Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s 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 18, HHS announced $11 billion in funding to states, territories and tribes to support testing for COVID-19. This funding is part of the Administration’s efforts to ensure that states, territories, and tribes have the resources necessary to meet their testing goals as they begin to reopen.
  - The CDC will provide $10.2 billion to states, territories, and local jurisdictions through CDC’s existing Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases cooperative agreement.
  - The Indian Health Service will provide $750 million to IHS, tribal, and urban Indian Health programs to expand testing capacity and testing-related activities.
  - This funding from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act will provide critical support to develop, purchase, administer, process and analyze COVID-19 tests, conduct surveillance, trace contacts and related activities.

- As of May 18, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 82.7 million N95 respirators, 133.7 million surgical masks, 11.6 million face shields, 24.4 million surgical gowns, and 989.4 million gloves.

- FEMA has procured and delivered 5.2 million swabs and 3 million units of media so far in the month of May. In support of the White House Task Force’s testing initiative, FEMA is supporting the procurement of specimen collection supplies to supplement the supplies states and healthcare providers are procuring from the private market.

- As of May 18, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 10.8 million samples.
  - As of May 18, the FDA has issued 103 individual emergency use authorizations (EAU) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.
- On May 15, President Trump announced Operation Warp Speed. The goal of this national program is to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.
  - Operation Warp Speed is a public-private partnership between components of HHS, the Department of Defense, private firms and other federal agencies.
  - The program aims to have substantial quantities of a safe and effective vaccine available for Americans by January 2021.

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