From: Records Request
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:19 PM
To: records@americanoversight.org
Subject: PRR-2020-01735 BCC TRUMP RENT EMAILS

Mr. Evers/American Oversight,

Attached are the emails in response to your request. I didn't anticipate there being any emails from the Commissioners regarding the Trump International Golf Course since both the Department of Airports and Division of Property and Real Estate Management oversee the lease for that property.

There are no fees for these files. This completes PRR-2020-01735.

Sincerely,

Nicole B.Ferris
Palm Beach County Public Affairs
Media & Public Information
561-355-6681 nferris@pbcgov.org

From: recordsrequest@pbcgov.org <recordsrequest@pbcgov.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:35 PM
To: records@americanoversight.org
Cc: Records Request <recordsrequest@pbcgov.org>
Subject: Request Received: PRR-2020-01735

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Palm Beach County Public Record Request System

Requestor Name:

Austin Evers

Description:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (1) any of the Palm Beach County officials listed below, and (2) anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov. Palm Beach County Officials: a. District 7 Commissioner Mack Bernard b. District 4 Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth c. District 3 Commissioner Dave Kerner d. Commission Administrative Aide David Bernhardt e. Commission Administrative Aide Danna Ackerman-White f. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam g. Senior Administrative Assistant Lucia Bonavita h. Administrative Assistant Anna-Marie Suhar i. Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, to the date the search is conducted.

Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

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From: Nicole Ferris <NFerris@pbcgov.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:22 PM EDT
To: Ray Walter <jrwalter@pbia.org>; Laura Beebe <lmbeebe@pbia.org>; Shakira S. Kolb <skolb@pbia.org>; Steve Schlamp <schlamp@pbia.org>
CC: ISS-PublicRecordsRequests <ISS-PublicRecordsRequests@pbcgov.org>
Subject: American Oversight Email Requests
Attachment(s): "FL-PALMBEACH-20-1055.pdf","FL-PALMBEACH-20-1058.pdf"

Hi Everyone,
Attached and summarized below are two email requests received today from American Oversight related to the Trump International Golf course.
Forwarding to ISS to perform the searches. I assume there won't be much to provide for 2020-01735.

PRR-2020-01735

Requestor Name:
Austin Evers

Description:
All email communications between PBC staff named below and anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov.

a. District 7 Commissioner Mack Bernard
b. District 4 Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth
c. District 3 Commissioner Dave Kerner
d. Commission Administrative Aide David Bernhardt
e. Commission Administrative Aide Danna Ackerman-White
f. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam
g. Senior Administrative Assistant Lucia Bonavita
h. Administrative Assistant Anna-Marie Suhar
i. Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker from January 30, 2020 – April 27, 2020

PRR-2020-01736

Requestor Name:
Austin Evers

Description:
All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (1) any of the Department of Airport officials listed below, and (2) anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov.

a. Director of Properties Ray Walter
b. Airports Director Laura Beebe
c. Airport Business Affairs Technician Debra Reese
d. Assistant Properties Manager Shakira Kolb
e. Assistant Properties Manager Steven Schlamp

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Thank you,

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April 27, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Nicole Ferris
Public Affairs Department
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
nferris@pbcgov.org

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to Florida's public records laws, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that Palm Beach County promptly produce the following:

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> Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of $100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

American Oversight insists that Palm Beach County use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; your office may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and Palm Beach County can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.[1]

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We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with Palm Beach County on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Katherine Anthony at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 897-3918.

Sincerely,



Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

(last visited Apr. 21, 2020); American Oversight (@weareoversight), TWITTER, https://twitter.com/weareoversight (last visited Apr. 21, 2020).

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April 27, 2020

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Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

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From: Levin, Tyler S. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: Air Force One Arrival Friday, February 14
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:26:01 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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This email serves as confirmation of your attendance to view President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at the Palm Beach International Airport on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Please have a valid unexpired Government-Issued Photo ID with you. Names and IDs will be checked against the Invite List for entry to the Airport Arrival Event. Only those people on the Invite List will be allowed to attend.

LOCATION:
Palm Beach International Airport
Atlantic Aviation
3800 Southern Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

PARKING INFORMATION:
Please park in the Atlantic Aviation parking lot. Overflow parking will be on Perimeter Road at the direction of local law enforcement personnel.

GUEST ARRIVAL INFORMATION:
Please plan to arrive at Atlantic Aviation at 4:00 pm to go through security screening. You must arrive by 5:00 pm to be admitted. Once through screening, guests will be escorted onto the airport ramp where Air Force One will land. The expected landing time is approximately 6:35 pm. Please note that for security reasons, late arrivals may not be allowed access. Restroom use is extremely limited, so please plan accordingly. On the tarmac, there will be no restrooms available, unless an emergency occurs.

SECURITY INFORMATION:
A valid unexpired government-issued ID is required for entry (not required for minors). In order to expedite security screening, please limit items you bring with you to only items you while need and please do not bring large purses or any other large bags. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, knives of any size, aerosol spray, e-cigarette devices, selfie sticks, large bags or backpacks, outside food or beverages (specifically packaged goods), umbrellas, liquids, and any other items deemed prohibited by U.S. Secret Service. No signs will be allowed into the event and please do not bring items to be autographed. Cell phones and cameras are allowed but no tripods or detachable lenses.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE:
Business or Casual Attire is fine but please remember you are viewing the arrival of the President of the United States.

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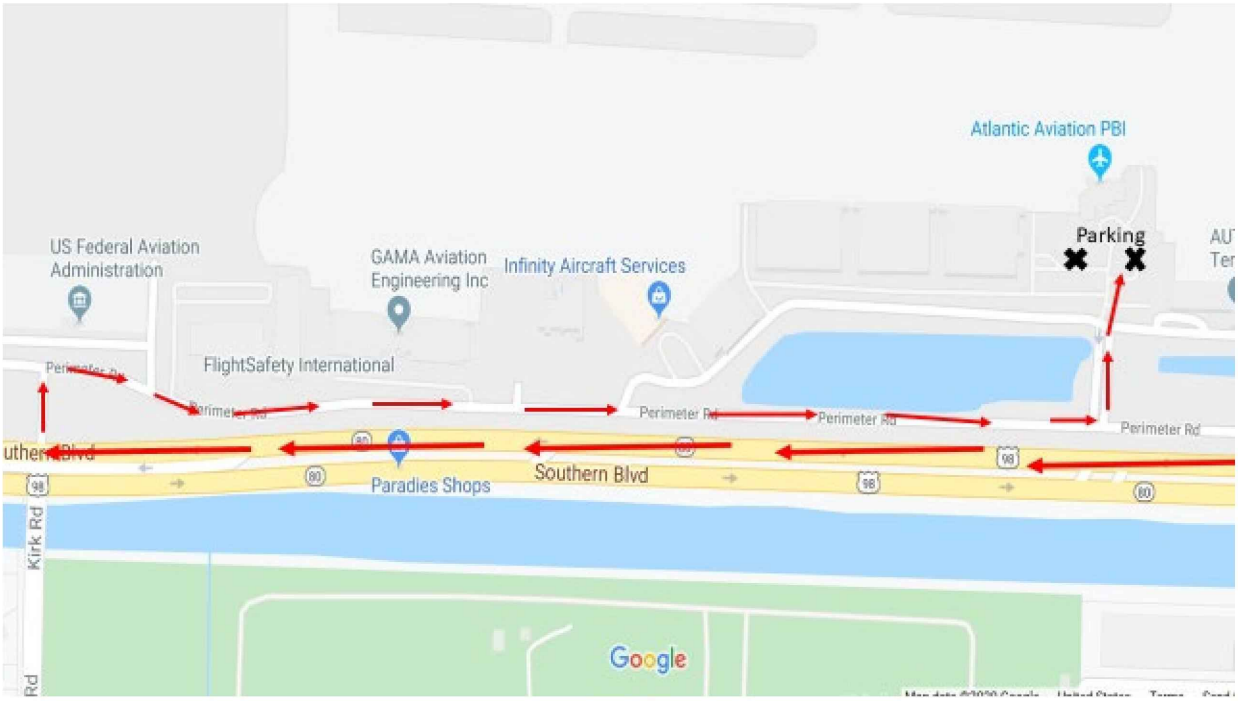
DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Once the President departs, you will be escorted off the ramp. You will proceed through the gate and exit to the parking lot.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:
Rain showers are expected, so please dress accordingly (rain jackets and ponchos are recommended). Be aware that umbrellas are prohibited and will not be allowed through security screening. Once escorted onto the tarmac, everyone must stay in the pen until the President departs, unless there is lightning or extreme circumstances exist.

