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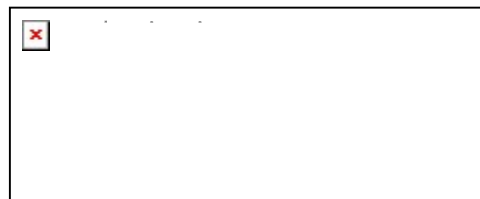
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Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) regarding information on Supply Chain Essentials and other available resources to support the whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

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CISA Advisory



Supply Chain Essentials Guide & Other Resources

As we continue to respond as a nation to coronavirus (COVID-19), we must remain vigilant of adversaries seeking to target our critical systems and disrupt our vital supply chains.

Now more than ever, resilient critical infrastructure is imperative for public health and safety and community well-being. One of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) top priorities is securing the global Information and Communications Technology (ICT) supply chain. Every day, ICT systems —those hardware, software, and services critical to communicating — support a broad range of [critical infrastructure activities](#) that collectively enable the provisioning of [National Critical Functions \(NCFs\)](#), such as generating electricity, operating hospitals, and supplying clean water. ICT products and services also provide remote access into work environments, e-Learning capabilities, and mobile computing. If vulnerabilities in the ICT supply chain are exploited, the consequences can affect all users of that technology or service.

CISA has published several resources on [ICT supply chain risk management](#), to include a new ICT Supply Chain Essentials guide, to help partners and stakeholders deal with managing risks to their ICT supply chains. Read, download, or share these resources to help raise awareness.

- [ICT Supply Chain Essentials](#) guide for leaders and risk management professionals to understand where to start implementing SCRM

- [ICT Supply Chain Risk Management Fact Sheet](#) includes these steps for organizations to improve their overall security posture.
- [ICT SCRM Task Force Threat Scenarios Report](#) for ICT threat sources and risks to the supplies, products, and services you purchase
- [ICT Response Paper on Executive Order 13873](#): Methodology for Assessing the Most Critical Information and Communications Technologies and Services

For information on COVID-19, please visit www.cisa.gov/coronavirus. To learn more about ICT supply chain risk management and to view online resources, check out our latest [CISA blog post](#) or visit www.cisa.gov/nrmc-scrm.

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

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Dear Colleague:

In today's email, you will find the usual robust list of new HHS actions on COVID-19. In addition – at the very bottom of the email - you will find some additional resources which might be helpful. They range from a compilation of information on PPE & Testing Resources to some “shout-outs” highlighting best practices by five governors as they innovate to address testing needs in their states.

Testing

Policy to Expand Testing Capacity: FDA released [updated policy for COVID-19 tests](#) with guidance for clinical laboratories, commercial manufacturers, and Food and Drug Administration staff. FDA is issuing this guidance to provide a policy to help accelerate the availability of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency. Rapid detection of COVID-19 cases in the United States requires wide availability of testing to control the emergence of this rapidly spreading, severe illness. This guidance describes a policy for laboratories and commercial manufacturers to help accelerate the use of tests they develop in order to achieve more rapid and widespread testing capacity in the United States.

Expanding Access to Convalescent Plasma: BARDA has entered into a [collaboration with Mayo Clinic to support an expanded access program to provide access to convalescent plasma](#) for patients hospitalized with COVID-19. Expanded access programs allow access to pre-approved drugs and therapeutic treatments such as convalescent plasma outside of a clinical trial setting. In this way, the expanded access program provides a framework for rapid access to a potential therapy for COVID-19.

Staffing Resources Available: CDC updated their list of [resources available to bolster staffing](#) to help support states, tribes and locations to get and keep America open. CDC is using a multi-pronged approach to help enhance and complement the efforts of state, tribal, local, and territorial staff. This initiative will help health departments with the staffing resources they need for their programs to get and keep America open.

Reporting Cases of COVID-19: CDC updated their information for health departments on [reporting cases of COVID-19](#). The information includes a case report form and how to submit a report on a case based on if the samples are sent to CDC labs for testing or not.

Treatment

First Authorized Serology Test: The FDA authorized the first serology, or antibody, [test](#) where the results of a new independent validation effort by the U.S. Government provided the scientific evidence used to support the authorization. The testing was performed at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR), a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) sponsored by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Cancer Institute (NCI). The results are among the first to come from a collaborative effort by the FDA, NIH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) to

evaluate certain serological tests. Essential samples and materials used in the evaluation were provided by the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Mount Sinai Health System, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, including members of the Departments of Microbiology and Pathology, and the Vitalant Research Institute.

CDC Grows the Viral Culture: One important way that CDC has supported global efforts to study and learn about SARS-CoV-2 in the laboratory was by [growing the virus in cell culture](#) and ensuring that it was widely available. Researchers in the scientific and medical community can use virus obtained from this work in their studies. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, was isolated in the laboratory and is available for research by the scientific and medical community. CDC is using the virus to test serum collected from people who have recovered from COVID-19 to look for antibody that might block viral infections; and to determine when people shed live virus during the disease. This information has shaped CDC's guidance on when to discontinue transmission-based precautions for patients.

Optimizing the Supply of PPE: CDC updated their webpage on [strategies to optimize the supply of PPE](#). The webpage includes information on each type of PPE, notes that facilities should be using contingencies strategies at a minimum, and includes guidance on each of the types of PPE.

Diagnostics Update: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 380 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus. To date, the FDA has issued 58 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs). The FDA has been notified that more than 235 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.

Warning to Fraudulent Actors: FDA issued warning letters to operators of two websites, [Antroids.com](#), and [Foxroids.com](#), that market unapproved COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. There are currently no FDA-approved drugs to prevent or treat COVID-19. Consumers concerned about COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider. Consumers can visit [BeSafeRx](#) to learn about how to safely buy medicine online.

Information on Collection of Postmortem Specimens: CDC updated their guidance on [collection and submission of postmortem specimens from deceased persons with known or suspected COVID-19](#). The updates include new recommendations for optimal autopsy tissue specimen collection, including number of recommended sections from high yield respiratory tissues, guidance for if nasopharyngeal swab specimens cannot be obtained, upper respiratory swab specimens may include these acceptable alternatives: an oropharyngeal (OP) specimen, or a nasal mid-turbinate (NMT) swab, or an anterior nares (nasal swab; NS) specimen, or nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate or nasal aspirate (NA) specimen; timing considerations when collecting a postmortem swab; considerations regarding postmortem serologic testing; and additional guidance regarding transportation of human remains, including body bagging.

Updated FAQs for Various Programs

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

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

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

Information for Specific Populations:

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

Steps to Take if Your Pet Tests Positive for COVID-19: CDC released information on [what to do if your pet tests positive for the virus that causes COVID-19](#). The advice includes: if your pet tests positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, isolate the pet from everyone else, including other pets; do not wipe or bathe your pet with chemical disinfectants, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or any other products not approved for animal use. CDC notes that only a few pets have been confirmed to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Some pets did not show any signs of illness, but those pets that did get sick all had mild disease that could be taken care of at home. None have died from the infection.

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

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

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

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

If you have questions, email our Director of External Affairs at Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov.

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Additional Resources

Opening Up America Again Guidelines & Testing Blueprint

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

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

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

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

Leading Practices from Governors

Below are a few leading testing practices from governors.

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

COVID-19 Testing & PPE Resources

- **Serology Test Approved by FDA:** The FDA has authorized the first serology, or antibody, test where the results of a new independent validation effort by the U.S. Government provided the scientific evidence used to support the authorization. More details [here](#). You can find a factsheet on antibody testing [oversight](#) and prioritizing access and accuracy [here](#).
- **Contact Tracing Training Guidance:** CDC has released a training module on contact tracing. This web page contains a sample training plan including training topics that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. Each heading represents the learning objective for that section. Suggested training modalities/formats are provided, as well as information about sample existing trainings and resources. More information [here](#).
- **Molecular & Serological Tests:** The FDA has issued 80+ emergency authorizations for new tests. You can find the full list [here](#).

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

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

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

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

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Good evening,

Under President Trump's all-of-America response, private-sector companies across the country have reallocated resources and expanded manufacturing to aid in COVID-19 response efforts.

- "The people of our country are warriors. With your help, we will vanquish the virus and build a future of greatness and glory." – President Trump
- Today, President Trump traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to visit Honeywell's repurposed aerospace facility, which is now producing face masks.
 - Honeywell is expected to produce over 20 million N95 masks in total and is hiring 500 new employees in Phoenix for the operations.
- Through the Defense Production Act and public-private partnerships, President Trump has effectively spurred private sector action, secured critical medical supplies, and swiftly increased our testing capacity.
 - President Trump leveraged the DPA to help manufacture 40 million swabs for expanded testing and to increase ventilator production.

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

- [Summary of Paycheck Protection Program Round 2 Data](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Treasury also updated guidance on the [CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund \(CRF\)](#) yesterday to include answers to additional [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#), including covering first responder payroll expenses.

Tomorrow, the President signs a Proclamation in honor of National Nurses Day at 12:15pm ET. Later, the President meets with my home-state governor, the fantastic Governor Kim Reynolds of Iowa at 2:00pm ET. White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing at 4:00pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.5, 5:00pm):

- **CMS** - May 5 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - May 4 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Provides Additional Flexibility for Dislocated Worker Grants, Allowing Awardees to Use Funds for Contact Tracing ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury** - Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury** - Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt on Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars to Native American Tribes ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - IRS retools Settlement Days program in response to COVID-19 pandemic; allows unrepresented taxpayers to settle their cases virtually and reach finality ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - Meals to You to Serve 5 Million Meals a Week to Rural Children ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Maine, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Vermont ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - HUD Increases and Expands Flexibility of Funds for Public Housing Authorities to Fight COVID-19 ([Click here](#))

- **DOC** - Census Bureau to Resume Some 2020 Census Field Operations in Select Locations ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Esper Details Defense Readiness in Face of Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - New Jersey Guardsmen, Active-Duty Troops Coordinate State COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Military Hospital Lends Research Expertise to Global Pandemic Effort ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Focuses on Sustaining Industrial Base Through Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **VA** - VA enhances National COVID-19 Reporting Summary tool ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - Two Charged in Rhode Island with Stimulus Fraud ([Click here](#))

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

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

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Governor Kemp and Senior Staff,

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

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

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

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

Attached You Will Find Some Helpful Documents

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

Additional Questions

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

- For logistic questions regarding swab and media shipments, please reach out to your FEMA Regional Administrator.

Follow-Up Technical Assistance

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

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

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

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Topline messaging includes:

- On **May 5**, the Treasury Department began distributing \$4.8 billion in critical funds from the CARES act to tribal governments.
 - The CARES act provides a total of \$8 billion to address coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
 - The Administration has allocated over \$1 billion through the Indian Health Service (IHS), to support tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in their coronavirus response efforts.
- As of **May 5**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 75.1 million N95 respirators, 120.2 million surgical masks, 7.5 million face shields, 19.3 million surgical gowns, 947.7 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
 - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.

- As of **May 5**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.3 million samples.
 - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
 - As of May 4, the FDA has issued 58 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- On **April 27**, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
 - The President's Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.
- To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
 - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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

Regards,
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Dear Colleague:

President Trump issued the first-ever [Presidential Proclamation for National Nurses Day](#) and noted nurses embody the essence of the American spirit, treating patients with ingenuity, courage, and compassion. Secretary Azar [commented](#) that HHS will continue to seek ways to empower nurses both during this crisis and in the years to come and recognized the thousands of nurses as colleagues at HHS, from those providing direct care in the Indian Health Service, the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Disaster Medical system to nurses serving in public health and science roles.

Provider Relief Funding Update

Now Open for Claims: Portal for Providers to Seek Payment for Care of COVID-19 Uninsured: Today marks the first day that physicians can begin submitting patient information and claims for payment through the [uninsured portal](#). As a reminder, providers who want to submit claims will verify and attest that the patient does not have individual, employer-sponsored, Medicare or Medicaid coverage, and no other payer will reimburse them for COVID-19 testing and/or treatment for that patient. Claims will be reimbursed for dates of service or admittance on or after February 4, 2020, for COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits for uninsured individuals, as well as treatment for uninsured individuals with a COVID-19 diagnosis.

Testing

Information on the Performance of Serology Tests: FDA released a new webpage with information about [EUA Authorized Serology Test Performance](#). The FDA has summarized the expected performance of the tests it has authorized based on the information FDA reviewed when deciding whether or not to grant these tests an Emergency Use Authorization. FDA also is providing a [calculator](#) that will allow users to see the estimated performance of a single test or two independent tests based on their performance characteristics and the estimated prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the target population.

Information on Serology Testing: CDC updated their webpage on [serology testing for COVID-19](#). CDC has developed a laboratory blood test to assist with efforts to determine how much of the U.S. population has been infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC is also using its serologic test (antibody) to evaluate the performance of commercial antibody tests. CDC has a strategy for using antibody testing as part of surveillance efforts to better understand how much of the U.S. population has been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and how the virus is spreading through the population over time. Learn more about CDC's [COVID-19 serology surveillance strategy](#).

Expanding Testing Capacity: FEMA released a new fact sheet on [Federal Support to Expand National Testing Capabilities](#). Testing is critical to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and mitigate its threat to public health. To support the Administration's Testing Blueprint, FEMA, at the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media. The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their

individualized reopening and testing plans. FEMA also outlines the actions taken by the Department to increase testing, information on community-based testing sites, and federal reimbursement for testing.

Updated Information on Specimen Collection: CDC updated their Interim Guidelines for [Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). Specifically additional information was added on properly handling bulk-packaged sterile swabs for specimen collection.

Reporting Lab Data: CDC updated their webpage on [Reporting COVID-19 Laboratory Data](#). The public health response to COVID-19 depends on comprehensive laboratory testing data. These data will contribute to understanding disease incidence and testing coverage, and can contribute to the identification of supply chain issues for reagents and other material. The information on this page outlines the reporting requirements for laboratories for US Hospitals and provides information on reporting using standard terminology.

Treatment

Notifying FDA about Device Shortages: FDA released [new guidance that relates to device shortages and potential device shortages](#) occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This guidance is intended to assist manufacturers in providing FDA timely, informative notifications about changes in the production of certain medical device products that will help the Agency prevent or mitigate shortages of such devices during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This guidance also recommends that manufacturers voluntarily provide additional details to better ensure FDA has the specific information it needs to help prevent or mitigate shortages during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Approved Therapeutics for Treating COVID-19: FDA updated their document [Combatting COVID-19 with Therapeutics](#). The document includes the list of products that FDA has accelerated the development and use of, as well as additional resources for therapeutic developers, patients and providers.

Updated Clinical Information on COVID-19: CDC updated their general FAQ document on [Clinical Questions about COVID-19](#). The webpage includes information on COVID-19 risk, transmission, testing, diagnosis and care, treatment and management, obstetrical care, drugs and investigational therapies, patients with asthma, patients with liver disease, waste management and additional resources.

New Drugs Approved to Ease Intubation: Yesterday, FDA approved two generic drugs indicated to facilitate tracheal intubation and to provide skeletal muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation: succinylcholine chloride injection USP 200 mg/10 mL and cisatracurium besylate injection USP 20 mg/10 mL. FDA recognizes the increased demand for certain products during the novel coronavirus pandemic and we remain deeply committed to facilitating access to medical products to help address critical needs of the American public.

HIPAA Rules Around Media Access to COVID-19 Patients: The Office for Civil Rights [issued additional guidance](#) reminding covered health care providers that the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not permit them to give media and film crews access to facilities where patients' protected health information (PHI) will be accessible without the patients' prior authorization. The guidance explains that even during the current COVID-19 public health emergency, covered health care providers are still required to obtain a valid HIPAA authorization from each patient whose PHI will be accessible to the media before the media is given access to that PHI.

Flexibilities to Enable Health System Expansion: CMS released slides as part of their Hospitals without Walls Initiative with information on [Medicare 1135 Waivers & Two Interim Final Rules Enabling Health System Expansion](#). The presentation outlines the various options and flexibilities that CMS has approved during the public health emergency with examples for how different entities can expand the capacity of the health system.

Warning to Fraudulent Actors: The FDA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued warning letters to two companies for selling fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. There are currently no

FDA-approved products to prevent or treat COVID-19. The first seller warned, [Honey Colony LLC](#), offers products including “Quicksilver Liposomal Vitamin C w/ Liposomal,” “Jigsaw Magnesium With SRT,” and products labeled to contain silver, including “Silver Excelsior Serum”, for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the products are safe and/or effective for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. The second seller warned, [Dr. Dhole’s Sushanti Homeopathy Clinic](#), offers products including “Homeopathic Genus Epidemicus” for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the product is safe and/or effective for the prevention of COVID-19.

Diagnostics Update: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 385 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus. To date, the FDA has issued 59 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs). The FDA has been notified that more than 240 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.

PPE and Supplies

Information on Purchasing PPE from Another Country: CDC released new information on [Factors to Consider When Planning to Purchase Respirators from Another Country](#). As supply shortages occur, one option is to purchase respirators that meet the regulatory requirements of the countries listed in the FDA’s EUAs. However, due to the current demand, buyers should be aware that an unprecedented number of products on the market do not perform as advertised. The three most common “pitfall” scenarios include: Documents are altered so FFR models appear to comply with a particular standard, but they do not; Certification marks are counterfeit; and Manufacturers’ names, logos, and model numbers are counterfeit. This site includes key factors to consider including evaluation of the device, evaluation of the manufacturer and seller, and evaluation of the contract terms.

