectors should enter facilities only if they have appropriate personal protective equipment, CMS said.) But the vast majority of nursing-home health-inspection violations are cited at less-severe levels, and many involve serious harm to residents, including broken bones and medication errors, advocates say.

CMS did not respond to requests for comment for this article. In a previous statement to Barron's, CMS said it "is using every tool at our disposal to keep nursing homes free from infection." Rule waivers, it said, provide facilities with necessary flexibility and help them prepare for Covid-19. The streamlined inspections, said AHCA/NCAL, help "ensure our caregivers and staff can keep their focus and every resource dedicated to residents during this outbreak."

In normal times, ombudsman representatives help identify problems before they get too serious by visiting facilities and chatting with residents. In March, Melanie McNeil, the Georgia state long-term care ombudsman who, at the time, was also president of the National Association of State Ombudsman Programs, urged CMS to reinstate ombudsman representatives' ability to enter nursing homes when necessary to respond to situations that could threaten residents' health, safety, and rights. It isn't clear, she wrote in a letter to CMS administrator Seema Verma, that ombudsman representatives "pose any greater risk to residents than do the health-care workers at the facility." McNeil says she received no response from CMS. Facilities can review ombudsmen's access on a case-by-case basis, CMS said in its guidance.

That generally leaves ombudsman representatives on the outside looking in, trying to accomplish most of their advocacy work remotely. When they try to reach facility staff and residents by phone, it's "becoming increasingly difficult to even get through, because the facilities are very stressed," says Brewer, the New Jersey ombudsman. Although she has 11 full-time advocates and 200 volunteers, Brewer says she had no early warning of the crisis building at the Andover Subacute and Rehabilitation Center, the Andover, N.J., facility where police said there were 17 bodies in mid-April. The facility had 112 cases and 31 confirmed Covid-19 deaths as of April 22, according to the state. Facility owner Chaim Scheinbaum said in a statement that "current staffing is solid" and that no more than 15 bodies were kept in a room with a normal capacity of four.

Such scenarios aren't the end of ombudsmen's worries. A 2019 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that incidents of abuse cited by nursing-home inspectors more than doubled from 2013 to 2017. In New Jersey, Brewer has found a nearly 40% increase in long-term care facility abuse and neglect cases from 2015 to 2019, and she's "extremely concerned" that such incidents will be overlooked while facilities are on lockdown.

As the crisis grinds on, some families are being denied the window visits that provide the only possible face-to-face interaction with their loved ones. Bayside of Poquoson Health and Rehab in Poquoson, Va., recently halted window visits to "eliminate potential for disease spread by individuals congregating and also given the fact that there is a Stay-at-Home Order in effect in the state of Virginia," the facility said in a statement. Bayside said it is connecting residents and families by phone, email, text, and video chat.

That's not much help to the family member of a Bayside resident who was recently denied permission for a window visit. The resident "gets so confused by Zoom or FaceTime" and has trouble hearing phone calls, the family member says, adding that for many older people, electronic communication "is not the same as seeing a face through the window."

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Dear Colleague:

**More Info on \$20 Billion Coming to Providers for Relief Today:** As announced [yesterday](#), another tranche of the Provider Relief Fund is going out the door today. Some of you have had additional questions about the second payment of the General Distribution portion of the PRF, so attached is a fact sheet with additional information, including how a provider might estimate their payment.

**More Provider and Testing Funding Coming:** Trump signed the \$484 billion Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. [HHS will receive a total of \\$100 billion](#), with \$75 billion dedicated to hospitals and \$25 billion focused on testing efforts.

**How Providers Get Reimbursed for Caring for the Uninsured:** On Monday, HRSA will launch a new COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal ([coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com](https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com)), allowing health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 patients on or after February 4, 2020 to request claims reimbursement.

**[Public Health Emergency](#) Designation Extended:** It was previously set to expire on April 26, but has been renewed by Secretary Azar for an additional 90 days.

Other highlights:

### Funding and Resources

**Updated HHS Coronavirus Website:** HHS has revamped [hhs.gov/coronavirus](https://hhs.gov/coronavirus) to include more information about mental health resources, telehealth, the Provider Relief Fund, as well as to highlight the work our operating divisions are doing.

**\$45 Million in Funding to Support Child Welfare Services:** ACF released an [additional \\$45 million](#) to support the child welfare needs of families during this crisis and to help keep families together. These funds will be dispersed to states, territories, and tribes in an effort to provide financial and administrative support to their child welfare system.

**Funding to the Indian Health System:** The Indian Health Service allocated the final \$367 million of the [\\$1.032 billion provided to the agency](#) in the CARES Act funding across the Indian Health system to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Additional details of the funding allocation, as well as feedback received from tribal and urban Indian organization leaders, can be found in a [letter to tribal and urban Indian organization leaders](#).

### Testing and Treatment:

**FDA Cautions Against Use of Antimalarial Drugs to Treat COVID-19:** The FDA issued a [Drug Safety Communication](#) that cautions against the use of hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine for COVID-19 outside of the hospital setting or a clinical trial due to risk of heart rhythm problems. Problems have been reported with the use of these drugs 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.

**Guidance on Thermometers:** FDA released information on [non-contact infrared thermometers](#). One method to measure a person's surface temperature is with the use of non-contact infrared thermometers (NCITs). NCITs may be used to reduce cross-contamination risk and minimize the risk of spreading disease. Before NCITs are used, it is important to understand the benefits, limitations, and proper use of these thermometers. Improper use of NCITs may lead to inaccurate measurements of temperature.

**Expanding Fetal and Maternal Monitoring Device Availability:** FDA issued [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.