Please follow all of the above so that you have an excellent experience and we look forward to a great welcome for the President to Palm Beach.



Thank you,

Tyler Levin
The White House

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From:	Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To:	Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject:	Air Force One Arrival March 6, 2020
Date:	Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:50:11 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

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Greetings,

This email serves as confirmation of your attendance to view President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at the Palm Beach International Airport on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Please have a valid unexpired Government-Issued Photo ID with you. Names and IDs will be checked against the Invite List for entry to the Airport Arrival Event. Only those people on the Invite List will be allowed to attend.

LOCATION:
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Atlantic Aviation
3800 Southern Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Once the President departs, you will be escorted off the ramp. You will proceed through the gate and exit to the parking lot.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:
The forecast calls for 71 degrees cloudy weather with 11 mph winds. Please dress accordingly and keep updated on any forecast changes. Be aware that umbrellas are prohibited and will not be allowed through security screening. Once escorted onto the tarmac, everyone must stay in the pen until the President departs, unless there is lightning or extreme circumstances exist.

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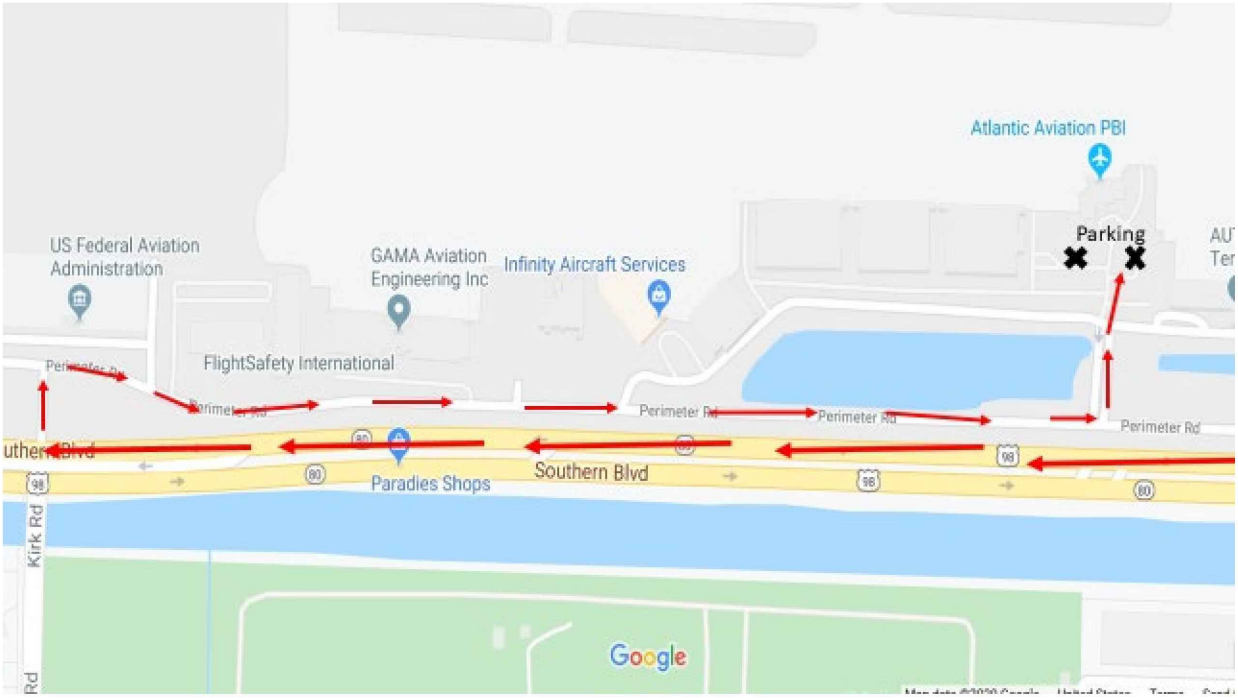

Thank you,

Sam Webb
Office of Presidential Advance

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From: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: Arrival Event Today CANCELLED
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 7:38:47 AM

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Greetings,

You are receiving this email because you are a confirmed guest attending President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at Palm Beach International Airport on Friday March 6, 2020.

Due to a change in President Donald J. Trump's schedule, we will no longer be able to accommodate guest viewing at the airport today.

Please disregard the previous email with instructions for attending the event today.

We appreciate your efforts to be a part of President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival to West Palm Beach.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sam Webb
Presidential Office of Advance

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 30 Days to Slow the Spread
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:57:47 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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State and Local Elected Officials –

We applaud State, local, and tribal leaders for implementing community mitigation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). To keep the momentum going, today – Tuesday, March 31 – President Donald J. Trump announced the extension of the ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America*** for an additional 30 days through Friday, April 30th. The recommendations are simple to follow and will continue to have a resounding impact on public health.

30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov] (Español [whitehouse.gov])

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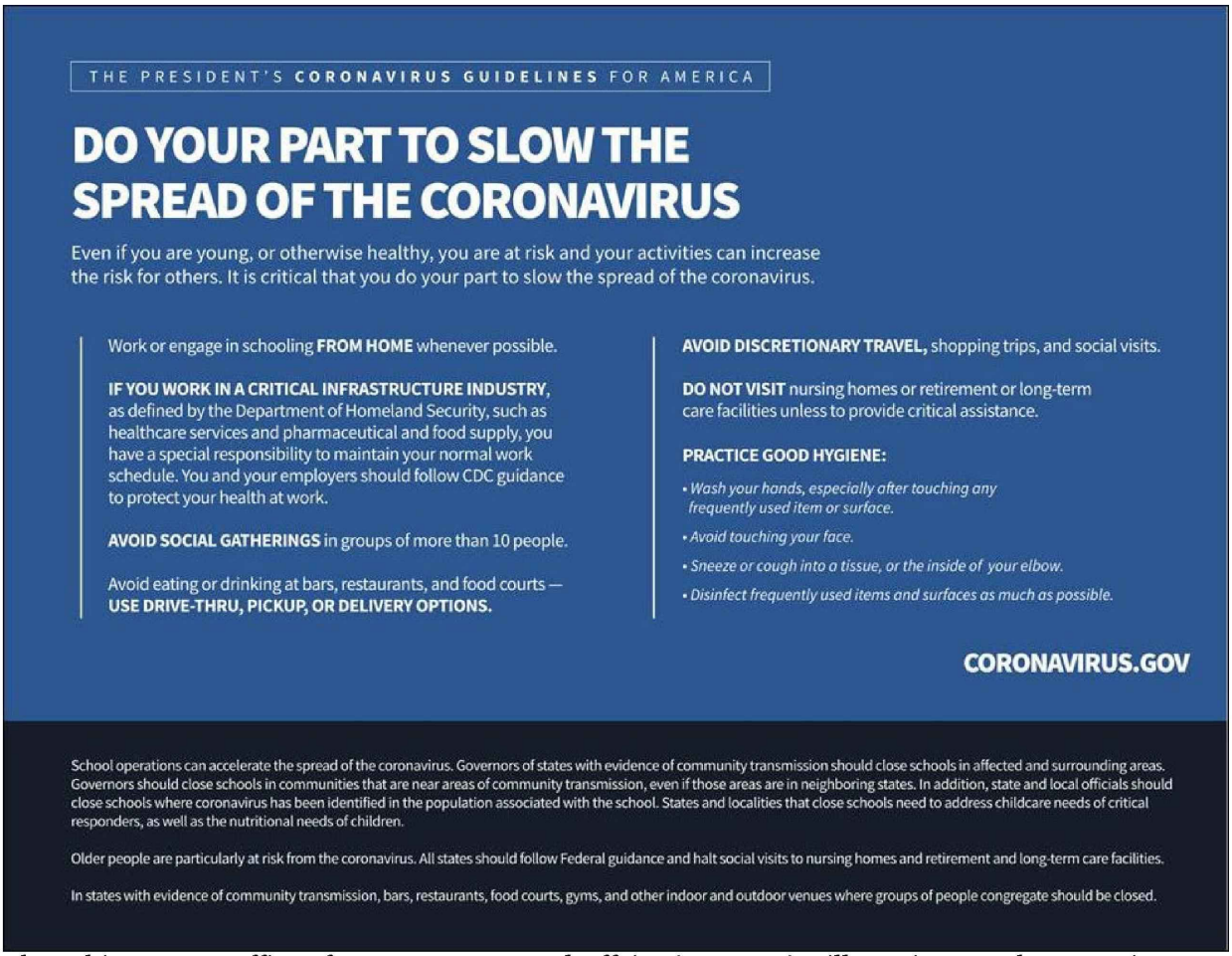
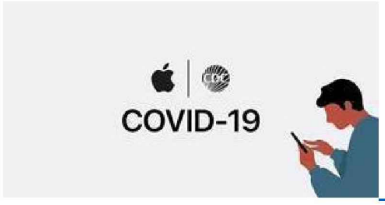


