



Update on Administration Efforts on COVID-19

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Good evening,

President Trump Is Committed to Providing Americans with the Vital Mental Health Resources They Need During This Challenging Time

Today, President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, First Lady Melania Trump, and Second Lady Karen Pence spoke by telephone with hundreds of American mental health professionals, leaders, and advocates to discuss the effects COVID-19 is having on the American people. Today's COVID-19 call was the first to bring these four influential leaders together on one issue. The President recognized that a great number of Americans are enduring hardships – including loneliness from social distancing, despair from being out of work, anxiety from the danger of the virus, and grief from the loss of a loved one. President Trump thanked the doctors, counselors, and many other mental health professionals on the call for providing vital mental health services during this time through tele-health. The mental health professionals thanked President Trump for his attention to mental health during this challenging time, including \$425 million for mental health and substance abuse services included in the CARES Act, expansion of tele-Mental Health services, and increased capacity of the Disaster Distress Hotline. President Trump remains committed to providing Americans with vital mental health resources and services and to continuing the Administration's efforts to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis

Assistance for Small Businesses

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.

- [For a top-line overview of the program CLICK HERE](#)
- [If you're a lender, more information can be found HERE](#)
- [If you're a borrower, more information can be found HERE](#)
- [Borrower Application Form \(Updated 4/2/20\)](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [New Lender Application Form \(Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, Farm Credit System Institutions\)](#)
- [New Lender Application Form \(Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders\)](#)
- [Interim Final Rule](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Affiliation](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Find an eligible lender](#)

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

Assistance for American Workers and Families

In the weeks immediately after the passage of the CARES Act, Americans will see fast and direct relief in the form of Economic Impact Payments. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

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) 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. 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 are 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.
- For all other issues and concerns not related to offering products, services, or donations, please e-mail nbeoc@max.gov.

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

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

- President Trump and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force Hold a Press Briefing ([VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Approves Disaster Declaration for [Alaska](#) and [Idaho](#)
- Readout of First Lady Melania Trump’s Call with Mrs. Akie Abe of Japan ([HERE](#))
- Daily 1600 – Voice of America Spends Your Money to Speak for Authoritarian Regimes ([HERE](#))
- Adams and Verma: Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure ([HERE](#))



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

I have directed @SecretarySonny to expedite help to our farmers, especially to the smaller farmers who are hurting right now. I expect Secretary Purdue to use all of the funds and authorities at his disposal to make sure that our food supply is stable, strong, and safe....

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...We will always be there for our Great Farmers, Cattlemen, Ranchers, and Producers!

Federal Reserve Takes Additional Actions to Provide Up To \$2.3 Trillion in Loans to Support the Economy (HERE)

- The Federal Reserve on Thursday took additional actions to provide up to \$2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy. This funding will assist households and employers of all sizes and bolster the ability of state and local governments to deliver critical services during the coronavirus pandemic.

Federal Bank Regulators Issue Interim Final Rule for Paycheck Protection Program Facility (HERE)

- The federal bank regulatory agencies today announced an interim final rule to encourage lending to small businesses through the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP. The interim final rule modifies the agencies' capital rules to neutralize the regulatory capital effects of participating in the Federal Reserve's PPP facility because there is no credit or market risk in association with PPP loans pledged to the facility.

Treasury and IRS Extend Over 300 Tax Filing, Payment and Administrative Deadlines (HERE)

- The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service today announced they are extending the deadline for many administrative acts under the tax law as well as the tax filing and payment deadlines for fiscal year businesses, tax-exempt organizations and certain estates and trusts.

Treasury Underscores Commitment to Global Flow of Humanitarian Aid in Face of COVID-19 Pandemic (HERE)

- The Department of the Treasury stands with governments and citizens around the world in the global war against the COVID-19 global pandemic. The United States is committed to ensuring the international flow of humanitarian aid continues through legitimate and transparent channels.

OCR Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Community-Based Testing Sites During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency (HERE)

- Today, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS announced that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for violations of the HIPAA Rules against covered entities or business associates in connection with the good faith participation in the operation of COVID-19 testing sites during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 ([HERE](#))

- To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community.

FDA Issues Best Practices on Safe Food Handling and Employee Health in Retail Food Settings ([HERE](#))

- Today, the FDA issued information and best practices for retail food stores, restaurants, and pick-up and delivery services during the pandemic to protect workers and customers.