Information for Specific Populations

Tips on Coping with Stress during the Pandemic: CDC released new information for [Healthcare Personnel and First Responders](#) as well as for [Employees](#) on how to cope with stress and build resilience during a COVID-19 pandemic. How you cope with these emotions and stress can affect your well-being, the well-being of the people you care about, your workplace, and your community. During this pandemic, it is critical that you recognize what stress looks like, take steps to build your resilience and cope with stress, and know where to go if you need help.

Information on Liver Disease and COVID-19: CDC released new FAQs on [What to Know About Liver Disease and COVID-19](#). Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, including people with liver disease, might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. People with chronic liver disease, including hepatitis B and hepatitis C, may have concerns and questions related to their risk. The FAQs cover topics such as the risk, how to protect yourself, what precautions can be taken and what to do if there is a shortage of medication.

Information on When to Quarantine or Isolate Yourself: CDC updated information on if you are sick and the differences between [Quarantine and Isolation](#). The webpage provides a decision tree to assist individuals in determining if they need to quarantine or isolate themselves depending on their exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual.

Research Findings

Findings from Investigation of Correctional and Detention Facilities: CDC released in their MMWR report [COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities — United States, February–April 2020](#). Correctional and detention facilities face challenges in controlling the spread of infectious diseases because of crowded, shared environments and potential introductions by staff members and new intakes. During April 22–28, aggregate data on COVID-19 cases among about 420 correctional and detention facilities in almost 40 jurisdictions were reported to CDC. Among these facilities, COVID-19 was diagnosed in almost 4,900 incarcerated or detained persons, and almost 2,800 facility staff members, resulting in >100 deaths. The implications of these findings include: prompt identification of persons with COVID-19 and consistent

application of prevention measures within correctional and detention facilities are critical to protecting incarcerated or detained persons, staff members, and the communities to which they return.

Stay safe and, if you have questions, email Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov.

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Good evening,

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

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

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

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

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

Tomorrow, the President meets with Governor Greg Abbott of Texas at 2:00pm ET. The President and the First Lady deliver remarks at the White House National Day of Prayer Service at 4:00pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.6, 5:00pm):

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump is Protecting the Native American Community as We Combat the Coronavirus ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - Proclamation on National Nurses Day, 2020 ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - OCR Issues Guidance on Covered Health Care Providers and Restrictions on Media Access to Protected Health Information about Individuals in Their Facilities ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - Secretary Azar Statement on National Nurses Day ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - May 6 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - May 5 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - Federal Support to Expand National Testing Capabilities ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - Secretary Perdue Issues Letters on Meat Packing Expectations ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Applauds Missouri Court Ruling on Meat Processing Plants ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - CARES Act Forbearance Fact Sheet for Mortgagees and Servicers of FHA, VA, or USDA Loans ([Click here](#))

- **VA** - VA gets boost from CARES Act to provide emergency assistance to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness during COVID-19 crisis ([Click here](#))
- **DOT** - CARES Act Air Service Exemptions for Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airlines ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Offers New Video and Poster On Proper Workplace Use of Respirators ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Remains Flexible, Agile in Face of Coronavirus ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Awards \$126 Million Contract to 3M, Increasing Production of N95 Masks ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Defense Department Uses Thermal Imaging to Detect COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **State** - Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance Builds Upon U.S. Leadership in the Global COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))

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Meredith -

Per our conversation with the Administrator yesterday, wanted to make sure you knew that we were posting a daily LTCF report cases/deaths for residents and staff on our Department of Community Health website - a link of which is included here: <https://dch.georgia.gov/announcement/2020-05-06/long-term-care-facility-covid-19-report>



Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Report | Georgia Department of Community Health

This report shows COVID-19 cases in licensed nursing homes, assisted living communities and personal care homes of 25 beds or more based on data reported by the facilities to the Georgia Department of Community Health as of 2:00 p.m. on the date of the report. The data in this report is contingent on information received by the department. It is possible that a facility may report different ...

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Thanks again for all that you are doing!

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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 7, 2020

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 information on Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- As of **May 5**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 86.1 million N95 respirators, 123.5 million surgical masks, 8.2 million face shields, 19.4 million surgical gowns, 948.6 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
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"This new funding secured by President Trump will expand the work health centers are doing to test Americans for COVID-19," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Widespread testing is a critical step in reopening America, and health centers are vital to making testing easily accessible, especially for underserved and minority populations. Further, because health centers can help notify contacts of patients who test positive, they will continue playing an important role in cooperating with state and local public health departments."

HRSA-funded health centers will use this funding to expand the range of testing and testing-related activities to best address the needs of their local communities, including the purchase of personal protective equipment; training for staff, outreach, procurement and administration of tests; laboratory services; notifying identified contacts of infected health center patients of their exposure to COVID-19; and the expansion of walk-up or drive-up testing capabilities.

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

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<u>Warm Springs Medical Center</u> Region I Total Patients: 13 COVID Patients: 0 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 13 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 11:34 AM</i>
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<u>Habersham Medical Center</u> Region B Total Patients: 29 COVID Patients: 4 Persons Under Investigation: 3 Non COVID Patients: 22 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 8:29 AM</i>

We identified an issue with the data contained in this report after it was sent yesterday. After a deep dive into the report, we identified that an automated data transfer issue existed that affected the data for nine hospitals; their correctly entered data was not being properly transposed into the final report. With the assistance of ESRI, Inc, this issue has now been resolved and each daily worksheet for the past 10 days on the attached files has been updated with the corrected hospital data. Please replace your historical files with the files attached in this email.

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Director Bryson,

See the attached Medical Facility Essential Elements of Information Status Tracker Report for May 07, 2020.

The following 5 hospitals did not update their bed count/hospital data today:

<u>Warm Springs Medical Center</u> Region I Total Patients: 13 COVID Patients: 0 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 13 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 11:34 AM</i>
<u>University Hospital-McDuffie</u> Region G Total Patients: 11 COVID Patients: 0 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 11 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 9:20 AM</i>
<u>Piedmont Rockdale Hospital</u> Region D Total Patients: 74 COVID Patients: 5 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 69 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 9:12 AM</i>
<u>Southwell Medical</u> Region L Total Patients: 1 COVID Patients: 0 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 1 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 8:45 AM</i>
<u>Habersham Medical Center</u> Region B Total Patients: 29 COVID Patients: 4 Persons Under Investigation: 3 Non COVID Patients: 22 <i>Last Update - 5/6/2020, 8:29 AM</i>

We identified an issue with the data contained in this report after it was sent yesterday. After a deep dive into the report, we identified that an automated data transfer issue existed that affected the data for nine hospitals; their correctly entered data was not being properly transposed into the final report. With the assistance of ESRI, Inc, this issue has now been resolved and each daily worksheet for the past 10 days on the attached files has been updated with the corrected hospital data. Please replace your historical files with the files attached in this email.

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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 **Monday, May 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time** for an update on the Federal-State-Local efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020
- **Time:** 11:00 a.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:** FEMA has reached out to every state emergency manager and we know most states have VTC capabilities at your state emergency operations center. We can provide you details on your state VTC capabilities upon request. If you are interested in joining through VTC please indicate so in the RSVP.

RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. ET

To RSVP your governor, email please email me (Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov) by **no later than Saturday, May 9 at 12:00 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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Dear Colleague:

The Trump Administration continues our work to make sure that states have a range of COVID-19 testing platforms and options. Today, **\$583 Million was disbursed to FQHCs for testing.** HRSA [awarded nearly \\$583 million](#) to 1,385 HRSA-funded health centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and eight U.S. territories to expand COVID-19 testing. Nearly 88 percent of HRSA-funded health centers report testing patients, with more than 65 percent offering walk-up or drive-up testing. Health centers are currently providing more than 100,000 weekly COVID-19 tests in their local communities. As Secretary Azar noted, these “health centers are vital to making testing easily accessible, especially for underserved and minority populations.”

Provider Relief Fund Updates

Attestation Deadline Extended: HHS [extended the deadline for healthcare providers to attest](#) to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the Terms and Conditions. Providers will now have 45 days, increased from 30 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds. As an example, the initial 30-day deadline for providers who received payment on April 10, 2020, is extended to May 24 from May 9, 2020. With the extension, not returning the payment within 45 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

Additional Information for Providers on Uninsured Program: HRSA released [FAQs on the Uninsured Program](#) for providers. The FAQs clarify questions related to eligibility for patients and providers, eligible claims and coding, program administration, and reimbursement/payment.

Funding Released for High Impact Distribution: UnitedHealthGroup began disbursing the \$12 billion in funding announced last week to hospitals in high impact areas. Hospitals will receive this funding via direct deposit and will need to review the [terms and conditions](#) and sign the [attestation form](#) regarding the funding.

Testing Updates

Information on Community-based Testing Sites: HHS created a new webpage and resource with [information on community-based testing sites](#). HHS has partnered with pharmacy and retail companies to accelerate testing for more Americans in more communities across the country. The webpage includes links for how and where to get a drive-thru test.

COVID-19 Q & A for Consumers: FDA posted a new [Q/A for consumers](#) that focuses on remdesivir and different types of COVID-19 tests.

Treatment Updates

Manufacturers to Notify FDA if Device will be Discontinued: The FDA issued an immediately in effect guidance [Notifying the Center for Devices and Radiological Health of a Permanent Discontinuance or Interruption in](#)

[Manufacturing of a Device Under Section 506J of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). This guidance is intended to assist manufacturers in providing FDA timely, informative notifications about changes in the production of certain medical device products that will help the Agency prevent or mitigate shortages of such devices during the COVID-19 public health emergency. On May 11, 2020, the FDA will host a [webinar for medical device manufacturers and others](#) interested in learning more about the guidance.

Information on Reporting Animal Drug Shortages: FDA released new guidance on [Reporting and Mitigating Animal Drug Shortages during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). To help animal drug sponsors submit timely and informative notifications, FDA is publishing a guidance for immediate implementation about the importance of these notifications, how sponsors can notify FDA, and the details to provide about the discontinuance or interruption of manufacturing and other factors that may impact availability of animal drug products. The guidance also provides examples of steps FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) may take to prevent or mitigate animal drug shortages, and information sponsors can provide proactively to help avoid shortages.

Update on FDA Actions to Combat Fraud: FDA released a statement regarding [Combatting Fraudulent COVID-19 Medical Products](#). The FDA is provided an update on the agency's efforts to combat the extremely concerning actions by companies and individuals that are exploiting or taking advantage of widespread fear among consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to scammers on the internet selling unproven medical products, the FDA has taken – and continues to take – a number of steps to find and stop those selling unapproved products that fraudulently claim to mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19.

Diagnostics Update: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 385 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus. To date, the FDA has issued 60 individual EUAs for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs). The FDA has been notified that more than 240 laboratories have begun testing under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.

Reopening America

Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance: CDC previously released detailed guidance on [cleaning and disinfection](#). They have updated their resources to add new information on [Cleaning and Disinfecting: Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). The information includes advice on developing a plan, implementing, maintaining and revising a plan as well as decision trees for making a plan to clean and disinfect different types of surfaces.

Information for Critical Infrastructure Employers: CDC released new guidance on [COVID-19 Critical Infrastructure Sector Response Planning](#). The guidance includes information on creating and updating a response plan and what to do if employees are exposed.

Telehealth Updates: HHS with the Surgeon General released a [new video on telehealth](#) that shares basic information with consumers about telehealth including the privacy protections and Medicare allowance of payments for visits. ASPR has also posted a new [telehealth tipsheet](#) that outlines what it is, who is using it, ongoing challenges for telehealth and trends to watch post COVID-19.

Senior Nutrition Programs: ACL released a guidance document on the [Phased Reopening of Senior Nutrition Programs](#). As senior nutrition programs begin to establish their new normal, they will need to consider how to measure the impact of their programs. Policies and procedures should ensure that senior nutrition programs are reaching the intended population and should align with the goals of the OAA, i.e., offering a meal and opportunities for socialization to delay the onset of adverse health conditions. Furthermore, policies and procedures must be consistent with guidance from state and local health departments and emergency management agencies to ensure safety of participants and providers.

CMS Updates

Nursing Home Reporting Requirements: CMS released additional information in a [memo and FAQ](#) about the new nursing home reporting requirements and enforcement of the requirements. There will be a week grace period to submit the first round of COVID-19 testing information to CMS and CDC and after that fines may be charged to operators who fail to comply. CMS will begin posting data received from the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for viewing by facilities, stakeholders, or the general public.

Medicaid and Medicare Waiver Flexibilities: CMS has approved over 155 requests for state relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including recent approvals for Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Hawaii, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington. These approvals help to ensure that states have the tools they need to combat COVID-19 through a wide variety of waivers, amendments, and Medicaid state plan flexibilities, including support for programs that care for the elderly and people with disabilities. CMS developed a [toolkit](#) to expedite the application and review of each request and has approved these requests in record time. These approved flexibilities support President Trump's commitment to a COVID-19 response that is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

Annual Exchange Payment Rule Released: CMS released their [Final Payment Notice for 2021 Coverage Year](#). The Final rule works towards lowering premiums, improving consumer experience, promoting program integrity and stabilizing the market. In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, CMS is also announcing today a one week extension of the Qualified Health Plan (QHP) certification and rate review timelines. This additional time will allow issuers and states to better collect and assess data around the effects of COVID-19 and thereby establish more accurate premium rates.

Research

Findings Show Recovered Patients Make Antibodies: NIH posted a blog that outlines study findings that [Nearly Everyone Who Recovers From COVID-19 Makes Coronavirus Antibodies](#). Although more follow-up work is needed to determine just how protective these antibodies are and for how long, these findings suggest that the immune systems of people who survive COVID-19 have been primed to recognize SARS-CoV-2 and possibly thwart a second infection.

Research Study on Impact of COVID-19 on People with Rare Diseases: NIH announced a new research survey to examine the [impact of COVID-19 on the rare disease community](#). For the millions of people living with a rare disease, the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19 presents challenges, from potential reduced access to needed medical care to possible heightened anxiety and stress. A new online survey launched by the National Institutes of Health-supported Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) aims to find out how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting individuals with rare diseases, their families and their caregivers. Results will help the rare disease research community shed light on the needs of people with rare diseases during the COVID-19 pandemic and other potential health crises, in addition to informing future research efforts.

I close with a **Private Sector Hat's Off to UnitedHealthGroup.**

UHG announced they are going to refund a portion of premiums as well as offer other relief measures for their customers. UHG will provide [\\$1.5 billion in support to their customers](#) as a result of the pandemic. An example of an action they are taking includes: for people served by UnitedHealthcare commercial fully insured benefits, credits ranging from 5% to 20% depending upon the specific plan will be applied to premium billings received by customers in June and for people served by UnitedHealthcare under Medicare Advantage plans, all specialist and primary care physician cost sharing will be waived at least through the end of September.

Stay safe. Questions go to Darcie.Johnston@HHS.gov.

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Good evening,

On this [National Day of Prayer](#), President Trump gave remarks in the Rose Garden and prayed for hope and healing.

- “We pray for every family stricken with grief and devastated with a tragic loss. We pray for the doctors, the nurses, and first responders waging war against the invisible enemy. We pray for the scientists and researchers, who pioneer treatments, that they find therapies and vaccines and that they find them soon. We pray for the frontline workers keeping our nation fed, nourished, and safe and secure. May God watch over them all.” – President Trump

Additionally, President Trump continues to empower states in their fight against the coronavirus and today [met with Governor Abbott of Texas](#). Working in partnership with state, local, tribal, and business leaders, the Administration is leveraging all resources to respond to the virus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.

Tomorrow, the President and the First Lady participate in a wreath laying ceremony in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at 11:30am ET. Later, the President meets with Republican Members of Congress at 1:00pm ET. White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing at 12:30pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.7, 5:00pm):

- **WH** - April Jobs Report Will Show the High Cost of States Shutting Down their Economies ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Awards More than Half Billion Dollars Across the Nation to Expand COVID-19 Testing ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - May 7 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - May 6 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA Continues to Combat Fraudulent COVID-19 Medical Products ([Click here](#))
- **NIH** - NIH-supported research survey to examine impact of COVID-19 on rare diseases community ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - How We Make Decisions During COVID-19 to get Supplies to the Right Place at the Right Time ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - Three new credits are available to many businesses hit by COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Colorado to Accept SNAP Benefits Online ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves New Mexico to Accept SNAP Benefits Online ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in New York and Pennsylvania ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Invests \$23 Million in High-Speed Broadband in Rural New Mexico ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Invests \$71 Million in High-Speed Broadband for Rural Kansas and Oklahoma ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Invests \$2 Million in High-Speed Broadband in Rural New Hampshire ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Awards Over \$10 Million in Dislocated Worker Grants in Response to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency ([Click here](#))

- **DOC** - U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Availability of \$1.5 Billion in CARES Act Funds to Aid Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Air Force Chaplains Continue to Inspire Despite COVID-19 Restrictions ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Puppies Bring Stress Relief to Those Fighting COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - California Hand Sanitizer Company Ordered to Stop Marketing Unapproved New Drugs ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - Statement from Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd Expressing Support for Congressional Efforts to Expedite Payment of Public Safety Officer Benefits to First Responders Who Contract COVID-19 ([Click here](#))

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State Leaders and Staff,

Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to increase America's competitiveness in the seafood industry and protect our seafood supply chain. This order will instruct agencies to expand sustainable seafood production in the United States. The President's order will help solidify our Nation's food security, protect American jobs in the seafood industry, and create new jobs in the United States. President Trump also announced the availability of \$300 million to support fishermen and related businesses hurt by the coronavirus. Below you will find additional details.