**Expanding Availability of Imaging Systems:** 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.

**Expanding Remote Digital Images Availability:** FDA [issued guidance](#) to provide a policy to help expand the availability of devices for remote reviewing and reporting of scanned digital images of pathology slides ("digital pathology slides") (hereinafter these devices will be referred to as "remote digital pathology devices") during this pandemic.

**Encouraging Signs in CDC's Weekly COVID Summary:** CDC released their [COVIDView Weekly Summary](#). The key points from this week include: (1) the percentage of laboratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remained similar to, or decreased, compared to last week; (2) visits to outpatient providers and emergency departments (EDs) for illnesses with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 continued to decline and are below baseline in many areas of the country.

## **PPE and Supplies**

**Preserving Medical Supplies:** FEMA recently published a [Temporary Final Rule and allocation order](#) to preserve scarce personal protective equipment for domestic use in the response to the COVID-19 emergency. FEMA is working closely with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to implement the allocation order on exports through the Temporary Final Rule published on April 10. The Personal Protective Equipment subject to this allocation order includes: N95 respirators, and a variety of other filtering respirators; air-purifying respirators; surgical masks; and, surgical gloves.

## **Guidance for Specific Populations**

**Information on Medicare Fee-for-Service Billing:** CMS released an updated [FAQ document on Medicare fee-for-service billing](#). The FAQs cover topics including payment for specimen collection, diagnostic laboratory services, hospital

services, ambulance services, FQHCs and RHCs, telehealth, physician services, home infusion services, accountable care organizations, cost reporting, opioid treatment programs, inpatient rehab, skilled nursing, home health and more.

**Mental Health Resources:** HHS released a new webpage on [mental health and coping](#) during the pandemic. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations such as an infectious disease outbreak. It is normal to experience a wide range of emotions. This page has information about resources and advice to help you cope and to support your mental and behavioral health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these resources are available in multiple languages.

**SBA Says Municipally-Owned Rural Hospitals Are Eligible for Loans:** Not HHS, but important to healthcare providers, today the Small Business Administration [clarified that public hospitals](#) are eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program loans. According to reports, about a third of rural hospitals are municipal-owned entities that usually are blocked from receiving federal small business loans. Now, this financial lifeline is open to them.

As we head into the weekend, we are mindful of the tremendous stresses that our healthcare workers are experiencing. We owe them so much. Stay safe. If you have questions, please contact [Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov](mailto:Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov).

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Governor's Senior Staff (Chief of Staff, State-Federal Director, and Scheduler),

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### Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Expected Length:** 60-90 minutes
  - **Please communicate if your governor is expected to be late or depart early from the call.**
- **Federal Participants:** President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence & Senior Administration Officials
- **Reminder Governors-Only (i.e., one call-in per state):** Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, state economic development directors, state workforce directors, other key state leaders in the state's response and re-opening efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.
- **Video Teleconference Option:** If possible, **we encourage your governor to participate by VTC.** Participation by VTC allows governors and federal speakers to interact more efficiently. Any governor who wants to participate in this briefing via video teleconference (VTC), **indicate so in the RSVP.** FEMA has worked with your emergency manager to identify VTC capabilities in your state and we can provide you that information. If you need information about VTC capabilities in your state, please email me.

**NOTE:** We ask if your governor needs to leave early or arrive late to the call, that you communicate this no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27. If not, we will expect your governor is on the call the entire time to potentially provide an update.

**RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. ET**

To RSVP your governor, email please email me ([Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)) by **no later than Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Once you RSVP your governor, you will receive a call-in information link and guidance. VTC guidance will be provided upon request.

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

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Governors 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. Below are follow-up items from today's briefing.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up American Again**

The President and Vice President released the ***Guidelines for Opening Up American Again*** (20-page slide deck; [Opening America](#)). As a reminder, here are the proposed State gating criteria to satisfy before proceeding to phased opening:

- **SYMPTOMS:** Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period **AND** downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period.
- **CASES:** Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period **OR** downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests).
- **HOSPITALS:** Treat all patients without crisis care **AND** robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing.

### **State-Specific Information**

- **State-by-State Testing Platform Information:** Each governor and staff received State-by-State testing platform information that included State-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details (if you need this state-specific information re-sent, please let me know). The development of an integrated lab strategy in your State will allow for a more efficient use of diagnostic reagents, facilitate optimal workflows and workforce utilization, and provide more continuity of testing capacity with defined turnaround times for results. Rapid and efficient testing will help identify pockets of viral emergence and allow for rapid contact tracing and effective control. ***FEMA in coordinating with HHS, CDC, and FDA is holding state-by-state technical assistance calls through Saturday, April 25.***
- **State & County-Level PPE Data:** Prior to the Monday, April 20 briefing, each governor and staff received State- and county-specific information on personal protection equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies being distributed to healthcare providers through the normal commercial supplier distribution system, which has been bolstered by Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions. ***The next State-specific update is expected to be provided on Monday, April 27. Additional information about nursing home PPE efforts will be provided next week as well.***

### **Readout from the April 24, 2020 Governors Briefing**

Today, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives of approximately 50 States, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss updates on the all-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and drive America's economic revival in a phased approach.

Vice President Pence led a discussion of best practices from our Nation's governors on re-open strategies, expanded testing, and supply chain management. Participants discussed the Guidelines for Opening Up American Again including key gating criteria, core State preparedness responsibilities and a data-informed, phased approach and various state-specific strategies. Several participants discussed the importance of close coordination with both health professionals, private sector partners and community leaders. Governors shared best practices on leading their entire testing ecosystem, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, and bolstering contact tracing and surveillance. The Federal government continues to provide supply chain support that is helping all states. Federal leaders continue to drive enhanced domestic production of key products, providing swift and thorough regulatory approvals, and continuing Operation Airbridge, which is supplementing efforts of the commercial supply chain to get critical supplies directly to the healthcare providers.