NIH Clinical Trial of Hydroxychloroquine, a Potential Therapy for COVID-19, Begins ([HERE](#))

- A clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of adults hospitalized with COVID-19 has begun, with the first participants now enrolled in Tennessee.

FEMA Announces Rent Suspension ([HERE](#))

- This temporary suspension eases the financial burden on disaster survivors in California, Florida, North Carolina and Texas due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension applies to rent only; rent collection is expected to resume July 1.

CISA: Trusted Internet Connections 3.0 Interim Telework Guidance ([HERE](#))

- As federal civilian agencies respond to the COVID-19 situation, the number of federal agency employees working remotely has increased dramatically. In order to support agencies as they respond to this surge in teleworking, CISA is issuing this interim Trusted Internet Connections (TIC) guidance¹ to help agencies leverage existing resources to secure their networks.

Secretary DeVos Rapidly Delivers More Than \$6 Billion in Emergency Cash Grants for College Students Impacted by Coronavirus Outbreak ([HERE](#))

- Secretary DeVos announced today more than \$6 billion will be distributed immediately to colleges and universities to provide direct emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak.

FAQs Related to the Use of Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Education ([HERE](#))

- This fact sheet responds to frequently asked questions related to the use of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education during the novel COVID-19 with respect to compensation, travel, and conference costs that are otherwise allowable costs under applicable program statutes and regulations.

USDA Launches New Program to Feed Kids in Michigan ([HERE](#))

- Secretary Perdue today announced the first state, Michigan, has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act, signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

USDA Announces Loan Maturity for Marketing Assistance Loans Now Extended to 12 Months (HERE)

- Agricultural producers now have more time to repay Marketing Assistance Loans as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and this flexibility is available for most commodities.

Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency (HERE)

- This waiver is in response to COVID-19 outbreaks and the immediate risk they present to public health, safety, and welfare. A number of States are experiencing greater than normal employee absences or have closed offices of their State Driver Licensing Agencies in response to the guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to use social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

OSHA: COVID-19 Guidance for Retail Workers (HERE)

- OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during these unprecedented times. The agency will be issuing a series of industry-specific alerts designed to help employers keep workers safe. If you are an employer in the retail industry (e.g., pharmacies, supermarkets, and big box stores), these tips can help reduce your employees' risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

Statement by Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on Unemployment Insurance Claims (HERE)

- "Today's report continues to reflect the purposeful sacrifice being made by America's workers and their families to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Trump Administration is swiftly implementing the historic relief program the President signed into law last month, providing unprecedented support to American workers and small businesses during these challenging times."

EPA's New England Region Transfers Personal Protective Equipment to Federal Emergency Management Agency (HERE)

- Today, the EPA New England regional office announced that it has transferred more than 11,500 pieces of personal protective equipment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be distributed to state and local agencies across New England battling COVID-19.

Corps of Engineers Makes Way for Thousands of Hospital Beds (HERE)

- The Army Corps of Engineers is making significant progress in providing thousands of hospital beds for the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic in facilities built to handle patients with and without the virus.

Corps of Engineers Rapidly Assessing, Building Hospital Spaces (HERE)

- At the request of mayors and governors from multiple states and territories, Army Corps of Engineers personnel are assessing or building structures for both non-COVID-19 and COVID-19 hospitals.

DOD Ramps Up COVID-19 Response Efforts From Coast to Coast (HERE)

- The coronavirus pandemic is slowing down a lot of things, but not the Defense Department's medical apparatus, which is now operating from coast to coast to bring its medical expertise and capacity to bear on the medical crisis around the nation.

Guardsmen Remain Adaptable in Face of Coronavirus (HERE)

- More than 28,000 National Guardsmen are helping to fight the coronavirus across America, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said.

Mobility Airmen Transport Medics, Supplies in COVID-19 Fight (HERE)

- Air Force Reserve mobility airmen from California answered an urgent request to deploy medical personnel to New York to help combat COVID-19.

Despite COVID-19, U.S. Military Remains Ready to Fight (HERE)

- The Defense Department is doing a lot to combat the spread of COVID-19 across the nation, but its primary mission — the defense of the nation and its interests — continues unabated, Deputy Defense Secretary David L. Norquist said.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the CDC's website: www.coronavirus.gov.

Thank you,
Joe

Joe Russo

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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](#)
- DOE: [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](#)