- **Fact Sheet** – President Donald J. Trump Is Working To Secure America's Seafood Supply Chain and Bring Jobs Home (see below)
- **Executive Order** – Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth (see [here](#))
- **ICYMI** – Trump Lifts the Net Off American Fishing (see below)
- **Press Release** – Secretary of Commerce allocates \$300 million in CARES Act aid to U.S. fishermen and seafood industries impacted by COVID-19 (see below)



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Fact Sheet – President Donald J. Trump Is Working To Secure America’s Seafood Supply Chain And Bring Jobs Home

“We will create new opportunities for American products in the global marketplace, including through continued support of our commercial fisheries and promotion of domestic aquaculture.” – President Donald J. Trump

SECURING OUR SEAFOOD SUPPLY CHAIN: President Donald J. Trump is taking action to secure our Nation’s food supply chain by supporting American seafood production.

- Today, President Trump is signing an Executive Order to increase America’s competitiveness in the seafood industry and protect our seafood supply chain.
- This order will instruct agencies to expand sustainable seafood production in the United States, including:
 - Furthering more efficient and predictable aquaculture permitting processes;
 - Accelerating regulatory reform to maximize commercial fishing; and
 - Upholding common-sense restrictions on seafood imports that do not meet American standards.
- The President’s order will help solidify our Nation’s food security, protect American jobs in the seafood industry, and create new jobs in the United States.
- President Trump is also announcing the availability of \$300 million to support fishermen and related businesses hurt by the coronavirus.

EXPANDING AMERICA’S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY: President Trump’s action will expand America’s ability to fully utilize our vast ocean resources.

- It is critical that America take steps to strengthen our seafood supply chain and bring our Nation’s seafood supply chain back home.
- While America has among the most extensive ocean resources in the world, our Nation ranks 17th in aquaculture production and imports roughly 85% of the seafood consumed domestically.

- China's aquaculture industry is producing 100 times more seafood by weight than the United States aquaculture industry.
- Burdensome over-regulations and red tape on the aquaculture industry are stifling innovation and production.
- Under current regulations, small aquaculture facilities are forced to navigate an unnecessarily complex permitting process involving multiple Federal agencies.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLY: This action builds on President Trump's commitment to ensure that Americans have a sound and plentiful food supply chain.

- President Trump has taken action again and again to support America's farmers, ranchers, and food suppliers.
- The President has worked tirelessly to expand markets for American agricultural goods through enacting fair and reciprocal trade deals like the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and implementing tough tariffs.
 - The President has authorized billions in support to help farmers and ranchers affected by retaliatory tariffs.
- President Trump has fought for our farmers at the World Trade Organization, winning multiple disputes.

ICYMI | Trump Lifts the Net Off American Fishing

The Wall Street Journal

Op-Ed

By Joe Grogan and Peter Navarro

May 7, 2020

Link to op-ed [here](#).

The administration will ease permitting for farmers and enforce standards on imported seafood.

With the global food supply chain under stress, President Trump's executive order Thursday will help reduce pain in the grocery checkout line—and also strengthen U.S. food production against foreign competition.

The order creates an administrative trade task force to find new markets for American seafood products and identify unfair trade barriers. It also supports industry research, removes unnecessary regulations on commercial fishermen, and streamlines the aquaculture permitting process.

These reforms will allow producers to make better use of the country's ample resources. The U.S. has one of the world's largest exclusive economic zones, a vast area of ocean in which we have sovereign rights over natural resources. But more than 85% of seafood consumed in the U.S. is imported. U.S. fish farms produce only \$1.5 billion a year, compared with \$140 billion in China. Much foreign seafood comes from fish farms in countries that often fail to meet international standards on health, labor and the environment. Many of China's catfish and tilapia swim in shallow pens with low oxygen levels, polluted by their own waste along with improperly used antibiotics and fungicides. Farmed fish in South America routinely suffer from infectious anemia, algae blooms and sea lice due to poor biosecurity protocols.

The Trump administration wants to protect American consumers from those unhealthy practices, and American aquaculture is the gold standard. Consider the sleek, silvery and delicious Kanpachi—raised in the deep blue waters off Hawaii's Big Island, inside high-tech submerged pens developed through American innovation. Hawaii's cutting-edge ocean farms are subject to the highest environmental standards: The fish are raised in pens with healthy oxygen levels and fed sustainable feed. If American aquaculture is allowed to grow to its full potential, it can help revive domestic fish processing, halting the long-running trend of plants moving to China.

President Trump's executive order creates a task force to enact policies that encourage fair and reciprocal trade for America's seafood industry, and strengthens enforcement of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

The order affirms that the U.S. will continue to hold imported seafood to the same food-safety requirements as domestic products. And it removes many burdensome regulations on commercial fishermen.

This boost to America's seafood producers will have knock-on effects in other industries. Expect an increase in jobs in domestic seafood processing, transportation, storage and feed production, as well as greater activity in related fields of biology and engineering.

The order isn't the only way the administration is supporting the nearly two million Americans in the fishing industry. Last month Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced \$300 million will go to U.S. fisheries from funds set aside through the Cares Act. The aid will go to states, territories and tribes with fisheries that have been hurt by the pandemic.

These types of policies have been effective in the past. The 2011 National Shellfish Initiative helped promote sustainable commercial production and increased populations of oysters, clams and mussels. Each of the past five years has seen growth of more than 6% in the production of oysters, the most valuable marine species farmed in the U.S., with production spread across regions from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Northwest. And in the past three years the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reformed or repealed dozens of regulations and helped save the seafood industry hundreds of millions of dollars.

The U.S. is an ocean nation, with the laws, territory, natural resources and expertise to be the world's seafood superpower. President Trump's new executive order will help the seafood industry strengthen its competitive potential and put more on Americans' plates.



NOAA Fisheries COVID-19 Updated: Commerce Secretary Announces Allocation of \$300 Million in CARES Act Funding

Secretary of Commerce allocates \$300 million in CARES Act aid to U.S. fishermen and seafood industries impacted by COVID-19

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced the allocation of \$300 million in economic relief to U.S. fishermen and seafood industries impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds were allocated as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), signed into law on March 27 by President Trump.

Commercial fishing, charter/for-hire businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, processors, and parts of the seafood sector in coastal states and territories are among those eligible to apply for funds. Tribes are also eligible for funding including for any negative impacts to subsistence, cultural, or ceremonial fisheries. The Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will work with the

three Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions, organizations with a demonstrated track record of success in disbursing funds, to quickly deliver financial assistance into the hands of those who need it.

“This relief package will support America’s fishermen and our seafood sector’s recovery,” said U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. “Thank you President Trump, Secretary Mnuchin, and our Congressional leaders of both parties for your work to pass the historic legislation that is bringing much needed relief to America’s fishermen. This Administration stands with the men and women working to provide healthy and safe seafood during this uniquely challenging time, while our U.S. fisheries work to continue to support 1.7 million jobs and to generate \$200 billion in annual sales. The Nation is grateful to our fishermen for their commitment.”

Acting NOAA Administrator Neil Jacobs, Ph.D., lauded today’s announcement.

“For generations, our coastal communities have taken great pride in delivering protein-rich seafood to dinner tables across the country and enabling access to our world class recreational fisheries,” said Jacobs. “NOAA thanks our partners in the interstate marine fisheries commissions, states, territories, and tribes for their assistance. Together, we will work to distribute these funds as quickly as possible.”

In addition to these funds, the President recently signed into law other Federal financial assistance programs, including several programs at the Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture, that can provide help to fishermen and related businesses.

Industries can find additional NOAA financial assistance information on our [website](#).

Entity	Allocation of Sec. 12005 Funding
Alaska	\$50,000,000
Washington	\$50,000,000
Massachusetts	\$28,004,176
Florida	\$23,636,600
Maine	\$20,308,513
California	\$18,350,586
Oregon	\$15,982,827
Louisiana	\$14,785,244
New Jersey	\$11,337,797
Texas	\$9,237,949
New York	\$6,750,276
North Carolina	\$5,460,385
Federally Recognized Tribes on the West Coast	\$5,097,501
Virginia	\$4,520,475
Hawaii	\$4,337,445
Maryland	\$4,125,118
Pennsylvania	\$3,368,086
Alabama	\$3,299,821
Rhode Island	\$3,294,234
New Hampshire	\$2,732,492
American Samoa	\$2,553,194
Georgia	\$1,921,832
Connecticut	\$1,835,424
Mississippi	\$1,534,388
South Carolina	\$1,525,636

Delaware	\$1,000,000
Puerto Rico	\$1,000,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,000,000
Federally Recognized Tribes in Alaska	\$1,000,000
Guam	\$1,000,000
Commonwealth of the N. Mariana Islands	\$1,000,000
Total	\$300,000,000

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NO CHANGES ON THE OTHER LINES OF EFFORT.

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Please RSVP for VTC for Governor Kemp (Georgia).

Thanks,

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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 **Monday, May 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time** for an update on the Federal-State-Local efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020
- **Time:** 11:00 a.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:** FEMA has reached out to every state emergency manager and we know most states have VTC capabilities at your state emergency operations center. We can provide you details on your state VTC capabilities upon request. If you are interested in joining through VTC please indicate so in the RSVP.

RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. ET

To RSVP your governor, email please email me (Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov) by **no later than Saturday, May 9 at 12:00 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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Please fill out audio call-in information as a backup, please complete this

<https://ems9.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=901538>

Please join 30 minute prior to ensure no issues. If your Governor is unable to join by VTC, **please let me know before 9:00 a.m. Monday (5/11).**

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:** 13101@fema.net
- **IP:** 13101@vtc.fema.net /Cisco <or> vtc.fema.net##13101/Polycom
- **Toll Free ISDN:** 888-600-5803 or 888-269-2114
- **Direct Dial ISDN:** 540-542-0816 or 540-504-1130

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Testing (highly encouraged): The video bridge will be available for testing starting at 9:00 a.m. ET on (5/11) 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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Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020
- **Time:** 11:00 a.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:** FEMA has reached out to every state emergency manager and we know most states have VTC capabilities at your state emergency operations center. We can provide you details on your state VTC capabilities upon request. If you are interested in joining through VTC please indicate so in the RSVP.

RSVP & Call-In/VTC Information – Deadline to RSVP is Saturday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. ET

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Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Report | Georgia Department of Community Health

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See the attached Medical Facility Essential Elements of Information Status Tracker Report for May 08, 2020.

The following 3 hospitals did not update their bed count/hospital data today:

<u>NGMC Lumpkin</u> Region B Total Patients: 15 COVID Patients: 9 Persons Under Investigation: 4 Non COVID Patients: 2 Last Update - 5/7/2020, 6:56 PM
<u>Jasper Memorial Hospital</u> Region H Total Patients: 5 COVID Patients: 0 Persons Under Investigation: 0 Non COVID Patients: 5 Last Update - 5/7/2020, 8:41 AM
<u>Tift Regional Medical Center</u> Region L Total Patients: 103 COVID Patients: 24 Persons Under Investigation: 6 Non COVID Patients: 73 Last Update - 5/7/2020, 8:38 AM

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SUBJECT: Providing Continued Federal Support for
Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond
to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"), and section 502 of title 32, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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

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

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

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

(d) The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to

publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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Dear Colleague:

As always, we have a significant number of updates. I will get right to it.

Provider Relief Fund Updates

Additional Information about Provider Relief Fund: HHS has updated the [FAQ document](#) on the Provider Relief Fund. The new questions clarify information generally about the program and specifically on the Terms and Conditions related to balance billing and how to reject payments. We have also updated information on our payment allocations and added additional information on the [rural payment methodology](#).

Testing

First Authorized At-Home Diagnostic Test: The FDA authorized the first [diagnostic test with the option of using home-collected saliva samples for](#) COVID-19 testing. Specifically, the FDA issued an [emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) to Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory for their COVID-19 laboratory developed test (LDT), to permit testing of samples self-collected by patients at home using the Spectrum Solutions LLC SDNA-1000 Saliva Collection Device. This announcement builds on last month's EUA for the first diagnostic test with a home-collection option, which uses a sample collected from the patient's nose with a nasal swab and saline.

First Test Approved using CRISPR: The FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to Sherlock BioSciences, Inc.'s [Sherlock CRISPR SARS-CoV-2 Kit](#). This test is the first authorized use of CRISPR technology for an infectious disease test. The Sherlock CRISPR SARS-CoV-2 Kit is a CRISPR-based SHERLOCK (Specific High sensitivity Enzymatic Reporter unLOCKing) diagnostic test that looks for the specific target RNA or DNA sequences of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in upper respiratory specimens, such as nasal swabs, and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens, such as from fluid in the lungs, from individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider. Use of the test is limited to laboratories certified under CLIA to perform high-complexity tests.

Serology Test Performance Report: Yesterday, the FDA shared the first [test report](#) and detailed data from the independent validation study performed at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR), a Federally Funded Research and Development Center. The results come from a collaborative effort by the FDA, NIH, CDC, and BARDA to evaluate certain serological tests. The NCI FNLCR test report provides new details on the testing that is being performed by NCI.

Treatment

New Remdesivir Clinical Trial Begins: NIH announced a [Clinical Trial Testing Antiviral Remdesivir Plus Anti-Inflammatory Drug Baricitinib for COVID-19 Begins](#). A randomized, controlled clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of a treatment regimen of the investigational antiviral remdesivir plus the anti-inflammatory drug baricitinib for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has begun. The trial is now enrolling hospitalized adults with COVID-19 in the United States.

The trial is expected to open at approximately 100 U.S. and international sites. Investigators currently anticipate enrolling more than 1,000 participants.

Increasing Surveillance and Quality Control for Respirators from China: The FDA reissued the EUA for [non-NIOSH-approved respirators manufactured in China](#). The FDA updated the eligibility criteria by making a few main changes, including revising one of the criteria that required an accredited and independent lab test to now require that certain respirators previously listed in Appendix A must pass CDC/NIOSH testing, as further explained in the EUA. As part of the government's continuous quality assessment of these respirators, CDC, working with FDA, conducted additional assessments and found that some of the respirators authorized under the April 3, 2020 EUA did not meet the expected performance standards. As a result, the FDA revised and reissued the EUA to remove all firms that were authorized based on the independent lab test criterion. Additionally, the FDA, in collaboration with CDC NIOSH, is increasing surveillance and sampling of all respirators imported from China – all respirator shipments from China that come into the U.S. will be subject to random sampling and testing by CDC NIOSH to determine whether the respirator meets acceptable particulate filtration standard. The FDA is committed to helping health care providers navigate this dynamic situation, and issued a [Letter to Healthcare Providers](#) with considerations for all health care facilities that have respirators in their inventory.

Ensuring Medical Devices are Properly Sterilized: The FDA issued a [Letter to Health Care Providers on Risk of Misinterpreting Hydrogen Peroxide Indicator Colors for Vapor Sterilization](#). The FDA has become aware of the potential for health care facility staff that reprocess and sterilize medical devices to misinterpret the indicators used to validate the sterilization of medical devices because there is no standard indicator color to indicate a sterilized device. The Agency recommends that health care facility staff review the manufacturer's instructions for their indicators. Each manufacturer has developed its own color scheme to validate the sterilization process, and the colors vary among manufacturers even though many are validated for the same cycle conditions. There have been no injuries reported to the FDA associated with the use of these indicators.

Kidney Machines Deployed to New York: HHS [deployed 50 portable kidney dialysis machines](#) and supplies to New York City and Long Island Intensive Care Units (ICUs) to provide surge capacity for facilities caring for patients with COVID-19, which has caused acute kidney injury and therefore required dialysis in a share of ICU cases. To meet this increased need, the Strategic National Stockpile, managed by ASPR is deploying this new dialysis technology through an HHS contract with Outset Medical that began in 2019. The machine uses tap water to make the solution necessary for dialysis on demand, helping to reduce demand for dialysis supplies. ASPR is also in the process of acquiring more units.

Warning to Fraudulent Actors: The FDA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued warning letters to two companies for selling fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency's effort to protect consumers. There are currently no FDA-approved products to prevent or treat COVID-19. Consumers concerned about COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider. The first seller warned, [Alive By Nature, Inc.](#), offers "NAD+" and "NMN" sublingual gel products for sale in the U.S. with misleading claims that the products are safe and/or effective for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. The second seller warned, [GlutaGenic](#), offers Viral Protection Kits for sale U.S. with misleading claims that the products in the kits are safe and/or effective for the prevention of COVID-19.

Diagnostics Update: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 385 test developers who have said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus. To date, the FDA has issued 63 individual [EUAs](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories. In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs). The FDA has been notified that more than 245 laboratories have begun using their own tests under the policies set forth in our COVID-19 Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency Guidance.

Reopening America

Reopening Buildings After a Prolonged Shutdown: CDC updated their [Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation](#). The updates include additional guidance for mold awareness, monitoring, and remediation during and after prolonged building shutdowns; updated Legionella guidance for people with weakened immune systems, and the use of respiratory protection when flushing water systems.

Information for Specific Populations

Combatting Rumors and Disinformation about COVID-19: The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency released a fact sheet on [disinformation about COVID-19](#). False and misleading information related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) are a significant challenge. This CISA Insight provides an overview of coronavirus disinformation and steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of sharing inaccurate information with your friends and family.

Updated Information on HRSA Programs: HRSA updated their [FAQ document](#) with additional information on the Provider Relief Fund, health center program oversight and billing, and testing at health centers.

Considerations for State Psychiatric Hospitals: SAMHSA updated their information on [Interim Considerations for State Psychiatric Hospitals](#). The recommendations include advice on how to reduce morbidity and mortality, how to minimize disease transmission, protect healthcare personnel, and how to preserve healthcare system functioning.

Managing Workplace Fatigue: CDC released new information on [What Workers and Employers Can Do to Manage Workplace Fatigue](#) during COVID-19. The information presented provides general strategies that workers and employers can use to manage workplace fatigue and work safely including recognition of the issue, improving sleep, rotating shifts and providing alternate transportation if needed.

