# FEMA COVID-19 Update

Today, FEMA begins processing applications for funeral assistance. FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

## **Key Messages**

- FEMA has never delivered funeral assistance on this scale before, so we took time to develop and streamline the processes and tools to make this assistance efficient and effective for everyone.
- The call center has received thousands of calls this morning, which is causing some technical issues. Some applicants are reaching operators, while others are receiving a busy signal.
- We ask that applicants be patient as we work to correct these issues and have all their important documents ready when they call to apply. Please know there is no deadline to apply and applicants will have the ability to open a case.
- We will not rush through calls because we intend to make sure that every applicant gets their questions answered and receives the help they need to apply.
- Applicants may apply by calling 844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. Multilingual services are available.
- To be eligible for funeral assistance, applicants must meet these conditions:
  - The death must have occurred in the United States. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020.
  - The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
  - There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.
- For fastest service after you have called to apply, submit documentation online through Disasterassistance.gov, or by fax 855-261-3452. Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782.
- Applicants can also visit FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.



\$4.51B

Vaccine Related Expenses

100% federal cost share



\$67.8B

**COVID-19 Response** 

As of 4/09/2021



#### **Vaccination Centers**







1,299

community vaccination centers supported

As of 4/09/2021

183.4M

**Vaccines** 

**Administered** 

Reported by CDC

237.7**M** 

**Vaccines Delivered** 



As of 4/11/2021

## **Staffing**





8,652

Federal personnel deployed

including 4,452 DOD personnel and 2,608 FEMA and DHS Surge Capacity Force personnel directly supporting vaccination efforts in the field. There are an additional 2,717 personnel serving in non-clinical operational roles.

2,694

Interagency vaccinators

29,359

National Guard Bureau supporting COVID-19 response 2,258

National Guard Bureau vaccinators 3,214

Clinical support staff

As of 4/09/2021

### **Lost Wages**

FEMA has provided more than \$38.9 billion to 49 states, Washington, D.C. and four territories for those unemployed due to COVID-19 through Dec. 27, 2020.

#### Resources

FEMA published <u>vaccination center</u> and <u>civil rights guidance</u> for state, tribal and territorial partners.



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