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Please see the advisory below 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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# 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 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 **April 30**, [President Trump announced](#) additional efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of America's seniors during the coronavirus pandemic.
  - [FEMA is coordinating two shipments](#) totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes in America. The first shipments are expected to begin next week. 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](#).
  - 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.

- As of **May 1**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 6.4 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.
  - To date, the FDA has issued 50 individual [emergency use authorizations](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.
- 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.
  - Each state, territory and tribe will develop its own distribution strategy to align with its testing plan and unique needs.
- On **May 1**, HHS [announced](#) \$40 million of available funding for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19 related information to minority, rural, and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic.
- As of **May 1**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 78.5 million N95 respirators, 111.8 million surgical masks, 7.3 million face shields, 17 million surgical gowns, 903 million gloves, 10,653 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

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