Information for Long-Haul Truck Drivers: CDC updated their guidance for [What Long-haul Truck Drivers Need to Know About COVID-19](#). The guidance includes tips for how to protect yourself and slow the spread, steps your employer can take and where to find additional resources.

Information for First Responders and Law Enforcement: CDC updated information for [first responders and law enforcement](#) personnel. The information includes ongoing mitigation guidance and resources on prevention and support.

Traveling During the Pandemic: CDC updated their webpage on [Coronavirus and Travel in the United States](#). The webpage notes that travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. CDC recommends you stay home as much as possible, especially if your trip is not essential, and practice social distancing especially if you are at higher risk of severe illness. Don't travel if you are sick or travel with someone who is sick. However, the status of the outbreak varies by location and state and local authorities are updating their guidance frequently. The White House's Opening Up America Again plan means some parts of the country may have different guidance than other areas. CDC recommends checking with the state or local authorities where you are, along your route, and at your planned destination to learn about local circumstances and any restrictions that may be in place.

Health Card for Arriving Passengers from International Locations: CDC released an [Arriving Passengers Health Card](#) that provides information on staying home and what to do if you are sick.

Research and Studies

Effects of COVID-19 on Routine Pediatric Vaccinations: CDC released an early report in their MMWR on the [Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Routine Pediatric Vaccine Ordering and Administration — United States, 2020](#). The bottom line is that there are some indications that children are not receiving their routine vaccinations on schedule, and that might indicate that U.S. children and their communities face increased risks for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable

diseases. It is critical to remind parents of the vital need to continue to protect their children against serious vaccine-preventable diseases, even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Public Health Response to COVID-19 in Correctional Facilities: CDC released an early report in their MMWR on [The Public Health Response to COVID-19 Cases in Correctional and Detention Facilities — Louisiana, March–April 2020](#). The evaluation found that in Louisiana, 46 facilities have reported 489 COVID-19 cases among incarcerated or detained persons and 253 cases among staff members. A COVID-19 Management Assessment and Response (CMAR) tool used to assess 24 facilities identified awareness and understanding of guidance. However, limited capacity to individually quarantine exposed persons and inability to engage in social distancing likely contributed to illness spread. The authors note that interrupting COVID-19 transmission in correctional and detention facilities is challenging. The CMAR tool could be used to assess COVID-19 management practices and guide strategies to address gaps.

Weekly COVID Data Show Declining Rates of Positive Tests and Mortality: CDC updated their [weekly COVIDView report](#). Findings from this week show that nationally, levels of influenza-like illness (ILI) and COVID-19-like illness (CLI) and the percentage of specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, continues to decline. Mortality attributed to COVID-19 also decreased compared to last week but remains elevated above baseline and may increase as additional death certificates are counted.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there! Enjoy a healthy, safe weekend!

Laura

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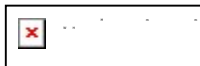
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THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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

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

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

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

(d) The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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Subject: HHS Update - Remdesivir Distribution to States

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Dear Governor:

We are working with each of you to get out a first supply of remdesivir as it becomes available from Gilead following positive results from a National Institutes of Health (NIH) trial (additional information [here](#) and [here](#)).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has begun to send an initial shipment – via distributor AmerisourceBergen -- to States, based on the burden of disease, in order to make some product immediately accessible. Federal teams are reaching out to you and your public health officials to ensure seamless deliveries of this first allocation to continue partnering with you and your public health teams. Based on conversations with many of your state health departments, each State will be responsible for determining the optimal use of this initial shipment. We will continue to work with you as more product becomes available.

Guidelines for eligibility for remdesivir can be found at this link for FDA: [Fact Sheet on Emergency Use Authorization of Remdesivir](#).

Thank you for your work every day to protect all Americans in your States.

Sincerely,

Darcie Johnston, Director
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Subject: Half-Staff Flag Notice - Proclamation on Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15, 2020) and Police Week, 2020

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State Leaders,

Today (May 8, 2020), President Donald J. Trump signed a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2020. The proclamation calls on **Governors of the States and Territories and officials of other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15, 2020).**

Half-Staff Flag Notice

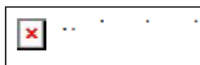
"NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through May 16, 2020, as Police Week. In honor of our hardworking law enforcement officers, Melania and I will light the White House in blue on May 15, 2020. I call upon all Americans to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I also call on the Governors of the States and Territories and officials of other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day. I further encourage all Americans to display the flag from their homes and businesses on that day."

You can find the full proclamation below.

Thanks,
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Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 8, 2020

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK, 2020

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we commend the brave men and women of our law enforcement community for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their solemn oath to protect and serve. We also pause to remember all those who have lost their lives and who have suffered permanent disabilities defending their communities and the rule of law, including the heroes we have lost this year to the coronavirus.

Throughout our Nation's history, law enforcement officials have never wavered in the face of crisis or tragedy. During uncertain times, law enforcement officers bravely face challenges and continue to protect the American people. They steadfastly ensure the safety of our communities, providing a much needed sense of security for our citizens, and our country is extremely grateful for their efforts.

My Administration remains committed to ensuring our Nation's Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers have the resources and support they need to perform their duties safely and effectively. Last October, I was proud to sign an Executive Order to establish the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice -- the first commission on law enforcement in half a century. This Commission identifies ways to reduce crime while simultaneously bringing law enforcement officers and the communities they serve closer together. We have also worked to expand lifesaving programs like the National Blue Alert Network. Thirty-five States have enacted Blue Alert plans, which provide early warnings to law enforcement agencies, the media, and the public by transmitting Blue Alerts to cell phones,

television stations, and other devices. These alerts disseminate information on suspects who pose an imminent and credible threat to the safety of our officers, and this network demonstrates how we can work together to provide proactive programs, innovative resources, and cutting-edge technology to support and advance our law enforcement personnel.

We must continue working toward a time when all people respect and understand the important work that law enforcement officers do. Unfortunately, our law enforcement officers do not always receive the respect they deserve. These brave men and women must operate in an environment where their moral and legal authority is constantly being scrutinized, and they undertake the critical yet difficult task of addressing the actions of those affected by addiction, homelessness, and mental illness. Their ability to work well in the face of these and other challenges is extraordinary, and we have incredible appreciation for their public service and selflessness.

On behalf of our grateful Nation, we proudly recognize the more than 900,000 sworn members of law enforcement for their resolve and dedication in the face of dangerous uncertainty. The thoughts and prayers of our Nation are with them and their families, and we will always owe them our appreciation and support.

By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended (Public Law 87-726, 76 Stat. 676), and by section 1 of Public Law 105-225 (36 U.S.C. 136-137), the President has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which it falls as "Police Week."

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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 9, 2020

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- State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals within their states.
 - State and local health departments have the greatest insight into community-level needs in the COVID-19 response, to include appropriate distribution of a treatment in limited supply.
- This week, FEMA and HHS efforts to fight COVID-19 focused on expanding testing, as well as getting health care facilities the equipment and drugs they need to care for patients.
 - On May 8, the FDA [authorized](#) the first diagnostic test with the option of using home-collected saliva samples for COVID-19 testing.
 - On May 7, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [awarded nearly \\$583 million in funding](#) to 1,385 HRSA-funded health centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to expand COVID-19 testing.
 - HHS [deployed 50 portable kidney dialysis machines and supplies](#) to New York City and Long Island Intensive care units to provide surge capacity for facilities caring for patients with COVID-19, which has caused acute kidney injury and required dialysis in some instances.
- As of **May 8**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 87.2 million N95 respirators, 124.8 million surgical masks, 8.6 million face shields, 20.5 million surgical gowns, 974.2 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
 - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of **May 8**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.4 million samples.
 - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
 - As of **May 7**, the FDA has issued 63 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- On **April 27**, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
 - The President's Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.
- To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.

- The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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Beginning on the evening of May 7, 2020, the process was initiated to deliver cases of the drug to the following states: Connecticut (30 cases), Illinois (140 cases), Iowa (10 cases), Maryland (30 cases), Michigan (40 cases) and New Jersey (110 cases). Each case contains 40 vials of the donated drug.

State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals in their states because state and local health departments have the greatest insight into community-level needs in the COVID-19 response, including appropriate distribution of a treatment in limited supply. Healthcare providers interested in administering the donated experimental drug should contact their state health department. Candidates for the donated doses must be patients on ventilators or on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation or who require supplemental oxygen due to room-air blood oxygen levels at or below 94 percent. Public health experts from the federal government have been in contact with state health departments regarding these allocations.

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The National Institutes of Health and Gilead Sciences worked together to conduct a randomized controlled clinical trial of the investigational drug in hospitalized patients. [Preliminary results](#) suggested that remdesivir was associated with faster recovery, although the data was not sufficient to determine if the drug was associated with lower mortality.

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In addition to the donated doses for hospitalized patients in the United States and other countries, remdesivir also is available in the U.S. through [clinical trials](#).

The FDA granted the [EUA](#) on May 1 allowing remdesivir to be administered by healthcare providers to treat suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with low blood oxygen levels or needing oxygen therapy or more intensive breathing support such as a mechanical ventilator. Accompanying the [authorization](#), the FDA provided a [fact sheet](#) for healthcare providers administering the drug to patients and a separate [fact sheet](#) for patients and caregivers.

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Subject: RE: Update from Vice President Mike Pence: Project Airbridge State & County-Level Data - Georgia

Good Morning – please find this week's PPE distribution document attached for reference during this afternoon's call with Vice President Pence and members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. As a reminder, these supplies have been delivered the result of Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions between March 1-May 1. The information shared with you today is for official use only and is not for distribution.

As always, please let us know if you have questions and thank you for your partnership.

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Good Morning – as discussed during Friday’s Governors VTC, please find an updated PPE distribution document attached outlining supplies delivered as a result of Project Airbridge and other commercial supply chain acquisitions as of April 24.

Thank you for your partnership.

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Governor and Senior Staff,

Over the past several briefings, I’ve provided updates with FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor and Joint Chiefs of Staff Rear Adm. John Polowczyk on increasing supply and expanding domestic allocation and production of medical supplies and equipment.

As the result of Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions, attached you will find personal protection equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies distributed from FEMA to your State between April 1- April 14. The information shared with you today is for official use only and is not for distribution. The attachment includes:

- Statewide Total PPE Shipments for N95 Masks, Surgical Masks, Face Shields, Gowns, and Gloves
- County-Level PPE Shipments for N95 Masks, Surgical Masks, Face Shields, Gowns, and Gloves

The PPE was distributed to healthcare facilities in your State through the normal commercial supplier distribution system. Project Airbridge has greatly helped expedite sourcing of key materials from around the world and more efficiently distribute these vital resources to hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, pre-hospital medical services, state and local governments, and other facilities critical to caring for the American people during this pandemic.

Necessary State Reporting Ask: This information is being provided to support State-led efforts to get necessary critical supplies to the right place, at the right time within your state. In return, I ask you to ensure your State is reporting key information from your State emergency manager to the FEMA Regional Administrator. Most States are reporting this data on a daily basis, which is appreciated and I 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.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to my office or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office. Thank you for your tireless efforts and partnership during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Vice President Mike Pence

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Additional Background on Project Airbridge

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 [FEMA Project Airbridge](#). The Air Bridge was created to reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for their respective customers. FEMA covers the cost to fly supplies into the U.S. from overseas factories, reducing shipment time from months or weeks to days. Overseas flights arrive at operational hub airports for distribution to hotspots and nationwide locations through regular supply chains. Flight arrivals do not mean supplies will be distributed in the operational hub locations. Per agreements with distributors, 50% of supplies on each plane are for customers within the hotspot areas with most critical needs. The remaining 50% is fed into distributors' normal supply chain to their customers in other areas nationwide. HHS and FEMA determine hotspot areas based on CDC data. The information does not include product distributed outside of major medical distributors and ~8% of total volume not mapped to a location. Numbers are directional and constitute a minimum, not a maximum. All numbers round to nearest 100. You can find more information [here](#).

We have received a number of questions as to where specifically these private sector medical supplies are going to better inform prioritization decisions being made at the state, local, tribal and territorial level. FEMA provides these documents to you so you can understand the overall flow of commercial supplies within your state. This information informs partners on the flow of private sector-distributed PPE which includes, but is not limited to, shipments facilitated by Project Airbridge.

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Attachments: Nursing Home PPE Deliveries 7 DOS - Georgia Data.xlsx; 200509 PPE Shipments - Mar1-May8 - GA.pdf

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Good morning,

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, President Trump has supported the farmers, ranchers, fisherman, and producers who put food on America's kitchen tables.

- On Friday, USDA approved \$1.2 billion in contracts to support both American producers and communities in need through the [USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program](#).
- President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) and announced \$300 million to assure America's competitiveness in the seafood industry and to support fishermen and related businesses hurt by the coronavirus.
- Last month, President Trump issued an [Executive Order](#) to ensure that meat and poultry processors continue operations to the maximum extent possible.
- The President authorized \$16 billion in funding to counter economic losses during the pandemic for farmers, ranchers, and food producers.
- The Administration has provided small agricultural businesses access to capital through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

Today, President Trump meets with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at 12:30pm ET. Later, the President and Administration officials deliver remarks and hold a press briefing on COVID-19 testing at 4:00pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.10, 5:00pm):

- **WH** - April's Job Losses Show Many Workers Are Still Connected to Their Employers ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Deploys New Portable Dialysis Machines to New York for COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - What Long-haul Truck Drivers Need to Know about COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - CMS Announces Final Payment Notice for 2021 Coverage Year ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA Authorizes First Diagnostic Test Using At-Home Collection of Saliva Specimens ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA Issues Guidance on Reporting and Mitigating Animal Drug Shortages during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ([Click here](#))
- **NIH** - NIH clinical trial testing antiviral remdesivir plus anti-inflammatory drug baricitinib for COVID-19 begins ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - Treasury, IRS Deliver Economic Impact Payments to 130 Million Americans in Record Time ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - Treasury, IRS release latest state-by-state Economic Impact Payment figures ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - Act by Wednesday for chance to get quicker Economic Impact Payment; timeline for payments continues to accelerate ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - FEMA Awards \$78 million to Iowa for COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - Mid-Atlantic Region Receives PPE Donation from the Republic of Turkey ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - Preparing for Hurricane Season During the COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-CISA** - COVID-19 Disinformation Activity ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - America's Meatpacking Facilities Practicing Safe Reopening to Ensure a Stable Food Supply ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Approves Rhode Island to Accept SNAP Benefits Online ([Click here](#))

- **DOC** - Secretary of Commerce Allocates \$300 Million in CARES Act Aid to U.S. Fishermen and Seafood Industries Impacted by COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - Statement by U.S. Secretary of Labor Scalia on the April Jobs Report ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Air Defense Artillery Battalion Maintains Combat Proficiency During COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - N.C. National Guard Helps Distribute Food During COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Precision Measurement Equipment Lab Calibrates On During COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Northcom Has Stepped Up to Battle COVID-19
- **VA** - Department of Veterans Affairs Announces Process for Charting the Course - Agency Plan on Returning to Pre-COVID-19 Operations ([Click here](#))
- **VA** - VA kicks off online campaign emphasizing mental health support ([Click here](#))

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Subject: Confirmation -- Governor-Only Briefing with the Vice President Today, Monday May 11 at 11:00 a.m. ET
Attachments: DRAFT CMS TOOLKIT NURSING HOMES STATE ACTIONS COVID 19 for State Review 5.11.20.pdf

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Your Governor is **CONFIRMED** to participate in today's (Monday, May 11) briefing at 11:00 AM ET with the Vice President. He will be joined by White House Coronavirus Task Force members.

Read Ahead

In advance of this morning's call with Governor's, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) asked that we provide you with the draft of a new Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes. Administrator Verma will discuss the draft toolkit on the call this morning. CMS is providing this draft for your review prior to its public release later this week. If you have feedback on the toolkit please send feedback to anita.monteiro@cms.hhs.gov by COB tomorrow, May 12, 2020.

This morning you are receiving updated personal protective equipment (PPE) data from the Office of the Vice President (sent from Tucker Obenshain).

- Updated State & County-Level PPE Data
- PPE for Nursing Homes Data (State-Specific)

As a reminder, 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, and other key state leaders in the state's preparedness and response efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.

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Ryan -- Our data indicate that 85 nursing homes in Georgia received an onsite survey. There was been a little confusion following a discussion between our Atlanta Regional Office and the state of Georgia that seemed to indicate that no on-site surveys had been performed (they were all offsite). We're only "counting" onsite surveys in our overall state survey activity count. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks! Kim

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Subject: FEMA Advisory: COVID-19 Daily Briefing Points (May 11, 2020)
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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 11, 2020

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- On **May 9**, the FDA [issued](#) the first emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 antigen test, a new category of tests designed for rapid detection of the virus that causes COVID-19.
 - Antigen tests can play a critical role in the fight against COVID-19 due to their ability to be produced at a lower cost than other tests. Antigen tests can also potentially scale to test millions of Americans a day due to their simpler design.
- On **May 9**, [HHS announced the allocation plan for the drug remdesivir](#). The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) expects supplies of the drug to be delivered to all 50 states, five territories, the Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service by the end of the week.
 - Gilead Sciences, Inc. is donating approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks.