The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



[apple.com]

Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

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- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going in #StoppingTheSpread and #BendingtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – **30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**)– through Thursday, April 30 (an additional 30 days). Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issues revised guidance on March 28th *(See* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

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- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Releases Updated Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for States and Localities
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:36:36 PM
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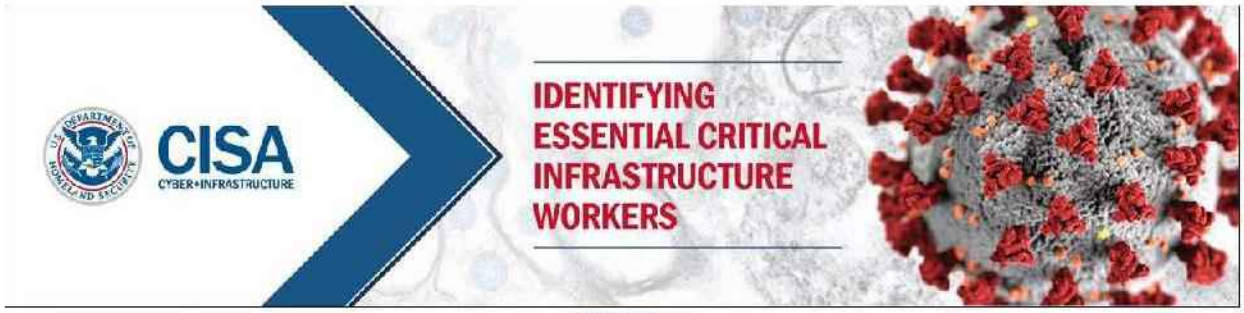
THE WHITE HOUSE

State and Local Elected Officials –

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The guidance and accompanying list [cisa.gov] are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors [cisa.gov] and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. ***State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance.***



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Background: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security's authorities to secure critical infrastructure. Consistent with these authorities, on March 16, CISA, in collaboration with other federal agencies, State and local governments, and the private sector, issued **updated critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The guidance and accompanying list identify workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing operational functions, among others. It also includes workers who support crucial supply chains and enable functions for critical infrastructure. The industries they support represent, but are not limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works. Decisions informed by this list should also take into consideration additional public health considerations based on the specific COVID-19-related concerns of particular jurisdictions.

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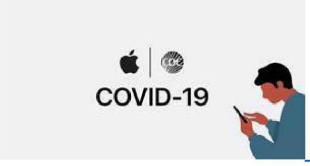

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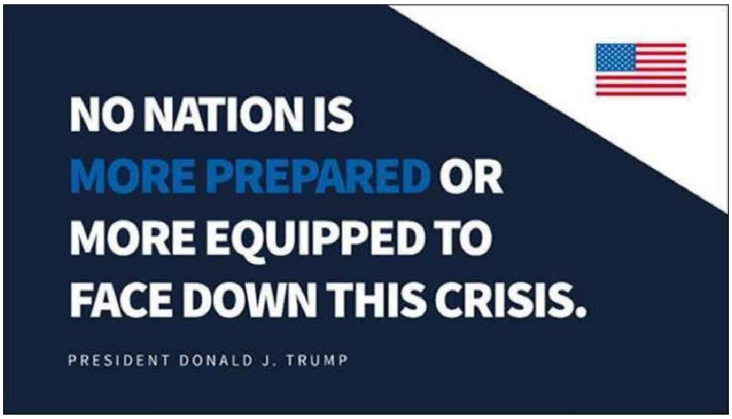
Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State and Local Officials



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- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides

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24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of the Interior (**DOI [doi.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:18:41 PM

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
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Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:00:57 AM

I'm 1 of 7 - lobby the board and collaborate with public and private courses to develop a list of best practices to reduce the risk of spreading the virus from player to player. ~ rsw

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> www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200418/coronavirus-florida-golfers-driving-charge-to-re-open-fairways-beaches [palmbeachpost.com]
>
> I appreciate your positive comments in this article... I think we are on the same team.
> I want to work with you and get us all to a better place. If there is a way I can help you, please let me know.
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> > On Apr 18, 2020, at 5:06 PM, Rod Trump <rodtrump@gmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > Mr. Weinroth,
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> > I appreciate the courtesy of your reply and am glad you see the light. Unfortunately it's not enough. We need leadership. Your counterparts on the commission are missing it, especially the Mayor. His tone yesterday was very negative and he gave no one hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel.
> >
> > The below comes to me from a private club in New York. They OPENED today - in New York! How can we, in the warm, healthy sunshine of Palm Beach be forced to be closed when New York, the very epicenter of the crisis, has permitted clubs to open?
> >
> > Governor Desantis yesterday emphasized the importance of getting outside in a safe, responsible way. Sooner rather than later isn't good enough. It's already been long enough. We need to remove the restrictions now!
> >
> > Respectfully yours,

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Rod Trump



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Dear Tuxedo Club Members,

I am happy to report on behalf of the Board of Governors that the Golf Course will be re-opened to **Member Only** use beginning today, Saturday, April 18th. Governor Cuomo updated his Executive Order 202.6 yesterday as follows:

> *However, golf courses are not essential and cannot have employees working on-premise; notwithstanding this restriction, essential services, such as grounds keeping to avoid hazardous conditions and security, provided by employees, contractors, or vendors are permitted and private operators may permit individuals access to the property so long as there are no gatherings of any kind and appropriate social distancing of six feet between individuals is strictly abided.*
>
> Governor Cuomo's full Executive Order may be found here.

We have received confirmation from the Metropolitan Golf Association that they are also in support of private clubs re-opening with restrictions in place.