Best practices shared today included:

- **Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (New York)** efforts to expand testing and tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Bill Lee's (Tennessee)** partnership with the private sector to expand testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Charlie Baker's (Massachusetts)** public-private partnership to expand drive-through testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Gary Herbert's (Utah)** efforts to develop a "healthy together" app in partnership with the private sector that checks symptoms, connects users with testing, and augments contact tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Tim Walz's (Minnesota)** partnership with the Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota for expanding testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Kim Reynolds' (Iowa)** launching of the "Test Iowa Initiative" and utilizing state employees to expand contact tracing efforts (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Phil Murphy's (New Jersey)** partnership with Rutgers University on a saliva test (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Mike Parson's (Missouri)** utilization of the Google Marketplace to connect manufacturers and suppliers of PPE with providers (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Doug Ducey's (Arizona)** partnership with the University of Arizona and Senora Quest Laboratories on antibody testing (more [here](#) and [here](#)).

Federal, State, local, and tribal leaders to continue to regularly highlight social distancing efforts and how they are incorporated into various phases. Participants also discussed the Federal government's historic efforts to support State, local, and tribal leaders including, historic financial support and regulatory flexibilities, approving 56 major disaster declaration requests and over 45 Title 32 requests to 100% federally fund National Guard activities related to COVID-19 response and re-open efforts, including helping with logistics, testing and helping vulnerable citizens.

The leadership of governors, mayors, county commissioners, and tribal officials is vital for effective emergency management. Emergency management in America is locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally supported, which allows for innovative solutions to be identified at the local and State level for the majority of issues. Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has held over 185 briefings – including 15 governors' briefings – with over 87,000 State, local, and tribal leaders. Leaders at every level of government and the private sector are working in partnership to bend the curve and plan our Nation's economic revival.

**Below, you will find additional information and resources mentioned on today's briefing call:**

- Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator
- H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (includes \$11 billion in testing resources for State, local, and tribal governments)
- COVID-19 Testing & PPE Resources
- New Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid & CHIP



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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7. All requests to the Federal government ***must be formally communicated*** by your **State emergency manager** to your **FEMA Regional Administrator**. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.).

Please ensure your State is reporting key information from their State emergency manager to the FEMA Regional Administrator. Most States are reporting this data on a daily basis, which is appreciated and ***we ask you to take action to ensure your State continues doing this on a regular basis***. This reporting includes:

- Daily broad healthcare capacity data reporting on key hospital capacity and ventilator use metrics.
- Daily State's stockpile inventory and hospital PPE supplies to assist with our prioritization of supplies and equipment deliveries to areas most in need.

##### H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

Today, President Trump signed H.R. 266 that includes \$25 billion for our Nation's historic testing efforts, including \$11 billion in testing support for State, local, and tribal governments. This legislation provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the incredibly successful Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which has already aided countless small businesses and millions of American workers. More details about the legislation [here](#).

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

- **Molecular & Serological Tests:** As mentioned in today's briefing by FDA Commissioner Hahn, FDA has approved 62 COVID-19 tests. You can find the full list [here](#).
- **Swab & Media Options:** Attached you will find a tables of swab and media options by laboratory. More information [here](#).



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Governors 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. Below are follow-up items from today's briefing.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up American Again**

The President and Vice President released the ***Guidelines for Opening Up American Again*** (20-page slide deck; [Opening America](#)). As a reminder, here are the proposed State gating criteria to satisfy before proceeding to phased opening:

- **SYMPTOMS:** Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period **AND** downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period.
- **CASES:** Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period **OR** downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests).
- **HOSPITALS:** Treat all patients without crisis care **AND** robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing.

### **State-Specific Information**

- **State-by-State Testing Platform Information:** Each governor and staff received State-by-State testing platform information that included State-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details (if you need this state-specific information re-sent, please let me know). The development of an integrated lab strategy in your State will allow for a more efficient use of diagnostic reagents, facilitate optimal workflows and workforce utilization, and provide more continuity of testing capacity with defined turnaround times for results. Rapid and efficient testing will help identify pockets of viral emergence and allow for rapid contact tracing and effective control. ***FEMA in coordinating with HHS, CDC, and FDA is holding state-by-state technical assistance calls through Saturday, April 25.***
- **State & County-Level PPE Data:** Prior to the Monday, April 20 briefing, each governor and staff received State- and county-specific information on personal protection equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies being distributed to healthcare providers through the normal commercial supplier distribution system, which has been bolstered by Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions. ***The next State-specific update is expected to be provided on Monday, April 27. Additional information about nursing home PPE efforts will be provided next week as well.***

### **Readout from the April 24, 2020 Governors Briefing**

Today, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives of approximately 50 States, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss updates on the all-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and drive America's economic revival in a phased approach.

Vice President Pence led a discussion of best practices from our Nation's governors on re-open strategies, expanded testing, and supply chain management. Participants discussed the Guidelines for Opening Up American Again including key gating criteria, core State preparedness responsibilities and a data-informed, phased approach and various state-specific strategies. Several participants discussed the importance of close coordination with both health professionals, private sector partners and community leaders. Governors shared best practices on leading their entire testing ecosystem, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, and bolstering contact tracing and surveillance. The Federal government continues to provide supply chain support that is helping all states. Federal leaders continue to drive enhanced domestic production of key products, providing swift and thorough regulatory approvals, and continuing Operation Airbridge, which is supplementing efforts of the commercial supply chain to get critical supplies directly to the healthcare providers.

