

Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today's Daily Briefing Points and the Regional Supplemental 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. The Regional Supplemental highlights the updated numbers by states and regions.

Topline messaging includes:

- On **May 19**, [President Trump announced](#) efforts to support the nation's farmers, ranchers and food supply chain.
 - The [USDA announced](#) details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by COVID-19.
 - Additionally, the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.
- This week, the CDC published a document summarizing [CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again](#). This document lays out approaches that state, local, territory and tribal authorities as well as businesses, and other institutions can use to assess when to move from one phase to another.
- On **May 19**, [HHS announced](#) a partnership with a team of private industry partners, led by Phlow Corporation, to expand pharmaceutical manufacturing in the United States for use in producing medicines needed during the COVID-19 response and future public health emergencies.
 - The team will provide immediate, U.S.-based capacity to produce the active pharmaceutical ingredients and the chemical compounds for those ingredients to make critical medicines to help alleviate or prevent drug shortages during the pandemic.
- As of **May 19**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 83.8 million N95 respirators, 133.7 million surgical masks, 12 million face shields, 25.2 million surgical gowns, and 989.4 million gloves.



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- FEMA has procured and delivered 67.3 million swabs and 3.9 million units of media so far in the month of May. In support of the White House Task Force's testing initiative, FEMA is procuring specimen collection supplies to supplement the supplies states and healthcare providers are procuring from the private market.
- As of **May 19**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 11.2 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.

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