What does this mean for the Tuxedo Club? Golf will be allowed with the following guidelines:

- The playing of golf would be allowed for Regular members only, no guests including House members.
- We have removed all chairs, tables and items that could be used to socially gather from anywhere near Golf Course grounds.
- The playing of golf would be walking only, carrying your own bag. No caddies, no push carts, no electric or gas carts allowed.
- The playing of golf is limited to foursomes only at maximum.
- Members playing golf must abide by the Social Distance and non-contact guidelines established in the Order.

We are optimistic that with these restrictions in place, members can once again

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enjoy a leisurely, and for some of us frustrating, walk on your golf course. Cups have been changed and pins are back in. A failure to follow the newly established rules could result in a loss of playing privileges. We ask for everyone's cooperation in an effort to maintain access to our course.

I do want to let everyone know that the grounds crew, while very small at this time, is continuing important maintenance practices. Green aeration with solid tines (no cores pulled) will begin on Monday. The greens will be sanded, rolled and watered in and most major work will be done by Tuesday. Please also remember that the course is and will continue to be closed to all play on Mondays.

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From: Rod Trump
To: BCC-All Commissioners
Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:44:51 PM

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From: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To: David Bernhardt
Subject: FW: Air Force One Arrival Friday, January 31st
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:52:32 AM
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From: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Edward.W.Cowling@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Edward.W.Cowling@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Air Force One Arrival Friday, January 31st

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This email serves as confirmation of your attendance to view President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at the Palm Beach International Airport on Friday, January 31, 2020.

Please have a valid unexpired Government-Issued Photo ID with you. Names and IDs will be checked against the Invite List for entry to the Airport Arrival Event. Only those people on the Invite List will be allowed to attend.

LOCATION:
Palm Beach International Airport
Atlantic Aviation
3800 Southern Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

PARKING INFORMATION:
Please park in the Atlantic Aviation parking lot. Overflow parking will be on Perimeter Road at the direction of local law enforcement personnel.

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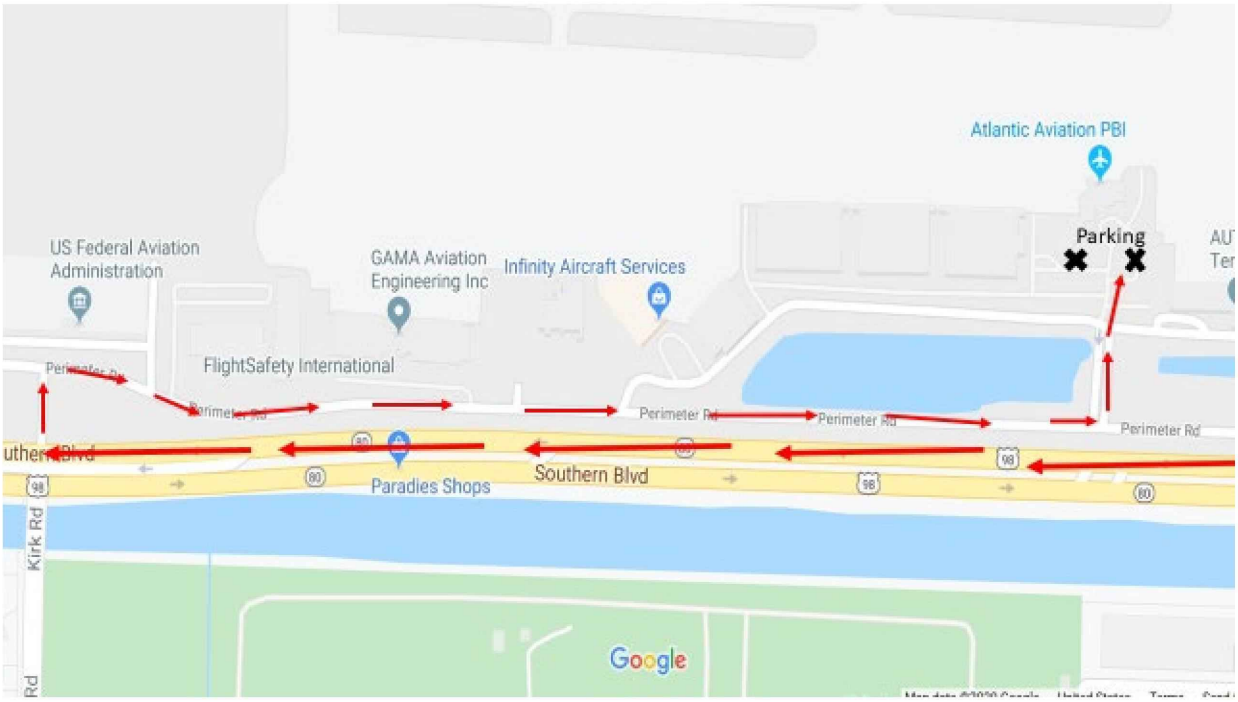
GUEST ARRIVAL INFORMATION:
Please plan to arrive at Atlantic Aviation at 4:30 pm to go through security screening. You must arrive by 5:15 pm to be admitted. Once through screening, guests will be escorted onto the airport ramp where Air Force One will land. The expected landing time is approximately 6:20 pm. Please note that for security reasons, late arrivals may not be allowed access. There will be a restroom available in the Atlantic Aviation building. Once on the ramp, there will be no restrooms available.

SECURITY INFORMATION:
A valid unexpired government-issued ID is required for entry (not required for minors). In order to expedite security screening, please limit items you bring with you to only items you while need and please do not bring large purses or any other large bags. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, knives of any size, aerosol spray, e-cigarette devices, selfie sticks, large bags or backpacks, outside food or beverages (specifically packaged goods), umbrellas, liquids, and any other items deemed prohibited by U.S. Secret Service. No signs will be allowed into the event and please do not bring items to be autographed. Cell phones and cameras are allowed but no tripods or detachable lenses.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE:
Business or Casual Attire is fine but please remember you are viewing the arrival of the President of the United States.

DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Once the President departs, you will be escorted off the ramp. You will proceed through the gate and exit to the parking lot.

Please follow all of the above so that you have an excellent experience and we look forward to a great welcome for the President to Palm Beach.



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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Follow-Up: COVID-19 Briefing Call with State & Local Elected Officials
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:33:16 PM
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State & Local Leaders –

Thank you to those that were able to join the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Vice President Mike Pence and Senior Administration Officials on Wednesday, March 18. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 and recognize the important role you play in keeping Americans safe and healthy. As an immediate follow-up to the call, we hope that you will share CDC's mitigation guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** – publicly through social media, newsletters, and other channels. We also want to highlight a few key actions on items discussed on the call. ***As a reminder, response and recovery is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported***. Please continue to work with your local emergency management offices up through your State Emergency Management Agencies (**here [fema.gov]**), all of which are in close coordination with FEMA and HHS.

Expanding Testing Accessibility

- The FDA issued emergency approval for new commercial coronavirus tests to significantly expand testing across the country.
- The President signed legislation that will ensure Americans are able to be tested for free (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).
- Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service – has been appointed to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.
- The Administration is actively working with state and local partners and the private sector to open up drive-through testing sites.
- The Administration is working with the private sector to develop a website that Americans can utilize to determine whether they need a test and, if so, where to get it.
- HHS is providing funding to help accelerate the development of rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.
- The FDA cut red tape to expand testing availability. Today, Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced the approval of existing drugs to test a COVID-19 treatment. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The FDA is empowering states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states. Every state laboratory is empowered to conduct testing.

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- The President signed legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.

Strengthening Essential Medical Supplies

- The President issued an Executive Order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The President signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).
- HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile (more **here [hhs.gov]**).
- The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.
- The President signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.

Informing the Public

- The Administration launched a website – coronavirus.gov – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.
- The President launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.
- The President announced guidelines (outlined below) for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.
- The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information. Press conferences can be viewed **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The Task Force has recommended mitigation strategies (outlined below) to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.
- CMS announced guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes (outlined below).

