



## Update on Administration Efforts on COVID-19

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Good evening,

President Trump is dedicated to providing support, testing, and treatment for all communities during the global Coronavirus outbreak.

- The Trump Administration has sent over **\$1.4 billion** to **13,000 community health care centers** across the country – with more on the way.
- President Trump is committed to restoring African American and Hispanic American communities to their full economic wellbeing and has directed the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to focus on lifting up underserved communities impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Within the next 24 hours, President Trump will be sending more help to America's 30 million small businesses, which employ nearly half of our nation's private-sector workforce.

- Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, and additional funding for President Trump's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is essential to helping employers pay their workers and keep their doors open.

Additionally, Treasury released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions \(Updated—Please see Question 31\)](#)

### **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.
  - After you have completed a questionnaire that is linked in the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote you will be prompted to submit a formal bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing – 4/23 ([VIDEO](#))
- Daily 1600: Who we're fighting for ([HERE](#))

### **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) (HERE)**

- The CDC is working with other federal partners in a whole-of-government response. This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and CDC will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.

### **HUD Awards \$130 Million to Revitalize Four Neighborhoods (HERE)**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced four communities across the country will receive a combined \$130 million to redevelop severely distressed public housing and to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods. Provided through HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, these grants, and the more than \$1.5 billion they will stimulate

from other sources, will transform long-struggling neighborhoods and distressed HUD-assisted housing. Read more about these transformation plans.

#### **COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies ([HERE](#))**

- HUD continues to update resources for stakeholders to help guide decisions on their response to COVID-19.

#### **FHFA Supports Small Business by Allowing Federal Home Loan Banks to Accept Paycheck Protection Program Loans as Collateral ([HERE](#))**

- To support small and community banks, the Federal Housing Finance Agency announced that Federal Home Loan Banks (FHL Banks) can accept Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as collateral when making loans, called advances, to their members.

#### **HHS Awards Nearly \$5 Million to Poison Control Centers as Calls Spike Due to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$5 million to Poison Control Centers across the country to improve their capacity to respond to increased calls due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **HHS Announces CARES Act Funding Distribution to States and Localities in Support of COVID-19 Response ([HERE](#))**

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide additional resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation's response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

#### **Health Providers: Join the Telehealth Revolution ([HERE](#))**

- Healthcare providers have a unique opportunity to integrate telemedicine into their practice. As part of this effort, HHS has launched [telehealth.hhs.gov](https://telehealth.hhs.gov).

#### **Trump Administration Releases COVID-19 Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid and CHIP ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the Trump Administration released a new [toolkit](#) for states to help accelerate adoption of broader telehealth coverage policies in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
  - CMS News Alert – April 23, 2020 ([HERE](#))

#### **NIAID Strategic Plan Details COVID-19 Research Priorities ([HERE](#))**

- A new strategic plan from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, details the institute's plan for accelerating research to diagnose, prevent and treat COVID-19.

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Court Grants FDA's Request for Extension of Premarket Review Submission Deadline for Certain Tobacco Products Because of Impacts from COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- COVID-19 is impacting all FDA-regulated industries, including tobacco product manufacturers. The agency has received numerous inquiries from the tobacco industry expressing concern they will be unable to complete premarket applications by the original May 12 deadline due to disruptions at all stages of preparation, including preventions or disruptions to in-person

laboratory work and clinical studies or necessary foreign travel, or from the shuttering of manufacturing facilities abroad.

- FDA Daily Roundup - April 22, 2020 ([HERE](#))

**The United States and ASEAN are Partnering to Defeat COVID-19, Build Long-Term Resilience, and Support Economic Recovery ([HERE](#))**

- Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are enduring strategic partners as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and plan for economic recovery. We commit to continue our collaboration with ASEAN to beat this pandemic and get back to the business of building a bright future for the region together.

**U.S. EPA Calls on Eight Technology Companies to Address Fraudulent COVID-19 Disinfectants ([HERE](#))**

- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is advising eight technology companies that unscrupulous dealers are using their platforms to sell illegal disinfectant products. The companies include Facebook, Ebay, Alibaba, Shopify, Qoo10, JoyBuy.com, Wish.com and banggood.com.

**Secretary DeVos Makes Available Over \$13 Billion in Emergency Coronavirus Relief to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today that more than \$13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are now available to state and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus.

**Tucson, Arizona, Company to Pay Back Wages after Denying Paid Sick Leave to Worker Whose Doctor Ordered Coronavirus Quarantine ([HERE](#))**

- After an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), Bear Creek Electrical – an electrical company based in Tucson, Arizona – will pay one employee \$1,600 for refusing to provide him sick leave under the newly passed Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act after health care providers ordered him to self-quarantine with potential coronavirus symptoms.

**Statement by Secretary Of Labor Eugene Scalia on Unemployment Insurance Claims ([HERE](#))**

- "Today's unemployment report shows continued, elevated unemployment claims caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The Department of Labor is continuing to provide guidance and support to the States as they implement the enhanced unemployment benefits under the CARES Act, with 44 States now paying the \$600 additional weekly benefit provided by the Act. The Department also continues to implement the paid leave requirements of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and has now initiated hundreds of cases to ensure workers receive what they're entitled to under the law. As American businesses look to open up again under the guidelines presented by the White House last week, the Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration will continue to provide guidance and support to protect workers and ensure safe workplaces, backed up as necessary by appropriate use of OSHA's enforcement authorities."

**Cincinnati CBP Seizes 2,000 Counterfeit 3M Masks ([HERE](#))**

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers at an Express Consignment Operations hub in Cincinnati examined a package from China that listed its contents as mask April 3. When the

officers inspected the package they discovered 2,000 counterfeit 3M masks, an Intellectual Property Rights violation.

**Individual and Households Program: Remote Inspections ([HERE](#))**

- Due to the COVID-19 nationwide emergency declared by President Trump and the need to protect the safety and health of all Americans; FEMA will conduct remote home inspections for disaster survivors until further notice.

**Alaska National Guard Adopts Proactive Response Posture to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))**

- President James Buchanan said, "The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there." In that spirit, Alaska National Guard leaders have built on their preemptive measures to mitigate the potential harm done by the COVID-19 coronavirus.

**Army Has Long History of Combating Diseases ([HERE](#))**

- Army researchers are working to rapidly develop and test experimental vaccines to combat COVID-19, Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy said.

**Troops' Skill Sets during Pandemic Sharpen the Sword ([HERE](#))**

- More than 56,400 Defense Department personnel are on the front lines of the war against the silent enemy known as the COVID-19 virus that's affected the nation, a DOD spokesman said.

Thank you,  
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*Hailey Hart*

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

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

**What you should know:**

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

**Situation Updates:**

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

**Information for Businesses:**

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

**Information for Travel and Transportation:**

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

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

- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)

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

**Information for Law Enforcement:**

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

**Information for Families and Households:**

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

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**

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

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**

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

**Agency Resources and Information:**

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#)

- [U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor](#)
- [U.S. Department of State](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)