

Below are the questions and answers from the **April 22, 2020 Geospatial Coordination Call**. Should you have any other questions, please direct them to FEMA.GIO@fema.dhs.gov.

Call Logistics

Q: I want the slides from past calls. Where can I find them? When are they sent out? Are you going to email them to me?

Answer: The slides are not public—therefore you will receive them after each call through this [GovDelivery distribution list](#). Due to the file size, they will be included as a link rather than an attachment. Please self-register for this distribution list.

Below are the previous slides:

Full Link for Call 5 Slides:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2020/04/22/file_attachments/1433842/Coronavirus_CoordinationCall5_April22_Slides.pdf

Full Link for Call 4 Slides:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2020/04/24/file_attachments/1435319/Coronavirus_CoordinationCall4_April15_update.pdf

Full Link for Call 3 Slides:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2020/04/10/file_attachments/1424808/Coronavirus_CoordinationCall3_April8_Slides_QA.pdf

Full Link for Call 2 Slides:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2020/04/03/file_attachments/1419281/Coronavirus_CoordinationCall2_April1.pdf

Full Link for Call 1 Slides:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSFEMA/2020/04/03/file_attachments/1419282/Coronavirus_CoordinationCall1_March25.pdf

Q: How do I request access for the FEMA Geospatial Resource Center?

Answer: Request access here: <https://covid-19-fema.hub.arcgis.com/>

HHS: GeoHealth

Q: How do I get access to the GeoHealth portal?

Answer: Account request form can be found on the GeoHealth website <https://geohealth.hhs.gov>

Direct access requests should be sent to GeoHealth@hhs.gov

Q: Can I export the data layers

Answer: By special request only

Q: Do you now have a count of number of COVID-19 tests per County or by state/ day or week?

Answer: Yes--we do have cases by county and by state, as well as tests. And do have it by day with percent increase by day.

Q: What time of day is GeoHealth updated daily, specifically case/death count by state?

Answer: GeoHealth is updated 0800 and 1400. Other data is updated periodically throughout the day.

Q: How do you ensure all datasets are TRUSTED sources that reflect official government information?

Answer: We only pull data from government sources. Will only use non-government sourced data if it is something that is endorsed by a gov source, the Definitive Healthcare data is a good example of that.

Q: Some jurisdictions are making COVID-19 cases available by ZIP. Are there any national rollups of data by zip code where available? I'm with a private sector retailer and don't have access to GeoHealth?

Answer: We generally stay away from zip code--because we get small numbers and run into issues with PII and have to mask the numbers, which will morph the data set. Decisions are made at the county level, so that is where we stay for now. We do have some zip code level data, for electrically dependent devices, including dialysis, etc. which are vulnerable population stats, that is available to be downloaded.

Q: I don't see changes to the case counts public service until 0700 PDT, is this on a different update frequency from the secured data?

Answer: All of the case data is updated at the same time, internal and external. the updates are 08:00am and 2:00pm eastern. It is possible it is a caching issue.

Q: Does the GeoHealth link to major hospitals around the US to collect latest counts?

Answer: Yes, we receive data from all the hospitals that want to report their information and display the county aggregates 2x/daily.

Q: Where can we get a current map of COVID-19 cases to use in an AGO Story Map? I already have access to GeoHEALTH and HHS REST Services, but none are sharable.

Answer: CDC or USAFacts.org have data available to the public. There is also data on the FEMA hub but it may not be authoritative.

Q: GEOHEALTH has county level COVID testing data is available but it provides totals. Is there a way to see the total and historical daily testing up until current date? We would like to see trending of county testing.

Answer: This is in the que to be added.

Q: What tests are represented on the test results tab? Are they just CBTS? Commercial? Medical Facilities? Public Health Labs?

Answer: The testing tab has tests ordered, tests positive as well as results from Commercial Labs, Hospital Labs and Public Health Labs.

Q: Is there a tool that show 'pop-up' current infections across the nation as well as the likelihood of pop-up infections as we get back to work across the nation?

Answer: Yes—there are data scientists on the Data and Modeling Task Force who are working on those predictive models.

US Census Bureau

Q: Accurate census data demographic variables have been essential to many federal and state agencies in this response for all types of research, epi and decision making. Can you speak to how new differential privacy policies will affect our ability to use this data in future emergencies? This is a large concern in our agency given how much we rely on it.

Answer: There are no new specific privacy policies related to COVID-19. We are still producing the data at the same levels we were before this event. We provide it at the state and county level. The lower level you go the higher the margins get.

Q: Where can I find the electric dependent data?

Answer: HHS empower has data on electrically dependent populations:
<https://empowermap.hhs.gov>

Esri

Q: What is the difference between FEMA HUB and GEOHEALTH? Seems redundant?

Answer: The difference is the level of access into the different platforms as well as the available content. GeoHealth is specifically focused on health related data. The FEMA hub has more secondary impact data and also has a little broader access, including access for NGOs and other partners. In addition, members can share the content they are creating. Although there are many different sources of info and places to find data, and the FEMA Geospatial Resource Center provides a central location to access to all those sources.

Q: I am in charge of NGA data for Army Hospitals. Would you need that data? I track military medical readiness.

Answer: Yes--but it is already being reported through a central coordinating group.

GIS Corps: COVID-19 Testing Sites

Q: Where do we find the public testing app?

Answer: <https://arcg.is/1DOimP>

Q: Do you have daily testing capacity in the Testing Locations layer?

Answer: Yes, we can capture the number of tests each location can run per day, but that information can be hard to come by and can fluctuate from day to day. Furthermore, the data quality varies from state to state. There is no single source that we would consider to be sufficiently accurate so as to support strategic decisions from coast-to-coast.

NAPSG

Q: How do I join the Pandemic GIS Task Force?

Answer: Please contact rharned@publicsafetygis.org