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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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