



## Update on Administration Efforts on COVID-19

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Good evening,

President Trump continues to support our nation's small businesses and their employees during this challenging time.

- The Trump Administration is working with Congress to secure additional funding for the critical Paycheck Protection Program, which has impacted **30 million American jobs**.
- The SBA has processed more than **14 years worth of loans in less than 14 days**.
- Today, roughly **5,000 financial institutions** are authorized to make PPP loans.
- The Paycheck Protection Program has already processed nearly **\$350 billion in loans to 1.6 million small businesses** to provide them with the financial stability necessary to remain viable and to keep hard-working Americans on the payroll.

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

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

### **Assistance for Small Businesses**

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- With Excess National Supply, Exchanges Will Allow U.S. Hospitals to Continue Meeting Ventilator Demand ([HERE](#))
- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/21 ([VIDEO](#))
- Memorandum on Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery ([HERE](#))
- Message from Robert O'Brien: President Trump Made Courageous Decisions to Fight Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Message from Robert O'Brien: President Trump's Strong Leadership During Coronavirus ([VIDEO](#))
- Message from Robert O'Brien: Project Airbridge Delivers Protective Equipment Across America ([VIDEO](#))
- Daily 1600: President Trump vs. the political class ([HERE](#))

### **Treasury, IRS Announce Cross-Border Tax Guidance Related to Travel Disruptions Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today issued guidance that provides relief to individuals and businesses affected by travel disruptions arising from the COVID-19 emergency.

**Treasury Finalizes Agreements with Major Airlines, Disburses Initial Payroll Support Program Payments ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury concluded Payroll Support Program agreements with Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, and United Airlines.

**HHS Announces Nearly \$1 Billion in CARES Act Grants to Support Older Adults and People with Disabilities in the Community During the COVID-19 Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing \$955 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities as communities implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The grants will fund home-delivered meals; care services in the home; respite care and other support to families and caregivers; information about and referral to supports; and more.

**Statements from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Interoperability Flexibilities amid the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ([HERE](#))**

- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in conjunction with the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced a policy of enforcement discretion to allow compliance flexibilities regarding the implementation of the [interoperability final rules](#) announced on March 9<sup>th</sup> in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency. ONC, CMS, and OIG will continue to monitor the implementation landscape to determine if further action is needed.

**CDC COVID-19 Forecasts for the United States – Updated 4/21 ([HERE](#))**

- CDC is responding to a pandemic of COVID-19 caused by a novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, that is spreading from person to person. The federal government is working closely with state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments, and other public health partners, to respond to this situation. Forecasts of deaths will help inform public health decision-making by projecting the likely impact in coming weeks.

**Coronavirus Update: FDA Authorizes First Test for Patient At-Home Sample Collection ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19. Specifically, the FDA [re-issued the emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for the Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) COVID-19 RT-PCR Test to permit testing of samples self-collected by patients at home using LabCorp’s Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 Test home collection kit.

**FDA Provides Flexibility to the Food Industry to Support Food Supply Chain and Meet Consumer Demand During COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- The FDA has issued temporary guidance that provides flexibility to various segments of the food industry—restaurants, food manufacturers, producers and retail establishments—to help support the food supply chain and meet consumer demand in this time of crisis.
  - FDA Daily Round Up – April 20 ([HERE](#))

**Trump Administration Champions Reporting of COVID-19 Clinical Trial Data through Quality Payment Program, Announces New Clinical Trials Improvement Activity ([HERE](#))**

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is encouraging clinicians who participate in the Quality Payment Program (QPP), such as physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and others, to contribute to scientific research and evidence to fight the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

**CMS News Alert April 21, 2020 ([HERE](#))**

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

**Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas Added to Innovative SNAP Online Pilot Program ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced approval of requests from Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas to provide online purchasing of food to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households. This announcement further demonstrates President Trump's whole of America approach to fighting the coronavirus pandemic by ensuring those affected are fed.

**Secretary DeVos Delivers \$6 Billion in Additional Grant Funding to Support Continued Education at America's Colleges, Universities ([HERE](#))**

- After quickly making available more than \$6 billion for colleges and universities to provide direct emergency cash grants to students, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today an additional \$6.2 billion is now available to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues. The funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump less than one month ago.

**U.S. Department of Labor Ends Temporary Non-Enforcement of Paid Leave Protections to Help American Workers During Coronavirus Pandemic ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Labor announced today the end of the temporary period of non-enforcement of paid leave protections under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

**The United States Is Assisting Pacific Island Countries to Respond to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- As the leader in global health and humanitarian response to COVID-19, the United States has acted swiftly to monitor, respond to, and mitigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Pacific island countries. The Department of State is closely coordinating with U.S. interagency partners including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Defense (DOD), and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM).

**DOD Details \$133 Million Defense Production Act Title 3 COVID-19 Project ([HERE](#))**

- As previously announced, the Department of Defense will invest \$133 million to increase U.S. domestic N95 mask production by over 39 million over the next 90 days.

### **Hospital Ship USNS Comfort Admits New Jersey Patients ([HERE](#))**

- The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort has begun admitting patients from hospitals in New Jersey in an effort to expand its support of the nation's COVID-19 response efforts.

### **VA, DoD Implement New Capability For Bidirectional Sharing of Health Records With Community Partners ([HERE](#))**

- The joint DOD and VA health information exchange (HIE) allows providers in both departments to quickly and securely access electronic health record (EHR) data for their patients seen by a participating community partner or health system. Equally important, participating community providers now have a single point of entry to request and access DOD and VA electronic health records for use in their treatment of those patients.

### **VA's Telehealth System Grows as Veterans Have Access to Unlimited Data While Using VA Video Connect ([HERE](#))**

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) announced, Veterans using VA Video Connect on their TracFone mobile phones through the T-Mobile network, will no longer pay for data while using video telehealth technology to connect and meet with their VA health care teams.

### **Timeline on how VA prepared for COVID-19 outbreak and continues to keep Veterans safe ([HERE](#))**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic, March 11, but the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was already preparing for this dangerous virus several weeks before.

### **VA Researchers to Study COVID-19 in Aging Veterans with Dementia ([HERE](#))**

- Researchers at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Providence VA Medical Center began, early April, studying the effect of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on Veterans living in VA Community Living Centers (CLCs).

### **Expert U.S. Panel Develops NIH Treatment Guidelines for COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- A panel of U.S. physicians, statisticians, and other experts has developed treatment guidelines for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These guidelines, intended for healthcare providers, are based on published and preliminary data and the clinical expertise of the panelists, many of whom are frontline clinicians caring for patients during the rapidly evolving pandemic.

### **Photos of Whole-of-America COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through Project Airbridge.

### **FEMA Approves \$4.9 Million for Breathing Machines in Pennsylvania ([HERE](#))**

- The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will receive \$4,999,500.00 from FEMA to include costs associated with the purchase of BiPAP machines to assist those having difficulty breathing as a result of exposure to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.

### **FEMA Programs Helping People from Coast to Coast ([HERE](#))**

- As part of the whole-of-America response to the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA is working to help disaster survivors, the homeless, and state, local, tribal and territorial governments across the country.

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

Thank you,  
Hailey

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## COVID-19: Background & Additional Information

### [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- [Communication Resources](#)

**Situation Updates:**

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

**Information for Businesses:**

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

**Information for Travel and Transportation:**

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

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

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Information for Laboratories](#)
- [Resources for First Responders](#)
- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals](#)
- [FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)

- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

**Information for Law Enforcement:**

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

**Information for Families and Households:**

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

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

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

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

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

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
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