Best practices shared today included:

- **Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (New York)** efforts to expand testing and tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Bill Lee's (Tennessee)** partnership with the private sector to expand testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Charlie Baker's (Massachusetts)** public-private partnership to expand drive-through testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Gary Herbert's (Utah)** efforts to develop a "healthy together" app in partnership with the private sector that checks symptoms, connects users with testing, and augments contact tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Tim Walz's (Minnesota)** partnership with the Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota for expanding testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Kim Reynolds' (Iowa)** launching of the "Test Iowa Initiative" and utilizing state employees to expand contact tracing efforts (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Phil Murphy's (New Jersey)** partnership with Rutgers University on a saliva test (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Mike Parson's (Missouri)** utilization of the Google Marketplace to connect manufacturers and suppliers of PPE with providers (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Doug Ducey's (Arizona)** partnership with the University of Arizona and Senora Quest Laboratories on antibody testing (more [here](#) and [here](#)).

Federal, State, local, and tribal leaders to continue to regularly highlight social distancing efforts and how they are incorporated into various phases. Participants also discussed the Federal government's historic efforts to support State, local, and tribal leaders including, historic financial support and regulatory flexibilities, approving 56 major disaster declaration requests and over 45 Title 32 requests to 100% federally fund National Guard activities related to COVID-19 response and re-open efforts, including helping with logistics, testing and helping vulnerable citizens.

The leadership of governors, mayors, county commissioners, and tribal officials is vital for effective emergency management. Emergency management in America is locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally supported, which allows for innovative solutions to be identified at the local and State level for the majority of issues. Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has held over 185 briefings – including 15 governors' briefings – with over 87,000 State, local, and tribal leaders. Leaders at every level of government and the private sector are working in partnership to bend the curve and plan our Nation's economic revival.

**Below, you will find additional information and resources mentioned on today's briefing call:**

- Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator
- H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (includes \$11 billion in testing resources for State, local, and tribal governments)
- COVID-19 Testing & PPE Resources
- New Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid & CHIP

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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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7. All requests to the Federal government ***must be formally communicated*** by your **State emergency manager** to your **FEMA Regional Administrator**. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.).

Please ensure your State is reporting key information from their State emergency manager to the FEMA Regional Administrator. Most States are reporting this data on a daily basis, which is appreciated and ***we ask you to take action to ensure your State continues doing this on a regular basis***. This reporting includes:

- Daily broad healthcare capacity data reporting on key hospital capacity and ventilator use metrics.
- Daily State's stockpile inventory and hospital PPE supplies to assist with our prioritization of supplies and equipment deliveries to areas most in need.

##### H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

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

- **Molecular & Serological Tests:** As mentioned in today's briefing by FDA Commissioner Hahn, FDA has approved 62 COVID-19 tests. You can find the full list [here](#).
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Reminder to RSVP for the call Monday at 2:00 PM ET with the President and Vice President.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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Governor's Senior Staff (Chief of Staff, State-Federal Director, and Scheduler),

Our Nation's Governors are invited to a **Governors-only Briefing Call (with a video teleconference option)** with the **President, Vice President Mike Pence**, and Senior Administration Officials on **Monday, April 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time** for an update on the Federal-State-Local efforts to respond to COVID-19 and reopen strategies.

### Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

- **Expected Length:** 60-90 minutes
  - *Please communicate if your governor is expected to be late or depart early from the call.*
- **Federal Participants:** President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence & Senior Administration Officials
- **Reminder Governors-Only (i.e., one call-in per state):** Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, state economic development directors, state workforce directors, other key state leaders in the state's response and re-opening efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.
- **Video Teleconference Option:** If possible, **we encourage your governor to participate by VTC.** Participation by VTC allows governors and federal speakers to interact more efficiently. Any governor who wants to participate in this briefing via video teleconference (VTC), **indicate so in the RSVP.** FEMA has worked with your emergency manager to identify VTC capabilities in your state and we can provide you that information. If you need information about VTC capabilities in your state, please email me.

**NOTE:** We ask if your governor needs to leave early or arrive late to the call, that you communicate this no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27. If not, we will expect your governor is on the call the entire time to potentially provide an update.

**RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. ET**

To RSVP your governor, email please email me ([Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)) by **no later than Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Once you RSVP your governor, you will receive a call-in information link and guidance. VTC guidance will be provided upon request.