Below, please find additional information that highlights significant recent Administrative actions and provides key guidance by agency. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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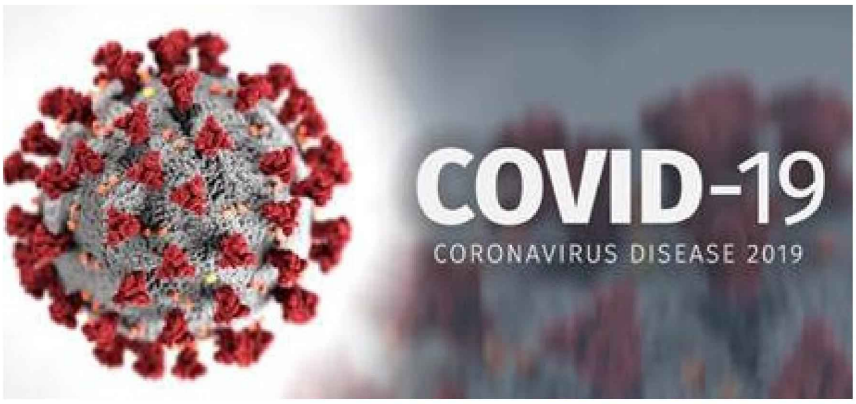

Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that the threat of serious illness to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**). You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Community Guidance
    - The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
    - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - What is Social Distancing (**video [youtube.com]**)
- Informational Videos
    - President Donald J. Trump: Strong & United, We Will Prevail (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - First Lady Melania Trump: A Message from First Lady Melania Trump (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Urgent Need – Health Americans Should Continue Donating Blood (**here [youtube.com]**)

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- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can Millennials Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
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- U.S. Surgeon General: Message to Young People (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: How Can Millennials Fight the Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: What Should Schools Do About (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Where Can the Coronavirus Live? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Who Needs to be Tested for Coronavirus? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Protect the People Around You (**here [youtube.com]**)

What You Need To Know (https://www.coronavirus.gov/ [coronavirus.gov])

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**) – State Department: International Travel (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- Avoid Scams (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Local Preparedness & Response Tips

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  - CDC Mitigation Guidance – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**
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- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Inventorying resources and proactively coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing and implementing local preparedness plans and strategies.

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Agency Resources and Contact Information

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- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)
- Federal Trade Commission (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here [fda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (**here [sba.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**here [dni.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Response to COVID-19 is locally executed, stated managed, and federally supported. Local elected officials should collaborate with and work through their local emergency management office up through the State Emergency Management Agency, which works in collaboration with FEMA and HHS. Should particular issues arise outside of these appropriate channels, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found **here** [whitehouse.gov]. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

FEMA Releases Guidance On Public Assistance for States, Local Governments, and Eligible Non-Profits
The Administration continues to place its full weight and resources behind the response to COVID-19. FEMA currently has over $500 million in available balances in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) Base to support all 56 States and Territories for COVID-19 response efforts, including for direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs. On March 17th, the Administration submitted a request to Congressional Appropriators for additional fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding in the amount of $45.8 billion and the necessary authorities to address ongoing preparedness and response efforts. Included in this request is $2 billion in the Disaster Relief Fund Base Account to ensure there are resources available to support continued disaster operations. State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. States, Tribal and Territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration. The emergency declaration will reimburse for eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies. More **here [fema.gov]**.

Department of Homeland Security Releases Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. Thursday, March 19, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency released guidance on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.

President Trump Announces Approval of Existing Drugs to Test Treatments for Coronavirus
Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced that the FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients. The drugs will be used in a clinical trial. "We have to remove every barrier or a lot of barriers that were

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unnecessary and they've done that to get the rapid deployment of safe, effective treatments and we think we have some good answers," the President said. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [fda.gov]**. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Trump Signs Legislative Package Providing Extensive Assistance to Americans Impacted by the Coronavirus

Wednesday, March 18, President Trump signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need (more **here** [whitehouse.gov]). The President and Administration worked tirelessly with Congress to secure the legislative package, which includes the following:

- Provides free coronavirus diagnostic testing for the American people, regardless of their economic circumstances or health coverage;
- Establishes tax credits to provide paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related employment interruptions;
- Incentivizes States to ease access to unemployment benefits, assisting Americans who may be unemployed due to the impact of the virus;
- Provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

President Trump Issues Executive Order Invoking the Defense Production Act

Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (**President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]**). On Friday, March 13, President Trump **declared [whitehouse.gov]** a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") (***Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act [whitehouse.gov]***). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance

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available to individuals.. ***Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance.*** You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov** [coronavirus.gov] **and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html [cdc.gov]**
- Guidance
    - CMS released two **telehealth toolkits** today to help practitioners understand the broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Under this new waiver, Medicare can pay for office, hospital, and other visits furnished via telehealth across the country and including in patient's places of residence starting March 6, 2020. A range of providers, such as doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers, will be able to offer telehealth to their patients. The toolkit for General Practitioners can be found **here [cms.gov]** and for ESRD providers **here [cms.gov]**.
    - CDC released interim guidance to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19. The guidance can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
    - FDA issued a new policy that allows for expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely. The devices include those that measure body temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure. The guidance can be found **here [fda.gov]**.
    - CMS released recommendations to delay non-essential procedures in an effort to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), beds, and ventilators for facilities as well as to free up health care workers to treat patients with COVID-19. The recommendations provide a framework for hospitals and clinicians to implement immediately to determine and identify non-essential and elective procedures. The recommendations and guidelines can be found **here [cms.gov]**
    - CDC released PPE guidance that will provide guidance in PPE shortages, particularly for long-term care facilities, dialysis, and home health providers. The strategies include information specific to eye protection, isolation gowns, facemasks, and N95 respirators. The information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**
    - CDC's Prepare to Care for COVID-19 is a resource with practical tools clinicians can use to care for patients with COVID-19, and will be regularly updated to help clinicians adapt as the outbreak unfolds. More information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- The President's emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state

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and local communities' ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.

- *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies*: The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. To date, two states, Florida and Washington, have **received approval [medicaid.gov]** for their waivers. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit **here** [medicaid.gov].
- *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities*: CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit **here** [cms.gov].
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance*: CMS released updated FAQs that address issues raised by states over the prior few days. The document includes answers to questions related to the flexibilities CMS is affording to states in managed care, benefits, financing, 1115 demonstrations, and leveraging "1135" waivers offered as part of the President's declaration of a national emergency. States may submit questions to CMS through their state leads. The FAQs can be found **here [medicaid.gov]**.
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance*: As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found **here** [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found **here** [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].
- *Expanded Telehealth Coverage* (3/17): The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More **here** [cms.gov].

- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced** [hhs.gov] the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here** [hhs.gov].
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here** [cdc.gov]. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019** [emergency.cdc.gov], as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories** [cdc.gov] to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about

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Commissioned Corps activities **here** [protect2.fireeye.com].

- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available **statewide** to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at **SBA.gov/Disaster**.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see **a letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- On Friday, March 20, the Department of Education announced the suspension of federal student loan payments and waiving interest during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. More **here [ed.gov]**.
- The Department has provided additional information for families and communities

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including:

- Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;" (more **here**)
- Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more **here**)
- A **fact sheet** from the Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short **webinar** on Online Education and Website Accessibility;
- Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more **here**);
- Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities Provided to Coronavirus Impacted Institutions or Accrediting Agencies (more **here [ed.gov]**).

- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more **here [fmcsa.dot.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace

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settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.

- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement **guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.
- The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) issued a **National Interest Exemption Memorandum [dol.gov]** to further facilitate response efforts for COVID-19. OFCCP will grant a limited, three-month exemption and waiver from some requirements of the laws administered by the agency.
- The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has developed frequently asked questions documents highlighting application of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Family and Medical Leave Act during a public health emergency. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, Secretary Carson, in consultation with the Coronavirus Task Force, **announced [hud.gov]** the suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortages for 60 days. The guidance applies to homewoekrs with FHA-insured Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion (reverse) mortgages, and directs mortgage servicers to:
    - Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and
    - Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking

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any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found **here [files.hudexchange.info]**.

- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
    - USDA and President Trump have been in communication with Food and Grocery Stakeholders and Executives to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
    - USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
    - Businesses or groups interested in helping should email: **feedingkids@usda.gov**.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis.
- The food supply chain remains strong. Critical services, including Food Safety Inspections Services (FSIS), Animal Plan Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), continue to serve the American people. More **here [usda.gov]**.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus. These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.

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- Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. You can find the closest VA facility **here [va.gov]**. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting. Veterans can sign into **My HealtheVet [myhealth.va.gov]** to send a secure message to VA or use **telehealth options [telehealth.va.gov]** to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.
- The VA has setup a website for veterans here: **https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/ [publichealth.va.gov]**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.
    - On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.*
    - In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a **Notice of Arrival Restrictions** [dhs.gov] requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More **here [dhs.gov]**.
- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with DHS Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

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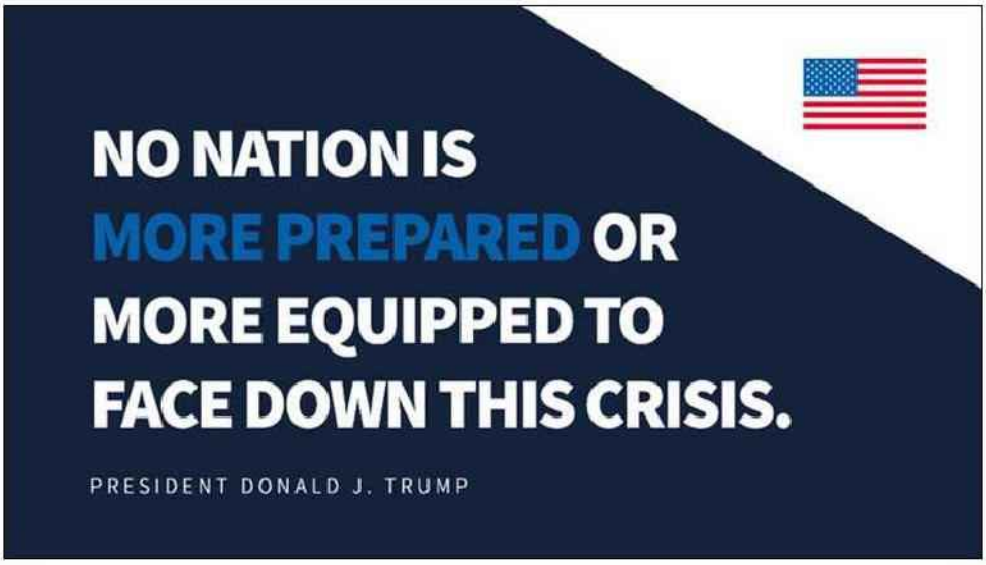
State and Local Elected Officials –

Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Jerome Adams (*Surgeon General of the United States*), Peter Navarro (*Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Justice (DOJ), and Department of State (DOS). Below, please find important resources related to COVID-19, as well as a readout from the call. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 and recognize the important role you play in keeping Americans safe and healthy.



Important Resources

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: The White House Coronavirus Task Force

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White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call Readout
March 25, 2020



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Topline

- Visit **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]** for all up-to-date information and guidance from the Federal government. Review and follow CDC's social distancing guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread** [whitehouse.gov] (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**).
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    - All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories and four tribes are working directly with FEMA under the nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19. States, tribal and territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration.
    - President Trump has approved major disaster declarations for California, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, and Texas to

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assist with additional needs identified in these states.

- Federal officials and the U.S. Public Health Service are working closely with state, local and private sector partners to bolster testing capabilities and supplies. The Federal government is working to make testing more easily accessible to high risk populations: healthcare facility workers, and first responders. There are currently 91 sites open in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. The United States has now done over 300,000 tests in state and local public health and commercial laboratories averaging 50,000 to 70,000 tests per day (more **here [thehill.com]**).
- Federal agencies are working to meet demands for personal protective equipment (PPE) through new acquisition, DOD allocation and the Strategic National Stockpile. The Administration is also working closely with the private sector to increase capacity.
    - Over 9 million N95 respirators, 14 million surgical masks, 3.1 million face shields, 2.6 million surgical gowns, 14.6 million gloves, and almost 6,000 ventilators have been delivered to the areas of greatest needs.
    - On March 22, the FDA issued **guidance [fda.gov]** that will help expand the availability of ventilators and accessories, as well as other respiratory devices, during the COVID-19 pandemic. This guidance will help increase availability by providing the maximum regulatory flexibility. The new guidance will also assist health care personnel on how to use other ventilators like CPAP devices for sleep apnea, with COVID-19 patients in respiratory distress, as well as on shelf life of existing ventilators.
- People are encouraged to donate blood. Many blood drives have been cancelled, impacting the supply. Blood donation centers have the highest standards of safety and infection control. To find where you can donate blood, visit **redcross.org**.

White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy

- The President, Task Force, and Administration have and continue to engage with and marshal the resources of the private sector in this all-of-America approach to addressing COVID-19. I would also like to flag this recent op-ed from Peter Navarro (Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy) regarding the Administration's coordination with the private sector: **Coronavirus – How businesses are stepping up, collaborating with Trump administration [foxnews.com]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this. The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- Find federal tax guidance for Distilled Spirits permittees and Industrial Alcohol user permittees from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau **here [ttb.gov]**.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now leads Federal operations on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, which oversees the whole-of-government response to the pandemic. Private sector partners that are interested in supporting this effort can find more, including contact information, on FEMA's website **here [fema.gov]** Also see pertinent points of contact below.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Sunday, March 22, President Trump signed an Executive Order providing the authority to address, if necessary, hoarding that threatens the supply of necessary health and medical resources. The Department of Justice will work with the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce anti-hoarding provisions of the order in cases where

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hoarding may be impeding the supply of health and medical resources needed to combat the spread of coronavirus. Additionally, DOJ is prioritizing the detection, investigation, and prosecution of fraudulent activity and price gouging related to medical resources needed to respond to the coronavirus.
    - DOJ announced its first action in federal court to combat fraud related to the coronavirus pandemic. The enforcement action was filed on March 22 in Austin, TX against operators of a fraudulent website. More **here [justice.gov]**, including recommended precautionary measures for Americans to protect themselves from known and emerging scams related to COVID-19.
- On March 16, the Attorney General issued a **memo** directing U.S. Attorneys to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of coronavirus-related fraud schemes. In a follow-up memorandum issued on March 19, Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen further directed each U.S. Attorney to appoint a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator to serve as the legal counsel for the federal judicial district on matters relating to the coronavirus, direct the prosecution of coronavirus-related crimes, and to conduct outreach and awareness. Read more **here [justice.gov]**.
- The public is encouraged to report suspected fraud schemed related to coronavirus by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) hotline (866-720-5721) or by emailing the NCDF at **disaster@leo.gov**.
- For more information, visit **www.justice.gov/coronavirus [justice.gov]**.

Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- HUD published a list of **resources [hud.gov]** for communities on homelessness.
    - FEMA and other federal agencies are working with officials from several states to support requests for non-congregate sheltering for at-risk homeless population as an emergency protective measure to address the public health emergency and prevent further spread.
- HUD issued a **moratorium [hud.gov]** on foreclosures and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortgages for the next 60 days.
- HUD published a community development block grant (CDBG) **quick guide [hudexchange.info]** to provide grantees with information on implementing CDBG funds in a coordinated effort with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response.
    - On a case-by-case basis, HUD is providing 60-day extensions for the submission of materials necessary for financial certification, and the Department is prepared to provide an additional 30 days if necessary. Upon request, similar extensions are also available for the submission of Action Plans for CDBG-DR
    - HUD is expediting processing of all consolidated plan and annual action plan submissions.
    - In the event of a Major Disaster Declaration for a State, or if Congress allows HUD to do so in the legislation currently under consideration, HUD will provide relief from the public hearings requirement. Further, HUD has already provided guidance regarding allowing virtual hearings rather than in-person, which can be found on the HUD website.
    - HUD is suspending enforcement action for the regular CDBG program for those who miss expenditure and commitment deadline for the duration of the crisis, in favor of technical assistance to help expend funds
- For HUD's Home Investment Partnerships Program:
    - Waiving the requirement that state and local HOME grantees conduct periodic on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental projects.
    - Congress has suspended the 24-month commitment deadline through 2022 and

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HUD has eliminated the 5-year expenditure requirement from HOME regulations

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued **guidance [cisa.gov]** and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, the CISA guidance is intended to help prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.
- On March 21, President Trump announced agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. "Non-essential" travel includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature. The measures were implemented on March 21 and will be in place for 30 days, at which point they will be reviewed. More information and a fact sheet can be found **here [dhs.gov]**.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus. In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which ban the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, on March 17, the Department of Homeland Security issued **updated guidance [dhs.gov]** requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
- Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Read more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. These flexibilities are available during this emergency time period. Flexibility may be reassessed upon issuance of new guidance by the Office of Management and Budget post the emergency time period. Read more **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- For additional information, please visit SAMHSA's coronavirus website here: **https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus [samhsa.gov]**

Department of State (DOS)

- The State Department advises U.S. citizens to **avoid all international travel**

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[travel.state.gov] at this time due to the global impact of COVID-19. Many areas throughout the world are now experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and taking action that may limit traveler mobility, including quarantines and border restrictions. Even countries, jurisdictions, or areas where cases have not been reported may restrict travel without notice.

- As of Tuesday, March 24, the State Department has repatriated more than 9,000 Americans from 28 countries.
- U.S. citizens traveling overseas should immediately enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP [step.state.gov]**).
- U.S. Embassies are an important resource for U.S. citizens overseas, including those looking to return to the United States. COVID-19 county specific information can be found **here [travel.state.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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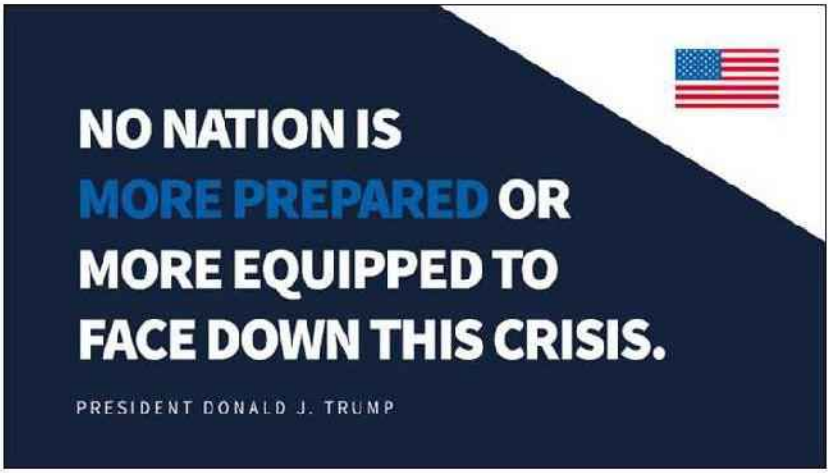

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

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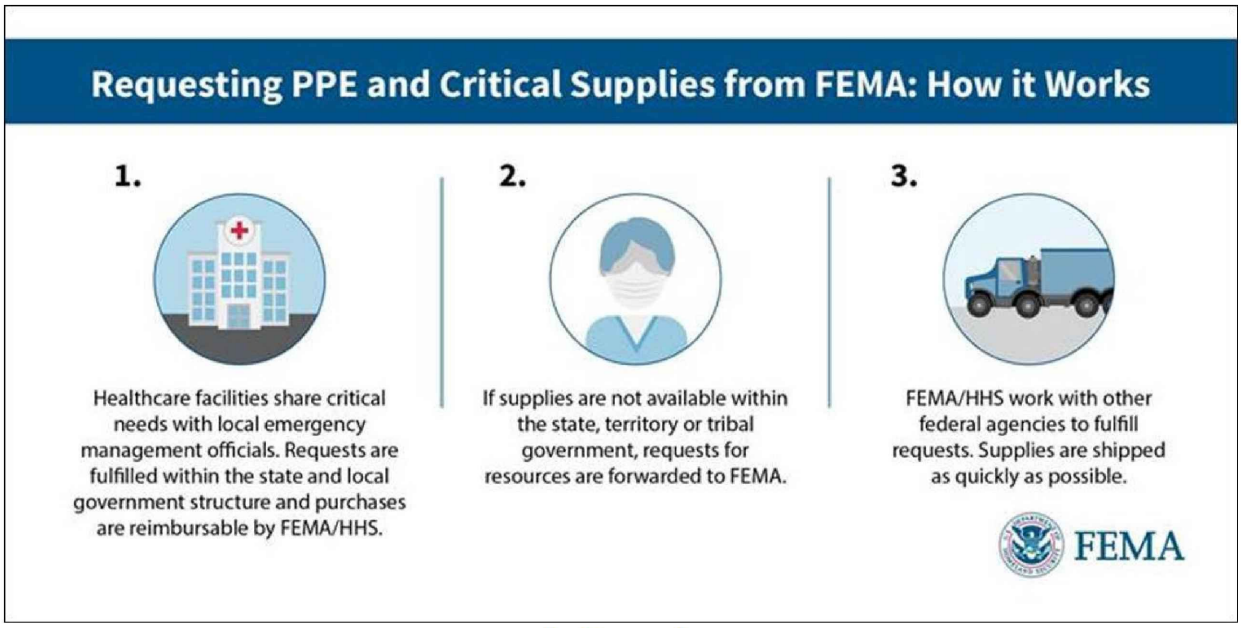

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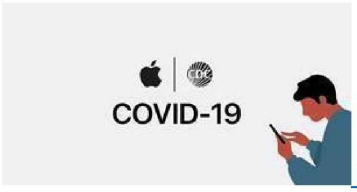

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Topline - What You Need To Know

- Reponses and recovery are *locally executed, state managed, and federally supported* (**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**). Solutions are coming from all levels of government to this shared challenge. To quote Ambassador Deborah Birx, "As we started and — we will end with it's communities that will do this. There's no magic bullet. There's no magic vaccine or therapy. It's just behaviors. Each of our behaviors translating into something that changes the course of this viral pandemic over the next 30 days."
- On March 27, President Trump signed the CARES Act into law. The CARES Act allocates over $2 trillion to COVID-19 response efforts.
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories and eighteen tribes are working directly with FEMA under the **nationwide emergency declaration [whitehouse.gov]** for COVID-19. In addition, President Trump has approved 3 major disaster declarations for State COVID-19 response. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**. It is important that mayors and county commissioners work closely with their local emergency management officials who in turn work closely with state emergency management officials to follow long-established emergency management protocol to track and work key priorities.
- FEMA and DOD have released guidance for States and territories seeking approval from the President on National Guard Title 32 Status. Pursuant to this approval, the Federal government will fund 100% of the cost share during approved timeframe. The Administration will continue to work with States approved for 100% cost share to assess whether an extension of this level of support is needed. To date, 14 States have received approval (**March 22 [whitehouse.gov]**, **March 28 [whitehouse.gov]**, **March 30 [whitehouse.gov]**) More information **here [fema.gov]**.
- As of March 31, at least 1.2 million tests have been completed around the country with an average of 100,000 samples per day (and climbing). As of today, FDA has approved 20 different emergency testing options. For additional information on testing, the Food & Drug Administration has setup a testing **website [fda.gov]**. The website offers frequently asked questions relating to the development and performance of diagnostic tests for COVID-19, including information on what commercial laboratories are offering testing, utilizing alternative swab supplies/methods (flexibilities in the types of swabs your healthcare professionals can use), diversification on the types of reagents that can be used, etc.
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Trump Administration [foxnews.com]; Washington Examiner – ***Team USA: 50 Companies Join Trump's War on Coronavirus [washingtonexaminer.com]***).

