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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.

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 8**, President Trump announced he would be extending the National Guard Title 32 through June 24 to respond to COVID-19. To date, the President has approved 48 National Guard requests for federal support for the use of National Guard personnel in a Title 32 duty status.
 - Through this order, the federal government will fund 100 percent of the cost for T-32 National Guard orders through June 24.
- On **May 9**, [HHS announced the allocation plan for the drug remdesivir](#).
- This plan uses a Gilead Sciences, Inc. donation of the drug to the United States.
- Gilead Sciences, Inc. will supply approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks.

- On May 7, HHS began delivering cases of the drug to Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan and New Jersey.
 - Earlier in the week of May 4, an initial allocation was sent to Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia.
- State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals within their states.
 - State and local health departments have the greatest insight into community-level needs in the COVID-19 response, to include appropriate distribution of a treatment in limited supply.
- This week, FEMA and HHS efforts to fight COVID-19 focused on expanding testing, as well as getting health care facilities the equipment and drugs they need to care for patients.
 - On May 8, the FDA [authorized](#) the first diagnostic test with the option of using home-collected saliva samples for COVID-19 testing.
 - 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.
 - HHS [deployed 50 portable kidney dialysis machines and supplies](#) to New York City and Long Island Intensive care units to provide surge capacity for facilities caring for patients with COVID-19, which has caused acute kidney injury and required dialysis in some instances.
- As of **May 8**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 87.2 million N95 respirators, 124.8 million surgical masks, 8.6 million face shields, 20.5 million surgical gowns, 974.2 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 8**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.4 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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