- State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals within their states.
- As of **May 10**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 90.4 million N95 respirators, 126.6 million surgical masks, 9.1 million face shields, 21.2 million surgical gowns, 993.4 million gloves, 10,693 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
 - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of **May 10**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.6 million samples.
 - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
 - As of **May 7**, the FDA has issued 63 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- On **April 27**, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President’s [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
 - To support the Administration’s [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
 - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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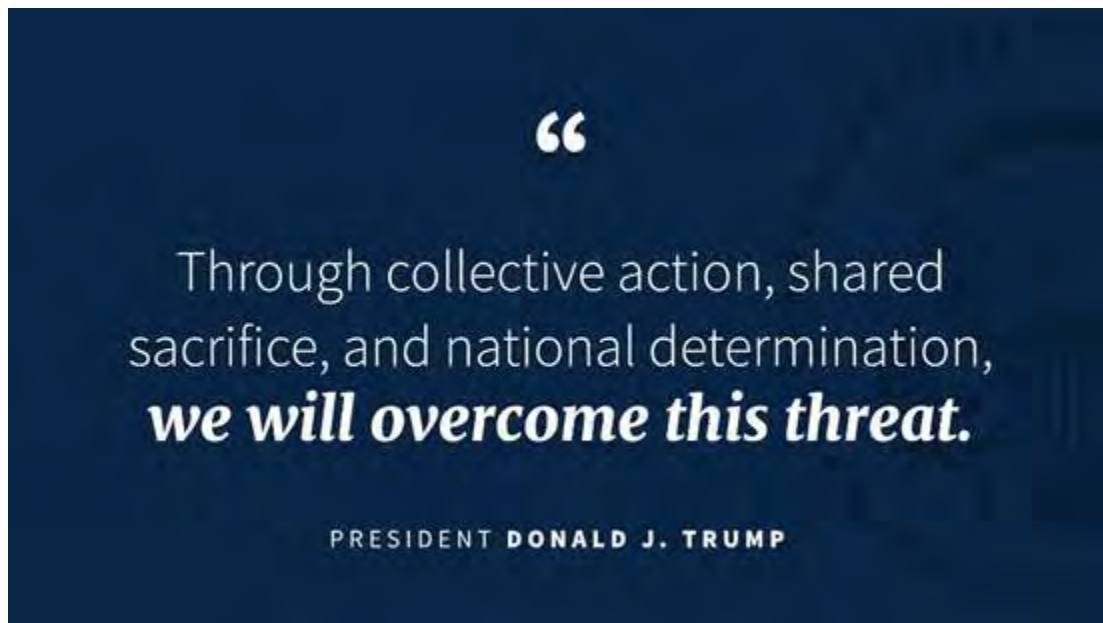
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Georgia State and Local Partners,

Thank you for your continued efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus for the benefit of the people of Georgia. As you know, our citizens are best served when response is locally executed, State managed and Federally supported. The Federal government scales best practices, coordinates key priorities, provides regulatory flexibilities, guidance, and key resources to supplement, but not replace, private sector, local, and State resources. On January 31, the Trump Administration **declared** the coronavirus a public health emergency. The declaration set in motion the Trump Administration's whole-of-government approach to protecting the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. Working in partnership with State, Local, and Tribal leaders, the President and Administration have and continue to leverage all resources to respond to the coronavirus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.



Attached, please find a fact sheet (***The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Georgia***) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of Georgia and the people of Georgia to

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Sincerely,

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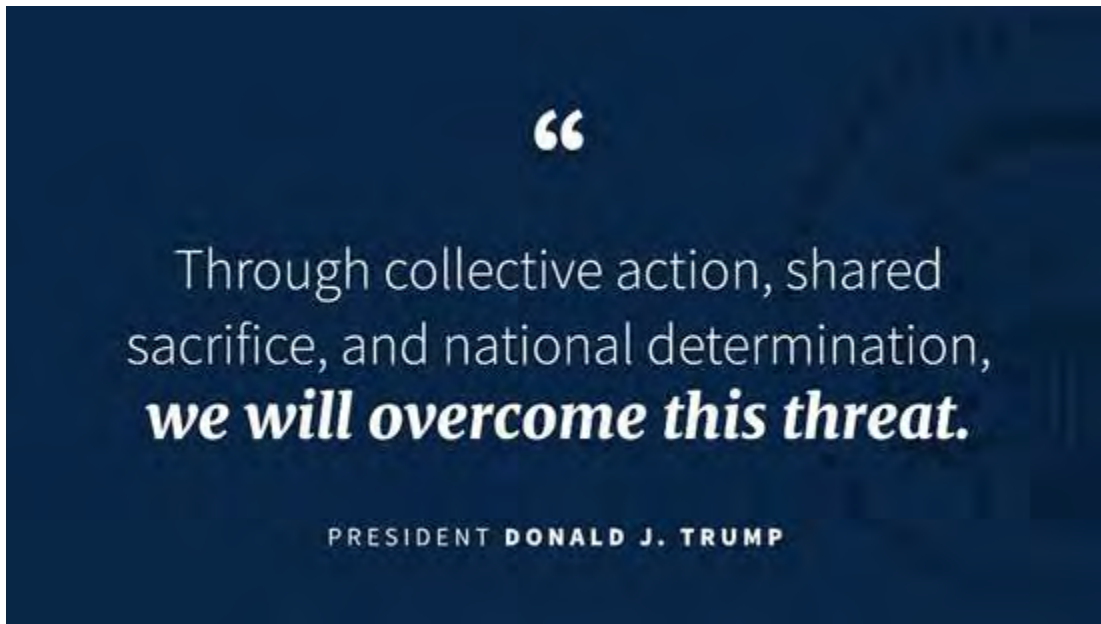
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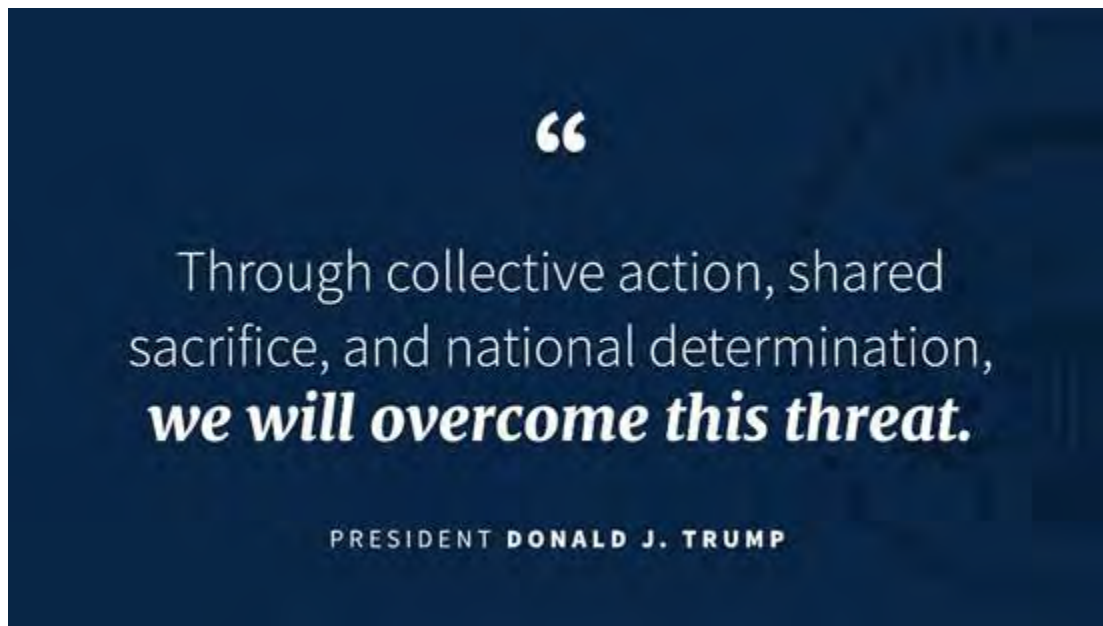
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Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19

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Below is a list of some of DHS’s efforts against COVID-19 last week:

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Always Ready To Protect Our Maritime Domain. While continuing to be the lead federal agency for the maritime domain during the COVID-19 crisis the USCG also made sure both mariners and coastal communities are prepared for the upcoming hurricane season. As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, the USCG provided area specific messaging in places such as [Virginia](#) and [New Jersey](#).

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Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

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Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD)

Enhanced Screenings at Airports. CWMD contract personnel are continuing to support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with enhanced screenings for travelers through 13 specially designated airports. As of May 10th, CWMD has processed more than 290,005 travelers for enhanced screening, including 1,512 who were referred to CDC for further medical evaluation.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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Seizing Counterfeit Goods from Foreign Sources. On May 7th, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit in Brownsville, Texas seized approximately 2,500 unapproved COVID-19 face masks. These seizures are part of an interagency enforcement campaign known as Operation Stolen Promise, which was launched by ICE on April 15th to combat COVID-19-related fraud and other criminal activity. To date, ICE has opened more than 260 investigations nationwide.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Accommodating U.S. Service Members During the Pandemic: On May 6th, USCIS [announced](#) it is expanding its online filing capabilities, allowing military servicemembers to file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, online during the COVID-19 pandemic. This provides U.S. service members additional flexibility to pursue naturalization while USCIS offices remain closed out of concerns for public health and safety.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Project Air-Bridge. As of May 10th, CBP continues to work closely with FEMA to ensure the facilitation of [AirBridge flights](#) and coordinate with the DOS and FDA to review donations from foreign allies.

Maintaining Domestic Supply of Critical Medical Equipment. CBP has been proactive in combatting the criminals who are trying to exploit this pandemic. On May 5th, CBP officers at the Brownsville, TX Port of Entry (POE) seized an undeclared shipment of medical equipment valued over \$100,000 U.S. dollars (USD), to include ventilators and monitors, destined to Mexico.

Working to Reduce Illegal Entries. CBP is encountering record low numbers of migrants at our southern border due to the implementation of Title 42. On May 6th, CBP conducted their Monthly Operational Update for the month of April. Border crossings are down almost fifty-one percent compared to the number of total encounters in March's containment efforts. The record low numbers reflect the effectiveness of the Administration's policies in keeping COVID-19 from crossing into our country and keeping Americans safe.

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Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA), is releasing \$900 million in supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. (Please see attached documents).

Congress appropriated these funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136), which the President signed into law on March 27, 2020. This act provided \$900 million of supplemental LIHEAP funding to help “prevent, prepare for, or respond to” home energy needs surrounding the national emergency created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

OCS has awarded 100% of the LIHEAP funding available to grantees under the CARES Act. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five U.S territories, and almost all Native American tribes and tribal organizations that are current LIHEAP grantees received a supplemental award. Grantees may use these funds for any purpose normally authorized under the federal LIHEAP statute (42 USC 8621 et seq.), including heating, cooling, crisis, weatherization assistance, case management for the reduction of home energy burden, and administrative costs.

Tribal Awards

A few tribal grantees, whose agreements with their respective state LIHEAP office include a pre-negotiated fixed award amount, will not receive a supplemental award because the amount they have already received through their negotiated award is greater than the minimum annual amount to which they are entitled under the federal LIHEAP statute. These tribal grantees may contact their respective state LIHEAP offices to negotiate a revised tribe-state LIHEAP agreement for FY 2020, if needed for the tribe to address additional home energy assistance needs created by COVID-19 in the tribal service area. Revised tribe-state LIHEAP agreements must be signed by both parties and sent electronically to our office. ACF can then process negative grant awards for those affected states in order to direct a grant award to such tribes. Alternatively, states can choose to issue subgrants to tribes to provide a supplement to the tribe's LIHEAP to help address coronavirus-related home energy needs in the tribal service area. Such subgrants from the state do not require any approval from ACF.

Obligation Period/Carryover of LIHEAP CARES Act Funding

The CARES Act allows LIHEAP grantees to obligate any portion of these supplemental funds in FY 2020 and/or FY 2021, contingent upon their own rules for obligating their own funds (45 CFR 96.30(a)). This means that LIHEAP grantees may carryover up to 100% of the supplemental funding for obligation in FY 2021—that is, by September 30, 2021.

Grantees must exclude the amount of these supplemental funds from the total amount of the base funding when determining total amount of LIHEAP resources available to carryover to FY 2021. That is because at least 90% of the non-supplemental FY 2020 funding must still be obligated by September 30, 2020 (this fiscal year).

The supplemental CARES Act LIHEAP funding from this award must not be carried over into FY 2022 or beyond, for obligation purposes.

LIHEAP Earmarking Caps for FY 2020

LIHEAP grantees must include the total of their supplemental CARES Act LIHEAP funding with all of their other FY 2020 grant award amounts—including an upcoming anticipated release of reallotment grant awards—for purposes of calculating federal statutory earmarking caps/limits on administrative costs, weatherization activities, Assurance 16-related activities, and leveraging non-federal resources planning costs.

Additionally, LIHEAP grantees that obligate these supplemental funds in both FY 2020 and FY 2021 will need to carefully track the extent to which the grantees' earmarking caps are impacted by carryover of the supplemental funding into FY 2021, while not exceeding the total earmarking caps for each year.

Accounting and Reporting on LIHEAP CARES Act Funding

LIHEAP grantees must track, account for, and report on, the LIHEAP CARES Act supplemental funding separate from the rest of their FY 2020 funding. There will be additional reporting requirements specific to this supplemental funding. Additional guidance on reporting will be forthcoming.

Drawing Down LIHEAP CARES Act Funding

ACF has assigned a unique CAN in the federal Payment Management System (PMS) for LIHEAP grantees to draw down (access) this supplemental LIHEAP funding separate from the rest of the FY 2020 funding. ACF has also established a separate grant identification number on the LIHEAP Notice of Award (NOA) letter for this supplemental award.

Additional CARES Act Terms and Conditions

ACF has noted additional, special Terms and Conditions that are specific to the CARES Act supplemental LIHEAP funding. The special Terms and Conditions are explained on the NOA letter for this supplemental award. These special Terms and Conditions are in addition to the normal sets of general Terms and Conditions for mandatory/formula ACF programs and the LIHEAP-specific Terms and Conditions.

LIHEAP Income Eligibility under CARES Act Funding

Stimulus Payment from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

LIHEAP grantees should not consider the economic impact payments (up to \$1,200 for qualifying individuals and an additional \$500 per child) as income for eligibility. These payments count as a rebate or advance payment of a credit that are exempted as income. Section 103(d) of the American Taxpayer Relief Act amended the relevant statutory provision, 26 U.S.C. § 6409, and specifies that, "... any refund (or advance payment with respect to a refundable credit) made to any individual under this title shall not be taken into account as income, and shall not be taken into account as resources for a period of 12 months from receipt, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual (or any other individual) for benefits or assistance (or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance) under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds."

Supplemental CARES Act-funded Unemployment Compensation Payments

With respect to the supplemental CARES Act-funded unemployment compensation payments, each LIHEAP grantee retains the authority under the federal LIHEAP statute to define "income" for the purpose of determining income eligibility for the program, in accordance with how each grantee treats income for state-funded assistance programs (42 USC 8624(b)(2) and 45 CFR 96.30(a)). Therefore, each LIHEAP grantee must decide whether to include or exclude such CARES-Act funded supplemental unemployment compensation payments from the LIHEAP income eligibility calculation. If a grantee rule allows it, grantees may treat these supplemental payments differently than the regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

LIHEAP-Related COVID-19 Guidance and Information Resources

ACF has released several LIHEAP Dear Colleague Letters in recent weeks regarding LIHEAP flexibilities available to help support your program's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to regularly check our LIHEAP Dear Colleague Letter web site here to review those guidance documents—particularly LIHEAP-DCL-2020-07—and any forthcoming guidance documents. We also want to highlight again some resources that may be helpful to you and your LIHEAP partners, including community-based information from the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html> and the toll-free Disaster Distress Hotline that anyone can reach at 1-800-985-5990 and or by texting TalkWithUs to 66746 in order to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Summary

For further details of award amounts by LIHEAP grantee name, see the attached tables that show the release amounts for states and territories and Native American tribes and tribal organizations.

Please contact your DEA federal liaison if you have any questions, updates or feedback.

We know that each of you is personally impacted by this pandemic. We hope that you and your families are remaining healthy, physically and emotionally, during these challenging times. We applaud the extraordinary efforts you, your teams, and program partners have been making to ensure continuity of LIHEAP operations so that the most vulnerable individuals can receive assistance to stay healthy in their homes.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

On **Wednesday, May 13, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a national COVID-19 briefing call. We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to discuss recent announcements and highlight pertinent updates, including Administration actions – in partnership with State, local, and Tribal Officials – to scale testing, protect seniors, support farmers and agricultural producers, and invest in our nation’s infrastructure. See below for more information (*recent announcement*) and call registration instructions.



Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, May 13

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)

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- Registration closes once the call reaches capacity or two hours prior to call start time.

