

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

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

Topline messaging includes:

- On **April 16**, President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening America Up Again](#), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country's economy in several phases, depending on location.
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The guidelines also outline state responsibilities to have in place before moving into a reopening plan: protecting workers in critical industry, particularly protecting the most vulnerable, those who live and work in senior care facilities, and having a plan for testing symptomatic individuals with a focus on vulnerable populations.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure that they have the equipment and the supplies and the testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.
- As of **April 17**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 55 million N95 respirators, 69 million surgical masks, 5.9 million face shields, 10.5 million surgical gowns, 523 million gloves, 10,998 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - 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](#).
  - On **April 17**, Vice President Pence issued a letter to the nation's governors summarizing all the medical equipment and supplies that have been distributed to each state from FEMA between the first of this month and April 14th through Project Airbridge and through the commercial supply network.



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- On **April 17**, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency released version 3.0 of the [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers guidance](#) to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19.
- On **April 16**, the FDA [announced an expansion of testing options](#) through use of synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose. The option was developed through a partnership with United Health Group, Quantigen, the Gates Foundation and U.S. Cotton.

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