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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 8, 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 on 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 **May 7**, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$583 million in funding to 1,385 HRSA-funded health centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to expand COVID-19 testing.
  - This funding will be used to expand the range of testing and testing-related activities to best address the needs of local communities, including the purchase of personal protective equipment; training for staff, outreach, procurement and administration of tests and the expansion of walk-up or drive-up testing capabilities.
  - The funding builds upon the \$1.42 billion funding previously awarded to health centers to address COVID-19, which brings the total to nearly \$2 billion.
- As of **May 7**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 86.9 million N95 respirators, 123.8 million surgical masks, 8.5 million face shields, 20 million surgical gowns, 971 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - [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 7**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.7 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 7**, the FDA has issued 63 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- 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](#).
  - The President's Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation's testing needs.
- 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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