Recent Announcements

- **President Trump Announces Additional Resources for States, Territories, and Tribes to Meet Testing Goals:** On Monday, May 11, President Donald J. Trump announced additional actions to ensure States, Territories, and Tribes have the resources they need to meet their testing goals. These additional resources include \$11 billion in combined stimulus funding as well as approximately 12 million swabs to supplement private sector resources. By the end of the week, more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational to serve Americans in 47 States and D.C., prioritizing access to underserved communities. More here ([The United States Has Built the World's Leading Coronavirus Testing System](#)).
- **Trump Administration Is Providing Support for Our Nation's Senior During the Coronavirus Pandemic:** On April 30, President Trump delivered remarks on the many ways the Administration is protecting America's seniors from the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to do so as we start the process of opening up America again. Among additional actions, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will send supplemental shipments of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes in America. In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) is providing States with \$81 million from the CARES Act to increase their inspections of nursing homes at this crucial time. More [here](#). Concurrently, CMS also [announced](#) a new, independent Commission that will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **President Trump Signs Executive Order to Secure America's Seafood Supply Chain and Bring Jobs Home:** On May 6, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) to increase America's competitiveness in the seafood industry and protect the seafood supply chain. This order instructs agencies to expand sustainable seafood production in the United States thereby solidifying our Nation's food security, protect American jobs in the seafood industry, and create new jobs in the United States. More [here](#). President Trump also announced the availability of \$300 million from the Department of Commerce to support fishermen and related businesses hurt by the Coronavirus. Allocations by State can be found [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Availability of \$1.5 Billion in CARES Act Funds to Aid Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic:** On May 7, the Department of Commerce [announced](#) the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is now accepting applications from eligible grantees for CARES Act supplemental funds intended to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Under this announcement, EDA will make CARES Act Recovery Assistance grants under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. More information, including how communities can apply, can be found here [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Over \$1 Billion in Grants to 439 Airports in 50 States:** On April 30, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced that the Department of Transportation's [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) will award \$1.187 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants. The total includes \$731 million in [Airport Improvement Program](#) (AIP) grants and an additional \$455 million in [Supplemental Discretionary grants](#). The money will be available for 100 percent of the eligible costs under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. More [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$25 Billion to Help Nation's Public Transportation Systems Respond to COVID-19:** On April 2, USDOT [announced](#) a total of \$25 billion in federal funding allocations to help the nation's public transportation systems respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds, with \$22.7 billion allocated to large and small urban areas and \$2.2 billion allocated to rural areas. Funding will be provided at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Approves \$1.2 Billion in Contracts for Farmers to Families Food Box Program:** On May 8, USDA approved \$1.2 billion in contracts to support American producers and communities in need through the [USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program](#). Through this program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is partnering with national, regional and local suppliers, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products. The program will purchase \$461 million in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$317 million in a variety of dairy products, \$258 million in meat products and \$175 million in a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products. More [here](#).

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation’s response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ’s Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter](#)/[Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter](#)/[Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

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Dear Colleague:

Remdesivir Announcement: As you may know, over the weekend, HHS announced the [allocation plan for the drug remdesivir](#). Shipments are now going to the health departments in all 50 states, D.C., the territories, the Indian healthcare system, and the Veterans Health Administration.

The allocation is from a donation by Gilead Sciences, Inc. to the United States which was finalized on May 3, 2020. The donated doses of treatment, which received an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) from the FDA, will be used to treat severely ill hospitalized COVID-19 patients. In total, the U.S. expects to receive 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the coming weeks (enough to treat an estimated 78,000 COVID-19 patients).

As HHS receives product, we are shipping it to State Health Officers, expecting that the Governor, in consultation with the State Health Officer, will decide what hospitals receive the medication. We believe that state and local health departments have the greatest insight into community-level needs in the COVID-19 response, including appropriate distribution of a treatment in limited supply.

Remdesivir went through a clinical trial conducted by NIH and the [preliminary results](#) suggest it is associated with a faster recovery. As noted, FDA issued an [EUA](#) to allow it to be administered to patients. Candidates for the donated doses must be patients on ventilators or other specified forms of oxygen support. More detail for healthcare providers is found in the [36-page fact sheet created for clinicians](#) as part of the EUA agreement; there is also a [two-page fact sheet for patients](#).

Testing

Testing Plan: Today, HHS officials and the Administration announced a plan to help states test 2% of their population in May. The federal government is providing states with testing resources to meet this goal including \$11 billion from the CARES Act and 12.9 million swabs which will be disseminated to states, territories and tribes. The money will be distributed to states based on a formula that considers the prevalence of the coronavirus in states and their overall populations. The Administration is working to ensure that states have all of the supplies they need to conduct robust testing, such as reagents and extraction kits, as well as partnering with retail and pharmaceutical companies to boost testing in vulnerable communities. A new Fact Sheet on Testing – outlining Administration actions -- is attached.

First Antigen Test Authorized: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued the first [emergency use authorization \(EUA\) for a COVID-19 antigen test](#), a new category of tests for use in the ongoing pandemic. These diagnostic tests quickly detect fragments of proteins found on or within the virus by testing samples collected from the nasal cavity using swabs. The EUA was issued late Friday to Quidel Corporation for the [Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA](#). Positive results from antigen tests are highly accurate, but there is a higher chance of false negatives, so negative results do not rule out infection. Antigen tests are also important in the overall response against COVID-19 as they can generally be produced

at a lower cost than PCR tests and once multiple manufacturers enter the market, can potentially scale to test millions of Americans per day due to their simpler design, helping our country better identify infection rates closer to real time.

Expanding Laboratory Testing Capacity: CMS issued guidance for how [Medicare Pharmacies and Other Suppliers May Temporarily Enroll as Laboratories to Help Address COVID-19 Testing](#). The guidance outlines how pharmacies and other suppliers currently enrolled in Medicare may also enroll temporarily as independent clinical diagnostic laboratories during the COVID-19 public health emergency via the provider enrollment hotline. This will provide additional laboratory resources to meet the urgent need to increase COVID-19 testing capability.

Laboratory Testing Resources: CDC has updated two of their resources for laboratories including a [Q and A document](#) as well as [general information and guidance for laboratories](#). These webpages outline guidance for handling specimens, lab safety, advisories and alerts and information for specific types of labs and how to order supplies.

Treatment

FDA Response to COVID-19: FDA issued an updated [At-A-Glance](#) that provides a quick look at facts, figures and highlights of agency's response efforts. Their accelerated efforts to bring hopeful diagnostics and treatments to the American people is nothing short of awesome.

Coordinating Across Sectors to Accelerate Vaccine Development: NIH released a perspective piece stating that [a coordinated strategy to accelerate multiple COVID-19 vaccine candidates is key](#). A harmonized and collaborative approach to the clinical testing, scale-up and distribution of candidate vaccines to prevent COVID-19 is essential, scientific leaders write in a perspective published today in Science. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, government, industry and academia have introduced a variety of vaccine candidates. The authors note that more than one effective vaccine approach likely will be required to successfully protect the global community from SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. They describe a strategic approach to research and development that would generate essential data for multiple vaccine candidates in parallel.

Respirator Decontamination System: The FDA issued an [EUA](#) for the Duke Decontamination System for use in decontaminating compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators for reuse by health care personnel when there are insufficient supplies of these respirators resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the sixth respirator decontamination system FDA has authorized for emergency use during this pandemic and the second based on public health emergency preparedness research funded by FDA.

Addressing Drug Shortages: FDA approved an [Abbreviated New Drug Application for lidocaine hydrochloride injection USP, 1%](#), which is indicated for production of local or regional anesthesia and a drug listed in the FDA Drug Shortage Database. FDA recognizes the increased demand for certain products during the novel coronavirus pandemic and we remain deeply committed to facilitating access to medical products to help address critical needs of the American public.

PPE for Substance Use Treatment Providers: SAMHSA [released a letter](#) validating that services provided in mental and substance use disorder treatment programs across the country are essential medical services that may require PPE such as masks and gloves and ordering them is for a legitimate need and purpose.

COVID and Mental and Substance Use Disorders: SAMHSA updated their document with [Considerations for the Care and Treatment of Mental and Substance Use Disorders in the COVID-19 Epidemic](#). The document includes considerations aimed at decreasing the likelihood of infection and viral transmission and providing for the behavioral health needs of patients. SAMHSA has also updated their document with [technical and training resources](#) related to COVID-19.

Helping Communities Cope with Mental Health Needs: Tomorrow, the HHS Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives will host part 2 of a webinar series "Mental Health in a Time of COVID-19." This is a 4-part series designed to equip individuals, communities, faith leaders and nonprofits in supporting mental health needs during these unprecedented times. Part 1: ["Preparing Leaders to Address the Challenges,"](#) has already occurred, but you can watch the

presentation. Part 2: “When Trauma, Fear, and Anxiety Become Overwhelming,” will air tomorrow at 12 pm ET. [Click Here to Register](#). Part 3: “Task-shifting to Address Increasing Challenges,” May 26th at 12 pm ET. [Click Here to Register](#). Part 4: “Connecting Spirituality to Mental Health Services in the Midst of the Crisis,” June 9th at 12 p.m. ET. *(Registration will open soon.)*

Reopening America

CDC Activities and Initiatives: CDC released a document on their [Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President’s Plan for Opening America Up Again](#). This document briefly summarizes CDC’s initiatives, activities, and tools in support of the Whole-of-Government response to COVID-19.

Supporting States in Reopening: CDC updated the information and resources to [Support States, Tribes, Localities, and Territories in Helping to Get and Keep America Open](#). In order to get and keep America open states, tribes, localities, and territories must be able to quickly identify new cases, break chains of transmission, and protect first responders and health care workers from infection. The purpose of this site is to serve as an easily accessible repository of guidelines, tools, and resources from CDC and others for states, tribes, localities, and territories.

Helping Food Establishments Reopen: FDA issued [Best Practices for Re-Opening Retail Food Establishments During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). The documents included are designed to assist retail food establishments that might have been closed or partially closed during the COVID-19 pandemic in preparing to reopen.

The [checklist](#) and [infographic](#) documents are designed to help businesses that prepare food to serve or sell to the public directly, such as restaurants, bakeries, bars and carry-outs, protect employee and public health as they reopen for business.

Guidance for Businesses and Employers: CDC updated their [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to COVID-19](#). Updated strategies and recommendations for employers responding to COVID-19, including those seeking to resume normal or phased business operations include: Conducting daily health checks; Conducting a hazard assessment of the workplace; Encouraging employees to wear cloth face coverings in the workplace, if appropriate; Implementing policies and practices for social distancing in the workplace; and Improving the building ventilation system. CDC also created a table outlining the engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment (PPE) that employers may use to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

Information for Specific Populations

Information for Nursing Home Staff: CMS issued a [letter to Nursing Home Facility Management and Staff](#). As part of Nursing Home Week, the letter thanks nursing homes for their efforts thus far, reiterates their joint goal of keeping nursing home residents safe and healthy, and summarizes the guidances, updates, and changes CMS has made to further ensure that vulnerable residents are kept safe.

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Guidance on Funerals: CDC released information on [Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#). To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in communities, changes need to be made to the way funerals, visitations, and memorials to the deceased are held. This guidance provides strategies to protect yourself and others when you are grieving the loss of a loved one, supporting each other, making funeral arrangements, and participating in funeral services and visitations. The webpage gives information about grieving the loss of a loved one, actions to help cope with the loss, practicing social distancing and options while making funeral arrangements, holding the funeral service, taking specific precautions and additional resources.

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CMS Program Updates

Medicare Hospital Payment Rules: CMS released the [proposed rule for inpatient prospective payment systems \(IPPS\) and long-term acute care hospitals \(LTCH\)](#). The IPPS and LTCH PPS proposed rule is one of five proposed Medicare payment rules released on a fiscal year cycle to define payment and policy for inpatient hospitals, long-term care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and hospices. In recognition of the significant impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and limited capacity of health care providers to review and provide comment on extensive proposals, CMS has limited annual rulemaking required by statute to focus primarily on essential policies including Medicare payment to hospitals, as well as proposals that reduce provider burden and may help providers in the COVID-19 response. The deadline for submitting comments is July 10, 2020.

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments: CMS updated their [information for states and by provider type on the program payouts as of May 2, 2020](#). The CMS Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Program is designed to increase cash flow to Medicare providers and suppliers impacted by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These payments are funded from the Hospital Insurance (Part A) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B) trust funds, which are the same fund used to pay out Medicare claims each day. The advance and accelerated payments are a loan that providers must pay back.

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Guys,

This looks to be a great effort:

https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/PHR/Call_For_Papers_COVID-19.pdf

But there is not time! Governors, mayors and others are sitting here waiting for the CDC/HHS to do their job, like other countries have:

Switzerland: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-52470838>

Iceland : <https://www.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/hunting-down-covid-19/>

Australia, "a matter of trust" <https://www.health.gov.au/news/getting-our-kids-back-to-school-a-matter-of-trust>

Norway Denmark Sweden etc. the list goes on. Meanwhile Redfield blows up twitter all day with updates on protecting PRISONS, rather than correcting this horrific lockdown crime against children.

One more thing to point out. You MUST be open and transparent about whether contract tracing (and even social distancing - does it hinder herd immunity?) is even of ANY use this late in a pandemic, before draconian home-to-home contact tracers harass and "suggest" quarantines. Scott Atlas is likely correct:

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/dr-atlas-contact-tracing-coronavirus>

Lastly, Birx "trusts nothing" from the CDC and thinks true covid deaths overstated by 25%. Are you investigating this? <https://dailycaller.com/2020/05/11/doctor-deborah-birx-coronavirus-covid-19-death-toll-inflated-numbers-cases-cdc-white-house-meeting-report/>

Is Illinois correct in what they're doing? This seems to be what Birx is questioning:

<https://week.com/2020/04/20/idph-director-explains-how-covid-deaths-are-classified/>

Candice, i'm sorry to cc you but am just hoping that by doing so these guys will have a better reason to follow up on these questions.

Best,

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FEMA ADVISORY – MAY 12, 2020

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Topline messaging includes:

- On **May 11**, [President Trump announced](#) additional efforts to ensure that every state, territory and tribe has the resources they need to meet their testing goals.
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 - The Administration has partnered with national retail companies as well as local independent pharmacies to increase access to testing. By the end of this week, more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational to serve Americans in 47 states and D.C., prioritizing access in underserved communities.
- As of **May 11**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.9 million samples.

- HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
- As of **May 11**, the FDA has issued 67 individual [emergency use authorizations \(EUA\)](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
- As of **May 10**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 90.7 million N95 respirators, 126.6 million surgical masks, 9.3 million face shields, 21.2 million surgical gowns, and 993.4 million gloves.
 - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- On **April 27**, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
 - To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
 - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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- **President Trump Signs Executive Order to Secure America's Seafood Supply Chain and Bring Jobs Home:** On May 6, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) to increase America's competitiveness in the seafood industry and protect the seafood supply chain. This order instructs agencies to expand sustainable seafood production in the United States thereby solidifying our Nation's food security, protect American jobs in the seafood industry, and create new jobs in the United States. More [here](#). President Trump also announced the availability of \$300 million from the Department of Commerce to support fishermen and related businesses hurt by the Coronavirus. Allocations by State can be found [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Availability of \$1.5 Billion in CARES Act Funds to Aid Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic:** On May 7, the Department of Commerce **announced** the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is now accepting applications from eligible grantees for CARES Act supplemental funds intended to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Under this announcement, EDA will make CARES Act Recovery Assistance grants under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsible to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. More information, including how communities can apply, can be found here [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Over \$1 Billion in Grants to 439 Airports in 50 States:** On April 30, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced that the Department of Transportation's [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) will award \$1.187 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants. The total includes \$731 million in [Airport Improvement Program](#) (AIP) grants and an additional \$455 million in [Supplemental Discretionary grants](#). The

money will be available for 100 percent of the eligible costs under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. More [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$25 Billion to Help Nation's Public Transportation Systems Respond to COVID-19:** On April 2, USDOT [announced](#) a total of \$25 billion in federal funding allocations to help the nation's public transportation systems respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds, with \$22.7 billion allocated to large and small urban areas and \$2.2 billion allocated to rural areas. Funding will be provided at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Approves \$1.2 Billion in Contracts for Farmers to Families Food Box Program:** On May 8, USDA approved \$1.2 billion in contracts to support American producers and communities in need through the [USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program](#). Through this program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is partnering with national, regional and local suppliers, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products. The program will purchase \$461 million in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$317 million in a variety of dairy products, \$258 million in meat products and \$175 million in a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products. More [here](#).

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



- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

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Yesterday, President Trump delivered [remarks](#) on our Nation's unprecedented and high-quality testing capacity. To learn more, click [here](#).

- The Administration is sending **\$11 billion** to assist states, territories, and tribes in meeting their testing goals.
- In **three months** the FDA has authorized more than **92 different tests**.
- Last week, **314,000** Americans were tested per day.
- By the end of this week, the United States will have conducted over **10 million tests**, nearly **double** the number of any other country, and more than **300 retail testing sites** will be operational to serve Americans.

Today, the President meets with Republican Members of the Senate at 4:00pm ET. White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a briefing at 2:00pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.11, 5p.m.):

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Approves Seminole Tribe of Florida Disaster Declaration ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - Memo on Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to Covid-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS announces shipments of donated remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Wearing Gloves ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - May 11 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - CMS Builds on Commitment to Transform Healthcare Through Competition and Innovation ([Click here](#))
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- **Treasury/IRS** - Why the Economic Impact Payment amount could be different than anticipated ([Click here](#))
- **Federal Reserve** - Federal Reserve publishes updates to the term sheet for the Municipal Liquidity Facility ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - FEMA Announces Emergency Food and Shelter Programs Funding for [Kentucky](#), [Georgia](#), [Florida](#), [Alabama](#)
- **HUD** - HUD Allocates Third Wave of CARES Act Funding Providing \$1 Billion for Communities to Bolster Coronavirus Response and Relief Efforts ([Click here](#))
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- **ED** - Frequently Asked Questions about the Elementary and Secondary
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Sir – This evening's update is outlined below:

1. Testing Notes from today's testing strategy meeting with DPH, DCH, and the Governor's Office are outlined below:

- Nursing homes are the priority for testing, especially for mobile testing teams, focusing on those facilities at which limited or no testing has been completed.
- The goal is to test 42,000 nursing home patients and staff over the course of the next two weeks. GA DOD should continue its current testing schedule for this week.
- Beginning Monday, GA DOD should make nursing homes – not other LTCFs - the number one priority for testing and should be prepared to maximize efforts on completing as many tests as possible on a daily basis limited only by the availability of test kits and lab capacity. With sufficient test kit availability and lab capacity, GA DOD could conceivably complete >10,000 tests per day. If time/resources permit, other LTCFs and sites we're currently scheduling for testing can be tested.
- We are to maintain AU/GA DOD partnered SPOC sites for now but be prepared to transition some of those resources to testing nursing homes.
- If an AU/GA DOD partnered site is to be stood down and transitioned to a mobile testing team, DPH will coordinate that message with local EMAs/Government Officials.
- The Governor's office will coordinate the messaging via GHCA encouraging all patients and staff to be tested.
- DPH and DCH will develop a testing schedule by the end of this week for our implementation on Monday.

