

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

Topline messaging includes:

- On **May 22**, [HHS announced](#) it began distributing billions in additional relief funds to skilled nursing facilities to help combat the devastating effects of the pandemic. This funding will be used to support nursing homes suffering from significant expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19.
- On **May 22**, [HHS announced](#) \$500 million in payments from the Provider Relief Fund to the Indian Health Service and tribal hospitals, clinics and urban health centers to support the tribal response to COVID-19. Combined with previous funding, this distribution brings the total amount of new resources to the Indian health system to \$2.4 billion dollars.
- On **May 22**, the FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, released [recommendations](#) to help address shortages of personal protective equipment, cloth face coverings, disinfectants, and sanitation supplies in the food and agriculture industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On **May 22**, [the CDC released](#) recommendations for communities of faith. The guidance is meant to help prevent exposures to COVID-19 in facilities used by communities of faith and to keep their staff and attendees as healthy as possible as they exercise their faith.
- As of **May 22**, FEMA has made 645 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 22**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 84.4 million N95 respirators, 144.2 million surgical masks, 12.0 million face shields, 28.9 million surgical gowns, and over 1 billion gloves.
- FEMA has procured and delivered 7.5 million swabs and 4.1 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.



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- As of **May 22**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 13.5 million samples.
  - As of **May 22**, the FDA has issued 109 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) (EAU) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.

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