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

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Attached you will find today's FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- 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.
  - Vice President Pence spoke with the Nation's governors on **April 24**, reinforcing the partnership between the federal and state governments and the continued progress to expand and implement testing to be able to reopen safely and responsibly under the phased approach.
  - 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.
- During the **April 24** White House Press Briefing, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn announced that the FDA had [approved the first COVID-19 home collection test 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.
- On **April 24**, President Trump signed the [Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#) to replenish the Small Business Administration’s small business loan program while also providing crucial support for America’s frontline medical workers.
  - The act provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, along with \$75 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers to fight coronavirus and \$25 billion for ongoing testing across the country.
  - The [Paycheck Protection Program](#) processed nearly \$350 billion in loans to 1.6 million small businesses from funding provided in the CARES Act. More than 4,900 lending institutions participated in making these SBA-backed loans.
- 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.
- The U.S. has now processed 5.1 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.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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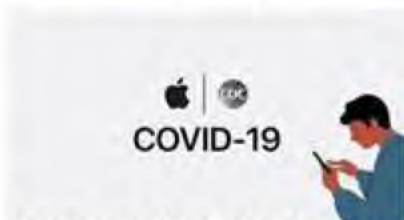
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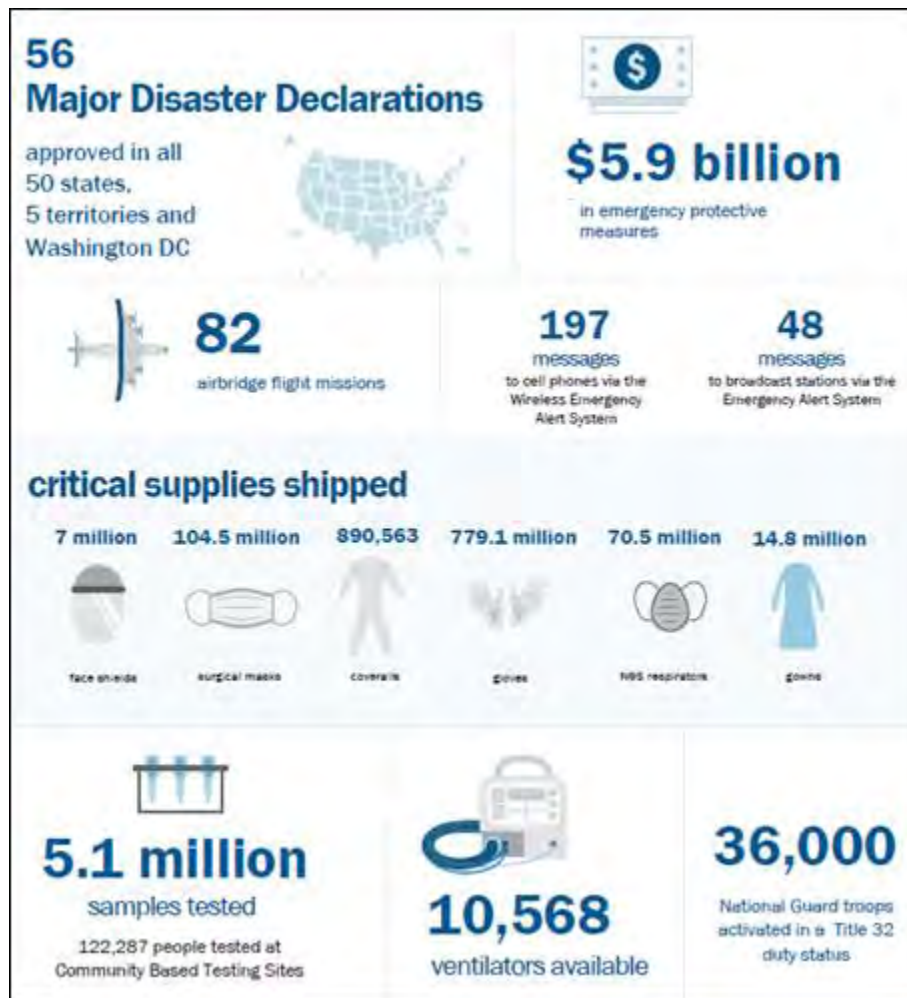


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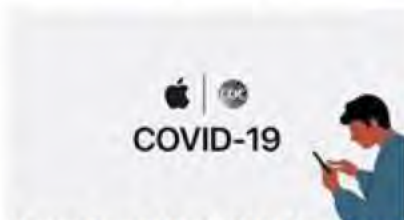
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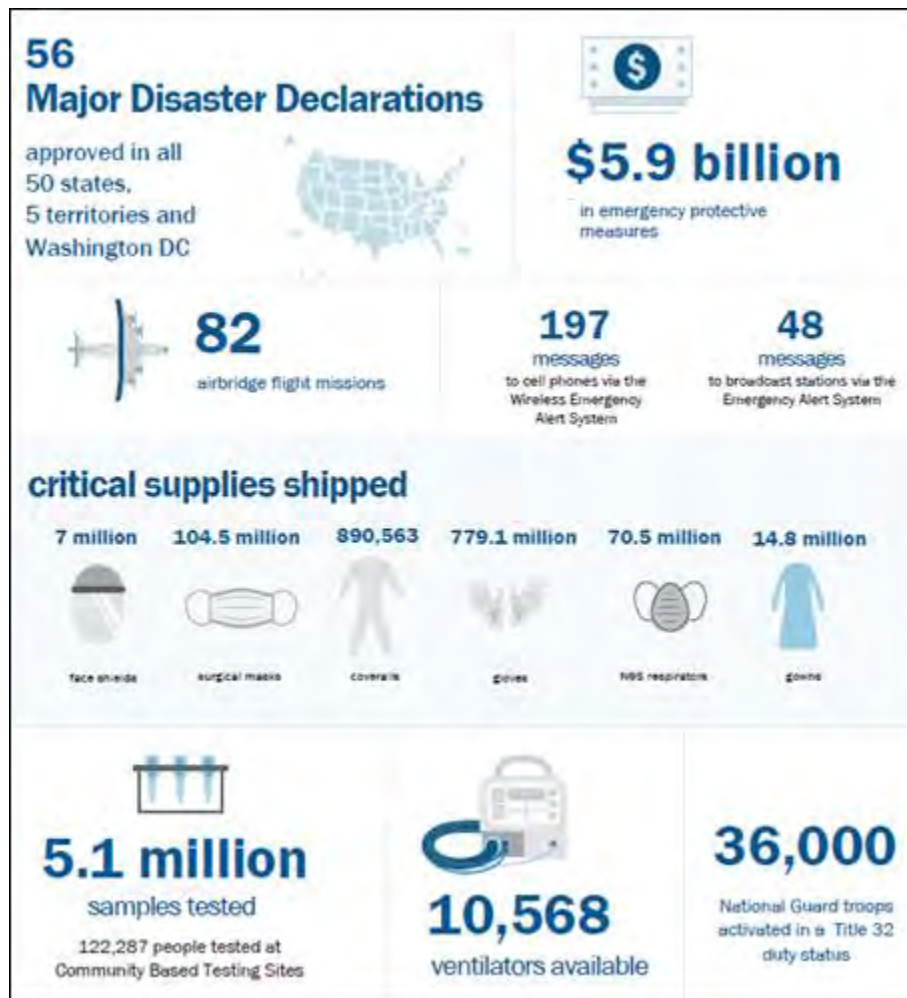
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- **Topline:** As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 4.9 million COVID-19 tests. This is more total tests than those performed in Australia, 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.
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## **Economy/CARES Act Update**