We're also working closely with AU to balance our daily testing capability with their daily lab capacity to insure our testing doesn't outpace their lab capacity and cause another backlog.

2. GWCC ACF-Atlanta: 6 patients are at the site today. 19 beds remain available. We are on track to scale down to 0 patients on site NLT Saturday, 16MAY20. We conducted follow up coordination with the Dept. of Corrections regarding the use of warehouse space to house medical equipment from the Alternate Care Facility and the TMUs as necessary.

3. Additional Augmentation Efforts:

Albany: Normal Operations under Phoebe North Hospital control

Macon: Turned over to Navicent Medical Center to install medical equipment and finalize staff orientation.

Rome: Turned over to Floyd Medical Center to install medical equipment. Working to finalize a secondary vacuum pump for the room suction system.

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Additional Guidance (as of 5.12, 5p.m.):

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These awards are funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that President Trump signed into law on Friday, March 27, 2020. HRSA made awards to organizations based on their capacity to implement COVID-19 telehealth activities that train high demand professions across the health care team.

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These investments will train students, physicians, nurses, physician assistants, allied health and other high-demand professionals in telehealth. This will enable these professionals to maximize telehealth for COVID-19 referrals for screening and testing, case management, outpatient care, and other essential care during the crisis.

Additionally, through increased telehealth capabilities from this funding, organizations will be able to maintain primary care services when clinics and medical facilities are not available, especially for COVID-19 positive, quarantined, elderly and other vulnerable populations.

"Telehealth is a vital tool for our providers in delivering critical treatment to populations most seriously impacted by this pandemic," said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. "As we look to build and prepare the future workforce, telehealth has opened up new possibilities to educate and clinically train health providers to connect with patients, when and where they need services."

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

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Topline messaging includes:

- As of **May 12**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 9.1 million samples.
 - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
 - As of **May 12**, the FDA has issued 92 individual [emergency use authorizations \(EAU\)](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.
- On **May 11**, [President Trump announced](#) additional efforts to ensure that every state, territory and tribe has the resources they need to meet their testing goals.
 - The president announced that states, territories and tribes would be receiving \$11 billion in funds from the CARES Act to help governors meet their testing goals.
 - Throughout the month of May, FEMA and HHS will be delivering 12 million swabs to states nationwide.

- The Administration has partnered with national retail companies as well as local independent pharmacies to increase access to testing. By the end of this week, more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational to serve Americans in 47 states and D.C., prioritizing access in underserved communities.
- On **April 27**, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
 - To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
 - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.
- As of **May 12**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 91.4 million N95 respirators, 129 million surgical masks, 9.3 million face shields, 21.4 million surgical gowns, and 994.7 million gloves.
- On **May 12**, FEMA released an [Exercise Starter Kit](#) to help organizations facilitate their own internal workshops based on reconstitution planning principles and the White House's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).

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We are looking forward to speaking with you at 4:30. No need to look at this before the call unless you have a minute, but I wanted to share the two things we will be going over.

1. Updated prototype. This is still in progress (e.g. adding a local map for the ILI/CLI, updating graphs to match the CDC trend line guidance, continuing to modify based on user feedback, etc.). We would love to get your thoughts on getting a V! up on the website using something similar to this.
https://dhs.invisionapp.com/share/XTXA2GZCFMB#/416079692_Index
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We look forward to the call, and we really appreciate you making time to speak to us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Colleague:

The Administration is keenly aware that COVID-19 has had a disparate impact on some minority communities. Recently, the White House released a [fact sheet](#) outlining the Administration's commitment to providing support to underserved communities impacted by the coronavirus. At HHS, we have taken a number of steps to address this issue, including making testing and treatment more accessible and affordable in underserved communities, crafting guidance tailored to at-risk populations, and infusing existing structures like the 1400+ Federally Qualified Health Centers with funding to serve needs.

On this important topic, if you are looking for a short, information-packed snapshot of the problem, I'd flag American Action Forum's new paper, "[The Outsized Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Minority Communities](#)" by Tara Hayes. Complete with 67 footnotes and an infographic, her concluding sentence offers insight while setting the real challenge before us: "The pandemic is not creating these disparities but rather highlighting and worsening existing disparities."

Funding Announcements

\$15 Million in Funding to Expand Workforce for Telehealth Capabilities: HRSA awarded [\\$15 million to 159 organizations across five health workforce programs](#) to increase telehealth capabilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These awards demonstrate the Trump Administration's continued efforts and commitment to building a national telehealth infrastructure.

Grants for Suicide Prevention: SAMHSA seeks [applications for \\$40 million in emergency COVID-19 grants](#) for suicide prevention. The fiscal year (FY) 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention (Short Title: COVID-19 ERSP) grant program will award \$40 million to 50 awardees to spend over a 16-month period. The purpose of this program is to support states and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate and number of suicides in the United States. The program also includes a special focus on victims of domestic violence.

Testing

Expanding Injection Device Supply: The Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, announced a [\\$138 million contract with Apiject Systems America for "Project Jumpstart" and "RAPID USA,"](#) which together will dramatically expand U.S. production capability for domestically manufactured, medical-grade injection devices starting by October 2020. "Jumpstart" will enable the manufacture of more than 100 million prefilled syringes for distribution across the United States by year-end 2020. RAPID's permanent fill-finish production capability will help significantly decrease the United States' dependence on offshore supply chains and its reliance on older technologies, including the use of glass vials, which have much longer production lead times.

Updates on Laboratory Testing: CDC updated their [FAQs on Testing by Laboratories](#). The webpage includes information on accessing lab testing, information for test developers, serology tests, ordering laboratory supplies, and ordering clinical supplies.

Price Transparency for COVID-19 Testing: CMS released a new FAQ document on [Price Transparency: Requirements for Providers to Make Public Cash Prices for COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing](#). The document outlines the requirements from the FFRCA and CARES Act related to price transparency.

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Treatment

Treatment Guidelines: NIH updated their document on [COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#). Updates include a new section on [Antithrombotic Therapy in Patients with COVID-19](#), updates on [potential antiviral drugs under evaluation for treatment of COVID-19](#), and [updates on immune-based therapy under evaluation for treatment of COVID-19](#).

Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals in Preparing for COVID-19: CDC updated their [Preparedness Tools for Healthcare Professionals and Facilities Responding to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). The webpage includes a healthcare provider checklist, steps healthcare facilities can take, healthcare facility guidance, the framework for Non-COVID-19 care, a COVID-19 Surge tool, hospital preparedness tool, nursing home and long-term care facility checklist, getting your clinic ready, mitigating staff shortages, and print resources.

Updated Clinical FAQs for Health Professionals: CDC updated their FAQs on [COVID-19 Clinical Questions](#). The FAQs cover topics including risk, transmission, testing, diagnosis and notification, treatment and management, obstetrical care, drug and investigational therapies, patients with asthma, patients with liver disease, patients with hypertension, waste management and additional resources.

Framework for Providing Non-COVID-19 Care: CDC released a [Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). This document provides healthcare systems with a framework to deliver non-COVID-19 health care during the COVID-19 pandemic and includes the key considerations that healthy systems should take into account.

Updates for Blood Donation Centers: The FDA posted [updated information for blood establishments](#) regarding COVID-19, which aligns with the agency's [guidance on convalescent plasma](#) to allow donation 14 days after complete resolution of symptoms. The posting also provides updated information blood establishments may wish to consider when evaluating prospective blood donors.

Expanding Remote Communication Options: The FDA issued an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for the Ascom teleCARE IP Nurse Call System](#) for use by healthcare providers and patients in healthcare environments, including temporary hospital facilities, to facilitate remote communication between patients and healthcare providers. The remote communication and monitoring capabilities of the teleCARE IP Nurse Call System may reduce the amount of contact by healthcare providers with patients who are in isolation rooms, thereby reducing healthcare provider risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Expanding Cardiovascular Screening Aids: The FDA issued an [EUA for the emergency use of the Eko electrocardiogram \(ECG\) Low Ejection Fraction Tool \("ELEFT"\)](#) to be used by healthcare professionals to provide an assessment of Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction as a diagnostic aid to screen for potential cardiac complications associated with COVID-19 or underlying cardiac conditions that may affect clinical management of COVID-19, in adult patients having or suspected of having COVID-19. The EUA was issued to Manatt, Phelps & Philips.

Information for Sponsors of Drug Development Therapies: FDA released information on [Drug Development Inquiries for Drugs to Address the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). CDER is committed to supporting the development of novel drugs, and the potential repurposing of existing therapies, to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The Office of New Drugs (OND) within CDER is expediting this effort, working with potential drug sponsors to rapidly move products into clinical trials, while assuring that the trials are properly designed and are appropriately safe. The below information is intended to assist sponsors as they develop novel drug therapies.

Information for Long-Term Care Facilities with Memory Care Units: CDC released new information on [Considerations for Memory Care Units in Long-term Care Facilities](#). Memory care services, designed to meet the unique needs of residents with dementia, are often provided in dedicated care units or wings of a facility. The first step in caring for people living with dementia in any setting is to understand that changes in behavior (e.g., increased agitation, confusion, sudden sadness) or worsening symptoms of dementia should be evaluated because they can be an indication of worsening stress and anxiety as well as COVID-19 or other infections.

Information on Decontaminating Food Transport Vehicles: FDA released guidance on [Returning Refrigerated Transport Vehicles and Refrigerated Storage Units to Food Uses After Using Them to Preserve Human Remains During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). FDA has been asked whether refrigerated food transport vehicles and refrigerated food storage units used for the temporary preservation of human remains during the COVID-19 pandemic subsequently can be used to transport and store human and animal food. FDA is issuing this guidance to provide information and resources related to the cleaning and disinfection of such vehicles and storage units to address food safety before they are used again to transport and store food. The recommendations in this guidance are intended to supplement existing food safety regulations and guidance.

Maintaining Availability of Alternate Care Sites: FEMA released a document on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Alternate Care Site \(ACS\) “Warm Sites.”](#) To address immediate and projected needs from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments may, under certain conditions, be reimbursed through FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) Program for costs associated with keeping Alternate Care Sites (ACS), including temporary and expanded medical facilities, minimally operational when COVID-19 cases diminish and the facilities are no longer in use.

Warning to Fraudulent Actors: The FDA issued a warning letter to one company that was selling fraudulent COVID-19 products, as part of the agency’s effort to protect consumers. The seller warned, [Fusion Health and Vitality LLC](#), recently offered products, including “CORE” and “IMMUNE SHOT,” for sale in the U.S. with claims that misleadingly represented the products as 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. To date, the FDA has posted [48 COVID-19 related warning letters](#).

Reopening America

Planning for Reopening: FEMA has developed an [Exercise Starter Kit](#) with sample documents your organization can use to conduct your own planning workshop to navigate the complexities of returning to full operations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The Exercise Starter Kit includes a sample facilitator guide and conduct slides that are designed to be adapted and customized for your own needs. Suggested discussion questions for the workshop build upon reconstitution planning principles and relevant White House guidance for employers included in the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.

Information for Specific Populations

Toolkit for Nursing Homes: CMS released a new [toolkit](#) developed to aid nursing homes, Governors, states, departments of health, and other agencies who provide oversight and assistance to these facilities, with additional resources to aid in the fight against the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic within nursing homes. The toolkit builds upon previous actions taken by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which provide a wide range of tools and

guidance to states, healthcare providers and others during the public health emergency. The toolkit is comprised of best practices from a variety of front line health care providers, Governors' COVID-19 task forces, associations and other organizations, and experts, and is intended to serve as a catalogue of resources dedicated to addressing the specific challenges facing nursing homes as they combat COVID-19.

Summary of Resources for Tribal and Urban Indian Leaders: IHS sent a [letter to Tribal and Urban Indian Leaders](#) that outlines the resources already disseminated to tribes in terms of funding as well as highlighting additional funding opportunities, testing resources and other guidance documents.

Information for Patients on Home Dialysis: CDC released information on [Special Considerations for Patients on Home Dialysis](#). Dialysis is a lifesaving therapy and patients should not miss treatments. Facilities should ensure that home dialysis patients have all the supplies they need to continue their dialysis treatments and should work with suppliers to understand if shortages are anticipated in items such as peritoneal dialysis fluid. Shortages of personal protective equipment are possible. Facilities should develop contingency plans for home dialysis patients to preserve supplies. For example, patients may need to reuse face masks during dialysis access care for several days instead of discarding after each use.

Information for Pregnant Women: CDC updated their information for [Women who are Pregnant, Breastfeeding, or Caring for Young Children](#). The site includes information on how to protect your family, information on cloth face coverings, risk of COVID-19 during pregnancy, risks to pregnancy and the baby, prenatal and postpartum care during COVID-19, vaccines during pregnancy, delivery locations, breastfeeding if you have COVID-19, COVID-19 and children, face shields for newborns and infants, safe sleep for infants, well visits and routine vaccinations for children during the pandemic, and coping with stress.

Information for Manufacturing Workers: CDC and OSHA updated their guidance for [Manufacturing Workers and Employers](#). The guidance includes information on exposure risk among manufacturing workers and information on creating a COVID-19 assessment and control plan.

Information for Pet Owners: CDC released new information on [What to Do if Your Pet Tests Positive for COVID-19](#). We are still learning about how the virus that causes COVID-19 can affect animals. A small number of pets (cats and dogs) have been confirmed to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with a person with COVID-19. Some pets did not show any signs of illness, but those pets that did get sick all had mild disease that could be taken care of at home. None of the pets have died. Tests for COVID-19 in animals are available for most types of pets, but testing is only recommended for animals with COVID-19 symptoms and that have been exposed to a person with COVID-19.

Information on Cleaning and Disinfection of Households: CDC updated their [Interim Recommendations for U.S. Households with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). The document includes recommendations for general cleaning and specific recommendations for cleaning a household with people isolated in home care.

Research Findings

Findings from a Cluster of Cases at a Choir Practice: CDC released a report in their MMWR on [High SARS-CoV-2 Attack Rate Following Exposure at a Choir Practice — Skagit County, Washington, March 2020](#). The researchers found that following a 2.5-hour choir practice attended by 61 persons, including a symptomatic index patient, 32 confirmed and 20 probable secondary COVID-19 cases occurred (attack rate = 53.3% to 86.7%); three patients were hospitalized, and two died. Transmission was likely facilitated by close proximity (within 6 feet) during practice and augmented by the act of singing. The potential for super spreader events underscores the importance of physical distancing, including avoiding gathering in large groups, to control spread of COVID-19. Enhancing community awareness can encourage symptomatic persons and contacts of ill persons to isolate or self-quarantine to prevent ongoing transmission.

AHRQ COVID-19 Resources: AHRQ released a new [COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage. This online repository provides digital access to a broad range of AHRQ-supported resources – from tools to support practice improvement, to relevant data analyses, to new COVID-19-related research findings from AHRQ grantees. This new COVID-19 Resources webpage will help AHRQ quickly disseminate critical information that public health professionals, clinicians, and policymakers so desperately need to protect the health and well-being of the American people.

We appreciate your feedback and very thoughtful notes of encouragement! It's a marathon, not a sprint, here, as it is for you.

Questions? Reach out to Gary Beck, Director of External Affairs at HHS, at Darcie.Johnston@HHS.gov.

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To: Latcham, Alexander S. EOP/WHO
Subject: 05/14 COVID-19 Update

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Good morning,

Under President Trump's leadership, the United States has increased [testing capacity](#), expanded PPE stockpiles, and developed therapeutics in order to safely reopen the nation. Yesterday, [President Trump met with Governor Polis of Colorado and Governor Burgum of North Dakota](#) in a bipartisan effort to ensure every state has the resources and guidance needed get their people safely back to work.

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

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Question 46 regarding the safe harbor and required certification)

Today, the President travels to Allentown, Pennsylvania to tour and deliver remarks at Owens & Minor, Inc. Distribution Center at 2:15pm ET. The President will return to the White House at 4:30pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.13, 5:15 p.m.):

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Is Committed to Providing Support to Underserved Communities Impacted By the Coronavirus Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with Higher Education Leaders ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - HHS Awards \$15 Million to Support Telehealth Providers During the COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))
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- **CDC** - Manufacturing Workers and Employers ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - May 13 News Alert ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - CMS Issues Nursing Homes Best Practices Toolkit to Combat COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
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- **DHS-FEMA** - Exercise Starter Kit for Workshop on Reconstituting Operations ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury** - Update on Treasury Implementation of the Payroll Support Program for the Aviation Industry ([Click here](#))
- **Federal Reserve** - Speech by Chair Powell on current economic issues ([Click here](#))
- **DHS-FEMA** - Battelle Decontamination System Video ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Invests \$22.5 Million in High-Speed Broadband for Rural Michigan ([Click here](#))

- **HUD** - HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) COVID-19 FAQs for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - Secretary Ben Carson Works Alongside Veterans Group to Support "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in Philadelphia ([Click here](#))
- **FHFA** - FHFA Announces Payment Deferral as New Repayment Option for Homeowners in COVID-19 Forbearance Plans ([Click here](#))
- **ED** - Questions and Answers for Postsecondary Institutions Regarding the COVID-19 National Emergency ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Awards \$138 Million Contract, Enabling Prefilled Syringes for Future COVID-19 Vaccine ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Pensacola Sailors Return From COVID-19 Efforts in New York ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - DOD Awards \$134 Million Contract, Providing Personal Protective Equipment For Medical Personnel At 15,000 Nursing Homes ([Click here](#))
- **VA** - VA reports rising patient capacity, stable supplies and staffing 8 weeks into COVID-19 emergency ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - Engineer Charged in Texas with COVID-Relief Fraud ([Click here](#))
- **DOJ** - Reality TV Personality Charged with Bank Fraud ([Click here](#))

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Blake,

Thank you for the e-mail, it's great to hear from you. We are still digging out from COVID-related items ourselves (and will continue to do so for a long time as I'm sure you will), but are itching to get back to work on Georgia's waiver, so this was perfect timing.

