

# Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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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:

- As of **May 13**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 9.3 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.
  - As of **May 12**, the FDA has issued 93 individual [emergency use authorizations \(EAU\)](#) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.
- On **May 13**, [President Trump and the CDC released guidance](#) for colleges and universities on how to develop, implement and maintain a plan to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty and staff.
  - Institutes of higher education, working together with local health departments, have an important role in slowing the spread of diseases and protecting vulnerable students, staff and faculty to help ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.
- On **May 13**, HHS, through [the Health Resources and Services Administration awarded \\$15 million in CARES Act funding to 159 organizations across five health workforce programs to increase telehealth capabilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)
  - Through increased telehealth capabilities from this funding, organizations will be able to maintain primary care services when clinics and medical facilities are not available, especially for COVID-19 positive, quarantined, elderly and other vulnerable populations.
- 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](#).
  - On **May 11**, [President Trump announced](#) additional efforts to ensure that every state, territory and tribe has the resources they need to meet their testing goals for opening up America again.
  - To support the Administration's [Testing Blueprint](#), FEMA is working to source and procure testing material – specifically, testing swabs and transport media.



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- 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.
- As of **May 13**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 91.9 million N95 respirators, 129.7 million surgical masks, 9.3 million face shields, 21.4 million surgical gowns, and 994.5 million gloves.

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