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*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.
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#### **Briefing Call/VTC Details**

- **Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Expected Length:** 60-90 minutes
  - ***Please communicate if your governor is expected to be late or depart early from the call.***
- **Federal Participants:** President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence & Senior Administration Officials
- **Reminder Governors-Only (i.e., one call-in per state):** Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, state economic development directors, state workforce directors, other key state leaders in the state's response and re-opening efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.
- **Video Teleconference Option:** If possible, **we encourage your governor to participate by VTC.** Participation by VTC allows governors and federal speakers to interact more efficiently. Any governor who wants to participate in this briefing via video teleconference (VTC), **indicate so in the RSVP.** FEMA has worked with your emergency manager to identify VTC capabilities in your state and we can provide you that information. If you need information about VTC capabilities in your state, please email me.

**NOTE:** We ask if your governor needs to leave early or arrive late to the call, that you communicate this no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27. If not, we will expect your governor is on the call the entire time to potentially provide an update.

#### **RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. ET**

To RSVP your governor, email please email me ([Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov)) by **no later than Saturday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Once you RSVP your governor, you will receive a call-in information link and guidance. VTC guidance will be provided upon request.

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

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# FEMA Advisory

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

Attached you will find today's FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- 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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Governors 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. Below are follow-up items from today's briefing.

### **Guidelines for Opening Up American Again**

The President and Vice President released the ***Guidelines for Opening Up American Again*** (20-page slide deck; [Opening America](#)). As a reminder, here are the proposed State gating criteria to satisfy before proceeding to phased opening:

- **SYMPTOMS:** Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period **AND** downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period.
- **CASES:** Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period **OR** downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests).
- **HOSPITALS:** Treat all patients without crisis care **AND** robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing.

### **State-Specific Information**

- **State-by-State Testing Platform Information:** Each governor and staff received State-by-State testing platform information that included State-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details (if you need this state-specific information re-sent, please let me know). The development of an integrated lab strategy in your State will allow for a more efficient use of diagnostic reagents, facilitate optimal workflows and workforce utilization, and provide more continuity of testing capacity with defined turnaround times for results. Rapid and efficient testing will help identify pockets of viral emergence and allow for rapid contact tracing and effective control. ***FEMA in coordinating with HHS, CDC, and FDA is holding state-by-state technical assistance calls through Saturday, April 25.***
- **State & County-Level PPE Data:** Prior to the Monday, April 20 briefing, each governor and staff received State- and county-specific information on personal protection equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies being distributed to healthcare providers through the normal commercial supplier distribution system, which has been bolstered by Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions. ***The next State-specific update is expected to be provided on Monday, April 27. Additional information about nursing home PPE efforts will be provided next week as well.***

### **Readout from the April 24, 2020 Governors Briefing**

Today, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives of approximately 50 States, territories, and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss updates on the all-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and drive America's economic revival in a phased approach.

Vice President Pence led a discussion of best practices from our Nation's governors on re-open strategies, expanded testing, and supply chain management. Participants discussed the Guidelines for Opening Up American Again including key gating criteria, core State preparedness responsibilities and a data-informed, phased approach and various state-specific strategies. Several participants discussed the importance of close coordination with both health professionals, private sector partners and community leaders. Governors shared best practices on leading their entire testing ecosystem, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, and bolstering contact tracing and surveillance. The Federal government continues to provide supply chain support that is helping all states. Federal leaders continue to drive enhanced domestic production of key products, providing swift and thorough regulatory approvals, and continuing Operation Airbridge, which is supplementing efforts of the commercial supply chain to get critical supplies directly to the healthcare providers.

Best practices shared today included:

- **Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (New York)** efforts to expand testing and tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Bill Lee's (Tennessee)** partnership with the private sector to expand testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Charlie Baker's (Massachusetts)** public-private partnership to expand drive-through testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Gary Herbert's (Utah)** efforts to develop a "healthy together" app in partnership with the private sector that checks symptoms, connects users with testing, and augments contact tracing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Tim Walz's (Minnesota)** partnership with the Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota for expanding testing (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Kim Reynolds' (Iowa)** launching of the "Test Iowa Initiative" and utilizing state employees to expand contact tracing efforts (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Phil Murphy's (New Jersey)** partnership with Rutgers University on a saliva test (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Mike Parson's (Missouri)** utilization of the Google Marketplace to connect manufacturers and suppliers of PPE with providers (more [here](#)).
- **Gov. Doug Ducey's (Arizona)** partnership with the University of Arizona and Senora Quest Laboratories on antibody testing (more [here](#) and [here](#)).

Federal, State, local, and tribal leaders to continue to regularly highlight social distancing efforts and how they are incorporated into various phases. Participants also discussed the Federal government's historic efforts to support State, local, and tribal leaders including, historic financial support and regulatory flexibilities, approving 56 major disaster declaration requests and over 45 Title 32 requests to 100% federally fund National Guard activities related to COVID-19 response and re-open efforts, including helping with logistics, testing and helping vulnerable citizens.

The leadership of governors, mayors, county commissioners, and tribal officials is vital for effective emergency management. Emergency management in America is locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally supported, which allows for innovative solutions to be identified at the local and State level for the majority of issues. Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has held over 185 briefings – including 15 governors' briefings – with over 87,000 State, local, and tribal leaders. Leaders at every level of government and the private sector are working in partnership to bend the curve and plan our Nation's economic revival.

**Below, you will find additional information and resources mentioned on today's briefing call:**

- Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator
- H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (includes \$11 billion in testing resources for State, local, and tribal governments)
- COVID-19 Testing & PPE Resources
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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7. All requests to the Federal government ***must be formally communicated*** by your **State emergency manager** to your **FEMA Regional Administrator**. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.).