I very carefully read your e-mail questions as well as the attached explanation of GA's reinsurance waiver funding approach and answers to additional questions we had posed earlier. I believe the attachment answers a lot of our questions regarding the funding source for the reinsurance program as well as Governor Kemp's authority to direct funding to the program through the budget process, but we will come back with any follow-up questions on that.

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Thanks,

Randy

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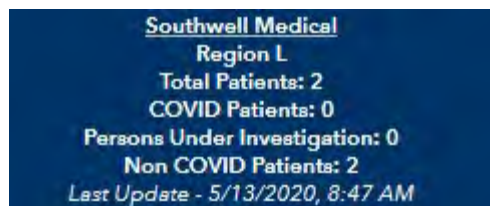
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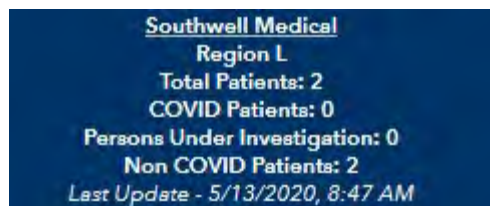
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Sir – This evening's update is outlined below:

1. Testing We met with DPH, DCH, and Governor's Office today and developed a nursing home testing schedule for implementation on Monday, 18MAY20. Monday: Jonesboro: 530; Dalton: 530; Tuesday: Dalton: 1037; Wednesday: Dublin 1000; Thursday: Dublin: 746, Marietta: 254; Friday : Marietta: 1908 (This assumes the new Hologic rapid test arrives at GA PHL.) A more detailed schedule of facilities to be tested has been distributed to the units. Initial GA PH lab capacity will be approximately 1000/day Mon-Thurs, then increasing to approximately 2000 on Friday of next week, followed by a potential increase up to 6000 on Saturday, 23MAY. We can only utilize the GA PHL testing process for this nursing home testing strategy; therefore, we are coordinating DPH training for the 48th BCT MTTs to use the GA PHL testing process.

We also discussed transitioning the MSTs into additional MTTs, thereby enabling us to maximize the expected potential GA PHL capacity.

2. GWCC ACF-Atlanta: The last patient was discharged today. All patient documentation requirements have been completed by physicians/nurses/social workers. Pharmaceuticals are being disposed as per Grady pharmacist. Fogging will begin tomorrow morning, and then transition to a warm status. We also linked up PAE and GA DOD PAO and ANG POCs to film/observe the site demobilization next month.

3. Additional Augmentation Efforts:

Albany: Normal Operations under Phoebe North Hospital control.

Macon: Turned over to Navicent Medical Center to install medical equipment and finalize staff orientation.

Rome: Turned over to Floyd Medical Center to install medical equipment.

Gainesville: Container deliveries are in progress.

4. Additional Hospital Staffing: NSTR.

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1. Testing We met with DPH, DCH, and Governor's Office today and developed a nursing home testing schedule for implementation on Monday, 18MAY20. Monday: Jonesboro: 530; Dalton: 530; Tuesday: Dalton: 1037; Wednesday: Dublin 1000; Thursday: Dublin: 746, Marietta: 254; Friday : Marietta: 1908 (This assumes the new Hologic rapid test arrives at GA PHL.) A more detailed schedule of facilities to be tested has been distributed to the units. Initial GA PH lab capacity will be approximately 1000/day Mon-Thurs, then increasing to approximately 2000 on Friday of next week, followed by a potential increase up to 6000 on Saturday, 23MAY. We can only utilize the GA PHL testing process for this nursing home testing strategy; therefore, we are coordinating DPH training for the 48th BCT MTTs to use the GA PHL testing process.

We also discussed transitioning the MSTs into additional MTTs, thereby enabling us to maximize the expected potential GA PHL capacity.

2. GWCC ACF-Atlanta: The last patient was discharged today. All patient documentation requirements have been completed by physicians/nurses/social workers. Pharmaceuticals are being disposed as per Grady pharmacist. Fogging will begin tomorrow morning, and then transition to a warm status. We also linked up PAE and GA DOD PAO and ANG POCs to film/observe the site demobilization next month.

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FEMA ADVISORY – May 14, 2020

FY 2019 SAFER Grants: Application Period Extended, Cost-Share Waived

In recognition of the economic hardships facing local jurisdictions and fire departments across the country as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf waived the cost-share, position cost limit, supplanting, and minimum budget requirements for Fiscal Year 2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency and Response (SAFER) Grant applicants. **FEMA has extended the application period to May 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. ET.**

Please Note: Funds under the FY2019 SAFER Hiring of Firefighters Activity must be used to hire new, additional firefighters, and the costs to hire those firefighters must be at the usual annual costs of a first year (i.e., entry-level) firefighter. **This requirement has not been waived.**

Additionally, the waiver of the requirements identified above **does not apply** to the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) or to the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S).

In consideration of the economic effects of the pandemic, Acting Secretary Wolf also authorized waivers for certain provisions of the FY 2020 SAFER Grant Program. Additional details on these FY 2020 changes is forthcoming.

Applicants no longer need to request an economic hardship waiver within the FY 2019 online application. If you have already submitted your FY 2019 application, no further action is needed at this time. The waiver of these provisions and the adjustments to the requested amount will be handled by the SAFER Program Office during their technical review of applications.

If you have not yet submitted your application, please note that the applications will continue to show the cost share/position cost limit. However, as stated above, there is nothing additional that applicants need to do regarding these provisions. The adjustment will be made by the SAFER Program Office.

The FEMA Grant Outcomes (GO) system automatically records proof of timely submission and the system generates an electronic date/time stamp when FEMA GO successfully receives the application. The individual with the

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) role that submitted the application will also receive the official date/time stamp and a FEMA GO tracking number in an email serving as proof of their timely submission. Applications received by FEMA GO after the extended application submission deadline will be deemed as late and typically will not be considered for funding.

DHS/FEMA will not review applications received after the extended deadline or consider them for funding except in cases where a technical problem outside of the applicant's control prevented submission of the application by the deadline.

Contact Us

Direct your questions to your SAFER Preparedness Officer or the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Help Desk at firegrants@fema.dhs.gov or (866) 275-0950, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET.

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Dear Colleague:

Today HHS Secretary Alex Azar accompanied President Trump to Allentown, Pennsylvania to visit Owens & Minor Distribution Center where the President [thanked the workers](#) for their dedication in producing N-95 masks, gowns, and gloves around the clock. He announced that the Administration will be restocking and improving the nation's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). Instead of one-to-three weeks' worth of supplies, the U.S. Government will now stockpile three months' worth and ensure that it evolves to meet new threats. He also signed an [Executive Order](#) to strengthen domestic production of needed SNS supplies. The EO grants new authority to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation which normally invests in economic development in other countries,. However, under the President's order, it will now invest in our country to bring factories back to our shores.

Ensuring a Strong National Stockpile: The Administration is releasing a plan to [restructure the Strategic National Stockpile \(SNS\)](#), implementing lessons learned from recent pandemics. Our next generation SNS will be improved by increasing supplies of critically-needed items, integrating predictive analytics to determine needs, leveraging technology to provide real-time visibility of supply chains, and reducing dependency on foreign supplies.

Testing

Guidance on Contact Tracing: CDC released new information for [Health Departments on Developing a COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Plan](#). This interim guidance document is intended to assist state, local, territorial and tribal health departments develop jurisdictional plans for the implementation and enhancement of COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing efforts.

Updated Information for Laboratory Testing: CDC updated their [FAQs on COVID-19 Testing at Laboratories](#). The FAQs provide answers to FAQ about COVID-19 testing at public health, including information about testing kits and where public health labs can get access to testing kits.

Thermal Imaging Systems: The FDA posted a new webpage with information on use of [thermal imaging systems](#). Thermal imaging systems and non-contact infrared thermometers use different forms of infrared technology to measure temperature. When used correctly, thermal imaging systems generally have been shown to accurately measure someone's surface skin temperature without being physically close to the person being evaluated. The webpage includes the benefits, limitations, Preparing the Area where You will Use a Thermal Imaging System, Preparing the Thermal Imaging System, Preparing the Person Being Evaluated, and Questions about Using Thermal Imaging Systems during COVID-19.

Information on Ordering Diagnostic Testing and Tools: CDC updated their information on [How to Get COVID-19 Diagnostic Test and Tools](#). The International Reagent Resource (IRR) is distributing the diagnostic panel and diagnostic supplies to registered state and local public health laboratories so they can perform SARS-CoV-2 testing. These laboratories must be certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) to perform high

complexity tests. [The webpage includes information for public health labs on how to order a CDC reagent diagnostic panel, the materials included in the panel, and other materials labs will need to perform tests using the diagnostic panel.](#)

3-D printing of Swabs: The FDA announced that the agency will host a [virtual Town Hall](#) on May 15, 2020, for researchers, clinical laboratories, and commercial manufacturers to discuss the production and use of 3D printed swabs during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This is a collaboration between the FDA, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Innovation Ecosystem, and the National Institutes of Health's 3D Print Exchange.

Testing updates: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA has worked with more than 390 test developers who have already submitted or said they will be submitting EUA requests to the FDA for tests that detect the virus or antibodies to the virus. To date, the FDA has authorized 95 tests under EUAs, which include 82 molecular tests, 12 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test. Additionally, ASPR's Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority has received 2,813 market research submissions for COVID-19-related medical countermeasures and has conducted 273 CoronaWatch meetings with private sector partners interested in working with BARDA on a COVID-19 vaccine, diagnostic or therapeutic product or service.

Treatment

Clinical Trial to Evaluate Treatment Options for Mild COVID-19 Patients: NIH begins [clinical trial of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin to](#) treat COVID-19. Study enrolling adults with mild to moderate COVID-19 in the United States. A clinical trial has begun to evaluate whether the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine, given together with the antibiotic azithromycin, can prevent hospitalization and death from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, is sponsoring the trial, which is being conducted by the NIAID-funded AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG). Teva Pharmaceuticals is donating medications for the study. The Phase 2b trial will enroll approximately 2,000 adults at [participating ACTG sites](#) across the United States.

Information on Alternate Care Sites: FEMA released a fact sheet on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Alternate Care Site \(ACS\) "Warm Sites."](#) To address immediate and projected needs from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments may, under certain conditions, be reimbursed through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program for costs associated with keeping Alternate Care Sites (ACS), including temporary and expanded medical facilities, minimally operational when COVID-19 cases diminish and the facilities are no longer in use.

Reopening America

Decision Trees for Reopening: CDC released guidance and new decision trees for reopening camps, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants/bars, mass transit, and workplaces with employees at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness. The purpose of these tools is to assist leaders of these entities in thinking through health considerations and making operational decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic. The specific information and decision trees can be found below for: [Schools, Camps, and Childcare programs](#) ; [Restaurants, Bars and Workplaces](#) and [Mass Transit](#).

Guidance for Institutes of Higher Education: President Trump and the CDC released [guidance for colleges and universities](#) on how to develop, implement and maintain a plan to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty and staff. Institutes of higher education, working together with local health departments, have an important role in slowing the spread of diseases and protecting vulnerable students, staff and faculty to help ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. Guidance for IHE is organized into three categories based on the level of community transmission: 1) when there is no community transmission (preparedness phase), 2) when there is minimal to moderate community transmission, and 3) when there is substantial community transmission. Consult with your local health department to determine what level of transmission is currently occurring in your community.

Information for Specific Populations

Information for High Risk Individuals: CDC updated their information for [Groups at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](#). Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The webpage includes tips to reduce your risk of getting sick with COVID-19 and specific actions you can take based on your conditions and other risk factors. CDC also updated their information for [People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions](#), which includes populations of people with disabilities, pregnancy and breastfeeding individuals, racial and ethnic minority groups and people experiencing homelessness.

Toolkit for Emergency Operation Centers: ASPR released a [Medical Operations Coordination Cells Toolkit](#). This toolkit offers flexible and modifiable guidance, developed by the United States (U.S.) government, aimed to assist regional, state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments to ensure load-balancing across healthcare facilities and systems so that the highest possible level of care can be provided to each patient during the COVID-19 pandemic. MOCCs are cells within emergency operations centers (EOCs) at the sub-state regional, state-wide, and federal regional levels (Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regions) that facilitate patient movement, healthcare staffing, and life-saving resource allocation. This toolkit provides sample SOPs for MOCCs at three levels – sub-state, state, and federal. Sample supporting documents, including forms and checklists, are included in the Appendix.

Advice for Organizational Wellness during an Emergency: ASPR released [Mini Modules to Relieve Stress For Healthcare Workers Responding to COVID-19: Leading Towards Organizational Wellness in an Emergency](#). The slides and linked webinar provide information on how to relieve stress among healthcare workers and improve overall wellness.

Tips for Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Facility Personnel: OSHA released [COVID-19 Guidance for Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Facility Workers](#). The fact sheet includes tips that can help reduce the risk of exposure in these facilities to COVID-19.

Tips for Retail Pharmacies: OSHA released [Safety Measures for Retail Pharmacies](#). The fact sheet includes safety tips that employers can follow to help protect retail pharmacy workers from exposure to the coronavirus.

Information for Maritime Pilots: CDC has published [What Maritime Pilots Need to Know about COVID-19](#) to help pilots protect themselves from COVID-19. This resource also provides steps that pilots' associations can take. For maritime pilots, potential sources of exposures include close contact with a vessel crewmember with COVID-19; touching your nose, mouth, or eyes after contact with a surface that has the virus that causes COVID-19 on it; or handling items that a person with COVID-19 has touched. To prevent infections, pilots should limit close contact (within 6 feet) with others when possible and work with the vessel's master and crew to take steps to avoid exposure.

Information for Youth Experiencing Homelessness: CDC has posted information for [Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#) to help them protect themselves and others from COVID-19. This resource provides information about what to do if they get sick.

CMS Updates

Options for Medicaid Managed Care Contracts and Payments: CMS released a new [CMCS Informational Bulletin \(CIB\)](#) to provide states guidance on how to temporarily modify provider payment methodologies and capitation rates under their Medicaid managed care contracts to address the impacts of the public health emergency while preserving systems of care and access to services for Medicaid beneficiaries. The COVID-19 public health emergency is causing dramatic shifts in utilization across the healthcare industry, causing financial uncertainty for both healthcare providers and managed care plans. While some providers are experiencing surges in COVID-19 related utilization, other providers are experiencing dramatic declines in utilization and revenue. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) understands that many states are now seeking ways to temporarily modify provider payment methodologies and capitation rates under their Medicaid managed care contracts to address the impacts of the public health emergency

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Funding

\$5 Million Funding Opportunity for Research on COVID-19: AHRQ announced [a new funding opportunity announcement \(FOA\) that will award \\$5 million](#) in fiscal year 2020 to support novel, high-impact studies that evaluate the responsiveness of health care delivery systems, health care professionals, and the overall U.S. health care system to the COVID-19 pandemic. AHRQ expects to invest the \$5 million for new multi-method, rapid-cycle research with the ability to produce and disseminate initial observations within 6 months after award and then regularly throughout the remainder of the award period. AHRQ expects to fund critical research focused on topics such as the effects on quality, safety, and value of the health system response to COVID-19; the role of primary care practices and professionals during the COVID-19 epidemic; understanding how the response to COVID-19 affected socially vulnerable populations and people with multiple chronic conditions; and the integration of digital health in the response to COVID-19, including innovations and challenges encountered in the expansion of telehealth. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2020.

Stay mighty – and safe. Questions? Darcie.Johnston@HHS.gov.

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Good morning,

Yesterday, President Trump [visited workers at Owens & Minor, Inc.](#) distribution center and announced new actions to modernize and replenish our [Nation's stockpile](#) of PPE. President Trump also issued an [Executive Order](#) to bolster our independence in healthcare, manufacturing, and technology to protect Americans during this time.

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

- [Interim Final Rule on Eligibility of Certain Electric Cooperatives](#)
- [SBA](#) launched a new search functionality within the E-Tran Servicing section of the Capital Access Financial System (CAFS). This tool will help PPP lenders review loans in their portfolios. Lenders should review all fields in these files for accuracy and completeness.

Today, President Trump delivers remarks on vaccine development at 12:00pm ET. The President then participates in the presentation of the United States Space Force Flag and signs an Armed Forces Day Proclamation at 12:30pm ET. Later, the President delivers remarks at a Presidential Recognition Ceremony: Hard Work, Heroism, and Hope at 4:00pm ET. The President departs the White House en route to Camp David at 5:00pm ET. White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany holds a press briefing at 2:00pm ET.

Additional Guidance (as of 5.14, 5 p.m.):

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Is Ensuring We Have the Strong National Stockpile and Industrial Base Needed to Meet Any Challenge ([Click here](#))
- **WH** - EO on Delegating Authority Under the DPA to the CEO of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to Respond to the COVID-19 Outbreak ([Click here](#))
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