

# Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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Attached you will find today's 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 Up America 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 federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.
- On **April 22**, HHS launched [Telehealth.hhs.gov](#). The site is a central source of information on telehealth resources and tools for patients and providers.
  - In his blog post "[Health Providers: Join the Telehealth Revolution](#)," the Surgeon General of the United States, Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams M.D., M.P.H., outlines the benefits of using telemedicine tools.
  - Working from the safety of home, these tools allow clinicians to perform virtual visits, refill and adjust essential medications, and modify treatments that will preserve and improve conditions that if left untreated, put patients at risk.
- As of **April 23**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 66.9 million N95 respirators, 105 million surgical masks, 6.7 million face shields, 14.9 million surgical gowns, 747 million gloves, 10,563 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](#).
- The U.S. has now processed 4.9 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.



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- States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
- HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
- 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.

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