Please ensure your State is reporting key information from their State emergency manager to the FEMA Regional Administrator. Most States are reporting this data on a daily basis, which is appreciated and ***we ask you to take action to ensure your State continues doing this on a regular basis***. This reporting includes:

- Daily broad healthcare capacity data reporting on key hospital capacity and ventilator use metrics.
- Daily State's stockpile inventory and hospital PPE supplies to assist with our prioritization of supplies and equipment deliveries to areas most in need.

##### H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

Today, President Trump signed H.R. 266 that includes \$25 billion for our Nation's historic testing efforts, including \$11 billion in testing support for State, local, and tribal governments. This legislation provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the incredibly successful Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which has already aided countless small businesses and millions of American workers. More details about the legislation [here](#).

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

- **Molecular & Serological Tests:** As mentioned in today's briefing by FDA Commissioner Hahn, FDA has approved 62 COVID-19 tests. You can find the full list [here](#).
- **Swab & Media Options:** Attached you will find a tables of swab and media options by laboratory. More information [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 Pays for COVID-19 Specimen Collection: CMS will pay specimen collection fees for COVID-19 testing for homebound and non-hospital inpatients,** to help facilitate the testing of homebound individuals and those unable to travel. As a result of these actions, laboratories will have expanded capability to test more vulnerable populations, like nursing home patients, quickly and provide results faster. 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](#)

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a new toolkit for states to help accelerate adoption of broader telehealth coverage policies in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP). This release builds on the agency's swift actions to provide states with a wide range of tools and guidance to support their ability to care for their Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries during this public health emergency. You can find the full toolkit [here](#).

This toolkit provides states with issues to consider as they evaluate the need to expand their telehealth capabilities and coverage policies, including:

- Patient populations eligible for telehealth
- Coverage and reimbursement policies
- Providers and practitioners eligible to provide telehealth
- Technology requirements
- Pediatric considerations



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April 26, 2020

# FEMA Advisory

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

Attached you will find today's FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

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Good evening,

On Friday 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.
- 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 \(4/24/2020\)](#)

**Tomorrow, the President participates in a Governors' Video Teleconference on COVID-19 Response and Economic Revival at 2:00pm ET. Later, the President meets with industry executives at 4:00pm ET. Members of the Coronavirus Task Force hold a press briefing at 5:00pm ET.**

### **Additional Guidance (as of 4.26, 6:00pm):**

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Remains Committed to Providing Critical Relief for American Small Businesses, Workers, and Healthcare Providers ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Announces More Time for Hospitals to Apply for COVID-19 High-Impact Payments ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - The Administration for Children and Families to Release Funding to Support Child Welfare Services ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - Secretary Azar Statement on President Trump's Signing of New Coronavirus Relief Package ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - Telehealth Website ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - April 2 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA Reiterates Importance of Close Patient Supervision for 'Off-Label' Use of Antimalarial Drugs to Mitigate Known Risks, Including Heart Rhythm Problems ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury** - Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/SBA** - Joint Statement by SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Resumption of the Paycheck Protection Program ([Click here](#))

- **DOJ** - Court Prohibits Dallas Health Center from Touting “Ozone Therapy” as a COVID-19 Treatment ([Click here](#))
- **EPA** - U.S. EPA and CBP Act to Protect the Public from Unregistered “Virus Shut Out” Product Imported into California ([Click here](#))
- **EPA** - EPA provides critical information to the American public about safe disinfectant use ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Mortuary Affairs Operators Adapt to Unique Challenges During COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Plans for Resumption of Normal Operations After Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - A New Normal: Service Academies Cope With COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Florida National Guard, University Partner to Combat COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - America Strong: Blue Angels, Thunderbirds to Conduct Multi-City Flyovers Championing National Unity Behind Frontline Responders ([Click here](#))
- **VA** - VA hiring jumps 37 percent in fight against COVID-19 ([Click here](#))

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Please fill out audio call-in information as a backup, please complete this [LINK](#).

Please join 30 minute prior to ensure no issues. If your Governor is unable to join by VTC, **please let me know before 10:00 AM Monday (4/27).**

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April 27, 2020

# FEMA Advisory

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Topline messaging includes:

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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)**

*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 April 26<sup>th</sup>, CWMD has processed approximately 279,319 travelers for enhanced screening, including 1,506 who were referred to CDC for further medical evaluation.

**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.

*Supporting the Safe Return of U.S. Citizens Stranded Overseas.* As of April 26<sup>th</sup>, CBP, in close coordination with the State Department's Repatriation Task Force, has facilitated the return of more than 69,000 Americans back to the U.S. from 128 countries. This interagency operation is vital to reuniting families and keeping Americans out of harm's way.

### **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.

*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 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 21 international flights arrived in the U.S. with critical medical supplies, bringing the total to 85 with an additional 26 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)**

*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.

## **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

*Cracking Down on Fraud and Criminal Activity.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit, with assistance from CBP's Field Intelligence Group, seized approximately 5,300 potentially fraudulent COVID-19 test kits. This seizure is a 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 190 investigations nationwide.

## **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 Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology (S&T), provided an update on key research findings from S&T's National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) at the White

House Coronavirus Task Force briefing. His update covered emerging results and trends from studies conducted at NBACC including the effects of sunlight and humidity on the virus as well as findings on common disinfectants that can kill the virus.

*Driving Evidence-Based Policymaking.* On April 24<sup>th</sup>, S&T updated its [Master Question List](#) (MQL), a compilation of available research on operationally-relevant questions to aid decision makers in the COVID-19 response. The MQL is a quick-reference guide covering what is known about the virus, what additional information is needed, and who may be working to address these fundamental questions. New entries include references to how much agent will make a healthy individual ill, how the virus spreads from one host to another, and what treatments are effective.

