

Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today's Daily Briefing Points and the Regional Supplemental for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as information By the Numbers; Supply Chain Task Force; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies. The Regional Supplemental highlights the updated numbers by states and regions.

Topline messaging includes:

- On **May 21**, the [USDA announced](#) that it is making \$1 billion in loan guarantees available to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, agriculture providers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans may receive funding under USDA Business & Industry Cares Act Program provisions included in the CARES Act.
- On **May 20**, FEMA released [COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season](#) to help emergency managers and public health officials best prepare for disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from COVID-19.
 - The guide describes anticipated challenges to disaster operations posed by COVID-19, as well as actions emergency managers and public officials can take to prepare for those challenges.
 - By creating a shared understanding of expectations among FEMA and state, local, tribal and territorial partners prior to hurricane season, the nation will be better positioned to achieve operational outcomes in disaster response and recovery efforts.
- As of **May 21**, FEMA has made 588 deliveries of medical supplies to nursing homes in 52 of 53 states and territories. [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.
- As of **May 21**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 83.4 million N95 respirators, 140.2 million surgical masks, 11.9 million face shields, 28.6 million surgical gowns, and over 1 billion gloves.



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- FEMA has procured and delivered 7.5 million swabs and 4.0 million units of media so far in the month of May. In support of the White House Task Force’s testing initiative, FEMA is procuring specimen collection supplies to supplement the supplies states and healthcare providers are procuring from the private market.
- As of **May 21**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 12.9 million samples.
 - As of **May 20**, the FDA has issued 105 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) (EAU) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.

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