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### **SAFE in Dem Bill**

The SAFE Act is included in the just-released, massive (\$3T) House Dem legislation. The bill has a long way to go before becoming law.

Sec. 606. SAFE Banking. This section would allow cannabis related legitimate businesses, that in many states have remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic as essential services, along with their service providers, to access banking services and products, as well as insurance. This section also requires reports to Congress on access to financial services and barriers to marketplace entry for potential and existing minority-owned cannabis related legitimate businesses.

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### Intergovernmental Affairs

Please see the below, and attached, information from our partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding an update on the Whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

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May 12, 2020

# FEMA Advisory

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

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 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 11, [President Trump announced](#) additional efforts to ensure that every state, territory and tribe has the resources they need to meet their testing goals.

- The president announced that states, territories and tribes would be receiving \$11 billion in funds from the CARES Act to help governors meet their testing goals.
  - Throughout the month of May, FEMA and HHS will be delivering 12 million swabs to states nationwide.
  - The Administration has partnered with national retail companies as well as local independent pharmacies to increase access to testing. By the end of this week, more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational to serve Americans in 47 states and D.C., prioritizing access in underserved communities.
- As of May 11, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.9 million samples.
    - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
    - As of May 11, the FDA has issued 67 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) (EUA) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
    - In addition, 25 authorized tests have been added to the EUA letter of authorization for high complexity molecular-based laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
  - As of May 10, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 90.7 million N95 respirators, 126.6 million surgical masks, 9.3 million face shields, 21.2 million surgical gowns, and 993.4 million gloves.
    - [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.
  - On April 27, President Trump unveiled the [Opening Up America Again Testing Overview](#) and [Testing Blueprint](#) designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).
    - To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.
    - The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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