## **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)**

*Keeping Americans Safe While Ensuring Continuity of U.S. Travel.* TSA continues to follow CDC guidance to protect its workers and the nation's transportation system, while ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce will not be impeded during the pandemic. Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, TSA screened nearly 640,721 travelers who have all reached their destinations safely.

## **U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS)**

*Target Date to Reopen Offices.* On April 24<sup>th</sup>, USCIS [announced](#) that offices temporarily suspended will begin to reopen on June 4<sup>th</sup> unless the public closures are extended further to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Employees in these offices are continuing to perform mission-essential services that do not require face-to-face contact with the public while the offices are closed.

## **United States Coast Guard (USCG)**

*Monitoring Vessels that Pose a Risk to Public Health.* The Coast Guard is working non-stop to protect the health and safety of the American public while keeping U.S. supply chains open and viable. Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, USCG tracked 110 commercial vessels that departed from a coronavirus-impacted country and was scheduled to arrive at a U.S. port. In accordance with the Coast Guard's latest [Maritime Safety Information Bulletin](#) (MSIB), which was updated on April 24<sup>th</sup>, all vessels destined for a U.S. port are required to report to the CDC any sick or deceased crew/passengers prior to arrival at a U.S. port or they will be denied entry into U.S. territorial waters.

*Facilitating the Offload of Cruise Ships.* Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Coast Guard facilitated the offload of 119 passengers aboard the Pacific Princess cruise ship in Los Angeles and 103 crew members aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship in San Francisco. The passengers and crew were allowed to disembark from the ships after the Coast Guard determined they were not infected with COVID-19 or other infectious diseases. To date, the Coast Guard has facilitated the discharge of over 265,000 passengers from over 125 cruise ships.

## **United States Secret Service (USSS)**

*Protecting Americans From Financial Scams.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Secret Service partnered with the U.S. Treasury to launch the "[Know Your U.S. Treasury Check](#)" campaign – an initiative to bring awareness to citizens, retailers, and financial institutions on how to protect themselves from scams associated with U.S. Treasury checks funded by the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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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)**

*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 April 26<sup>th</sup>, CWMD has processed approximately 279,319 travelers for enhanced screening, including 1,506 who were referred to CDC for further medical evaluation.

**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.

*Supporting the Safe Return of U.S. Citizens Stranded Overseas.* As of April 26<sup>th</sup>, CBP, in close coordination with the State Department's Repatriation Task Force, has facilitated the return of more than 69,000 Americans back to the U.S. from 128 countries. This interagency operation is vital to reuniting families and keeping Americans out of harm's way.

### **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.

*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 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 21 international flights arrived in the U.S. with critical medical supplies, bringing the total to 85 with an additional 26 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)**

*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.

## **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

*Cracking Down on Fraud and Criminal Activity.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit, with assistance from CBP's Field Intelligence Group, seized approximately 5,300 potentially fraudulent COVID-19 test kits. This seizure is a 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 190 investigations nationwide.

## **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 Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology (S&T), provided an update on key research findings from S&T's National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) at the White

House Coronavirus Task Force briefing. His update covered emerging results and trends from studies conducted at NBACC including the effects of sunlight and humidity on the virus as well as findings on common disinfectants that can kill the virus.

*Driving Evidence-Based Policymaking.* On April 24<sup>th</sup>, S&T updated its [Master Question List](#) (MQL), a compilation of available research on operationally-relevant questions to aid decision makers in the COVID-19 response. The MQL is a quick-reference guide covering what is known about the virus, what additional information is needed, and who may be working to address these fundamental questions. New entries include references to how much agent will make a healthy individual ill, how the virus spreads from one host to another, and what treatments are effective.

## **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)**

*Keeping Americans Safe While Ensuring Continuity of U.S. Travel.* TSA continues to follow CDC guidance to protect its workers and the nation's transportation system, while ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce will not be impeded during the pandemic. Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, TSA screened nearly 640,721 travelers who have all reached their destinations safely.

## **U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS)**

*Target Date to Reopen Offices.* On April 24<sup>th</sup>, USCIS [announced](#) that offices temporarily suspended will begin to reopen on June 4<sup>th</sup> unless the public closures are extended further to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Employees in these offices are continuing to perform mission-essential services that do not require face-to-face contact with the public while the offices are closed.

## **United States Coast Guard (USCG)**

*Monitoring Vessels that Pose a Risk to Public Health.* The Coast Guard is working non-stop to protect the health and safety of the American public while keeping U.S. supply chains open and viable. Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, USCG tracked 110 commercial vessels that departed from a coronavirus-impacted country and was scheduled to arrive at a U.S. port. In accordance with the Coast Guard's latest [Maritime Safety Information Bulletin](#) (MSIB), which was updated on April 24<sup>th</sup>, all vessels destined for a U.S. port are required to report to the CDC any sick or deceased crew/passengers prior to arrival at a U.S. port or they will be denied entry into U.S. territorial waters.

*Facilitating the Offload of Cruise Ships.* Between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Coast Guard facilitated the offload of 119 passengers aboard the Pacific Princess cruise ship in Los Angeles and 103 crew members aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship in San Francisco. The passengers and crew were allowed to disembark from the ships after the Coast Guard determined they were not infected with COVID-19 or other infectious diseases. To date, the Coast Guard has facilitated the discharge of over 265,000 passengers from over 125 cruise ships.

## **United States Secret Service (USSS)**

*Protecting Americans From Financial Scams.* On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Secret Service partnered with the U.S. Treasury to launch the "[Know Your U.S. Treasury Check](#)" campaign – an initiative to bring awareness to citizens, retailers, and financial institutions on how to protect themselves from scams associated with U.S. Treasury checks funded by the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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