

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 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 16**, President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country's economy in several phases, depending on location.
 - Vice President Pence spoke with the Nation's governors on **April 24**, reinforcing the partnership between the federal and state governments and the continued progress to expand and implement testing to be able to reopen safely and responsibly under the phased approach.
 - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources.
- On **April 25**, FEMA announced that more than \$5.1 million dollars in crisis counseling service grants have been made available to five states.
 - The grants, made to Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Washington, will support programs providing free, confidential counseling to assist individuals through community-based outreach and educational services.
 - Due to the COVID-19 nationwide emergency and the need to protect the safety and health of all Americans, the crisis counseling will be delivered by phone, internet and the media (including social media).
- As of **April 25**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 70.7 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.7 million surgical gowns, 793.8 million gloves, 10,603 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
- The U.S. has now processed 5.1 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.
 - States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.



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- HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the [International Reagent Resource \(IRR\)](#) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.

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