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an unprecedented array of temporary regulatory waivers and new rules to equip the American healthcare system with maximum flexibility to respond to COVID-19. Made possible by President Trump's recent emergency declaration and emergency rule making, these temporary changes will apply immediately across the entire U.S. healthcare system for the duration of the emergency declaration. More information **here [cms.gov]**.
- On Sunday, March 29, Vice President Mike Pence wrote a **letter [whitehouse.gov]** to America's hospital administrators thanking them for their tireless efforts to provide healthcare to Americans during this unprecedented pandemic and outlined the Administration request that hospitals provide information on daily testing, daily counts of patients, availability of hospital beds, and availability mechanical ventilators.

COVID-19 Update and Overview - Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases)*

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- States, Tribes, and localities must continue to do their part to implement the guidelines and proper mitigation efforts.
- Over the next two weeks, we need to be prepared for things to get worse before they get better. There are early indications that mitigation efforts are making a difference, so now is the right time to double-down and not let up to keep bending the curve down.
- Models are based on assumptions. We can "anticipate" but "do not need to accept" the forecasting of these models. Everyone needs to do their part and intensively adhere to the guidelines.
- We must continue to take proper precautions even after the number of new cases begins to stabilize and the curve begins to move in the right direction.
- "We are an extraordinary nation…[and response] will require the American people to pull together."

Economic Update and Overview - Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy & Director, National Economic Council)*

- The first priority of the President and Administration is the health and safety of the American people. The economy returning back to normal depends on how quickly the country can flatten the curve.
- Key components of fiscal relief are unemployment insurance, unpaid leave support, and small business payroll retention.
- The CARES Act provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time (*See* **White House Fact Sheet [whitehouse.gov]**; *See* Op-Ed from Ivanka Trump – ***Emergency Relief Bill Will Help America's Small Businesses [kansascity.com]***). The $2.2 trillion economic relief package includes:
    - $1,200 tax free payments (treated as refundable tax credits) to Americans;
    - $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments;
    - $340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
    - $500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19;
    - $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19;
    - $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- "When we get to the other side, the economy will resume its upward course."

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CARES Act Implementation - State, Local, and Tribal Government Assistance

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury has setup a **website [home.treasury.gov]** with up-to-date guidance on CARES Act implementation.
- States, territories, eligible units of local government, and Tribal governments will receive funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury expects that the $150 billion provided to the Fund will be distributed no later than April 24.
- Distributions will generally be based on population, with a floor of $1.25 billion for the 50 states. Population data will be drawn from the latest vintage of the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.
- Treasury is developing a website portal for units of local government to apply for direct funding equal to 45% of its pro rata share of the state's allocation. Guidance will be provided regarding what jurisdictions are eligible.
- Funds distributed are an advance against eligible COVID-19 expenditures above budgeted amounts. Guidance on eligible expenditures is expected to be provided in the coming weeks; Treasury understands that recipients of funds need this guidance before disbursements are made.
- Treasury sees no prohibition on states providing funds to sub-grantees, but the use of funds by sub-grantees must meet statutory use provisions
- Treasury is partnering with the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior in conducting Tribal Consultations. The first Consultation will be held on Thursday, April 2.
- Treasury welcomes the partnership with state and local leaders in the implementation of this fund.

Individual, Small Business and Unemployment Assistance Update

- The Internal Revenue Service has setup a **website [irs.gov]** with up-to-date guidance to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus.
- Distribution of economic impact payments to individuals will begin in the next three weeks and will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. Social security recipients, who are not typically required to file a tax return, **will automatically [home.treasury.gov]** receive economic impact payments. For guidance, see **Economic Impact Payments: What You Need To Know [irs.gov]**).
- The Small Business Administration is offering low interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations all U.S. States and territories. Learn more **here [sba.gov]**.
- The CARES Act's *Paycheck Protection Program* authorizes up to $349 billion for small businesses to be applies towards job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible non-profit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.
    - For a top-line overview of the program: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
    - If you are a lender: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
    - If you are a borrower: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
    - For the application for borrowers: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
- March 28, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published more guidance to provide information to employees and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) when it goes into effect on April 1, 2020. More information **here [dol.gov]**.
- The Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020 authorizes the U.S. Department of Labor to disburse $1 billion in grant funding to states for the administration of unemployment insurance programs. The funding is available to states in two allocations. 23 states have applied for the first round of funding, and DOL is working with the Department of Treasury to certify the funds.
    - Each state administers a separate unemployment insurance program, but all states follow the same guidelines established by federal law. For more information regarding rules in your state, contact with your state's **unemployment insurance program** [careeronestop.org].
    - The FFCRA also authorized emergency paid sick leave and an expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act. On April 1, 2020, DOL issued a **temporary rule [dol.gov]** codifying in

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regulation previously issued guidance [dol.gov] regarding the implementation of the new leave benefits.

- The CARES Act, in part, creates the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program which provides unemployment compensation benefits for employees traditionally not eligible for these programs (self-employed, independent contractors, and those with limited work history). DOL anticipates additional guidance on the implementation of the CARES Act in the near future.
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidance Update

- Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The list and guidance were initially published on March 16th in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.
- The guidance and accompanying list [cisa.gov] are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors [cisa.gov] and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. Notable additions to the guidance/list from the March 16 release include:
    - Clarification that mining and related critical mineral activity is essential;
    - Clarification that construction activity necessary for infrastructure resilience is essential;
    - Clarification on essential retail activity, particularly as it relates to distribution centers necessary for ecommerce and customer service activity for telecommunications vendors;
    - Clearer recognition of the cross-sector importance of hygiene products and sanitation services;
    - Enhanced detail on enabling functions for critical infrastructure, to include the commodity, services, and logistics supply chains; and
    - The addition of firearm and ammunition manufacturing and distribution as essential
- State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance.

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From:	Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders on April 15. To date, the White House has coordinated 165 briefings that have helped inform over 74,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders. And we look forward to continuing the partnership and robust coordination and outreach with you. Below, please find a recap of the briefing call. We also want to highlight the recently announced ***Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!***

Today, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the ***Guidelines for Opening Up America Again! [whitehouse.gov]*** (***slide deck [whitehouse.gov]***). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window. They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild). Additionally, where appropriate, the guidelines recommend Governors working on a regional basis to satisfy outlined criteria and to progress through the tiered phases. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country. Find a Fact Sheet here: **President Donald J. Trump Is Beginning the Next Phase In Our Fight Against Coronavirus – Guidelines for Opening Up America Again [whitehouse.gov]**.

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th *(see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to

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public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.

- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a resource guide for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders, which can be found here: **COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide [rd.usda.gov]**.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Internal Revenue Service (**IRS [irs.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to

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reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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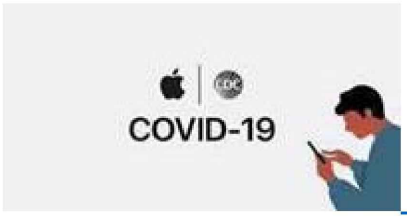

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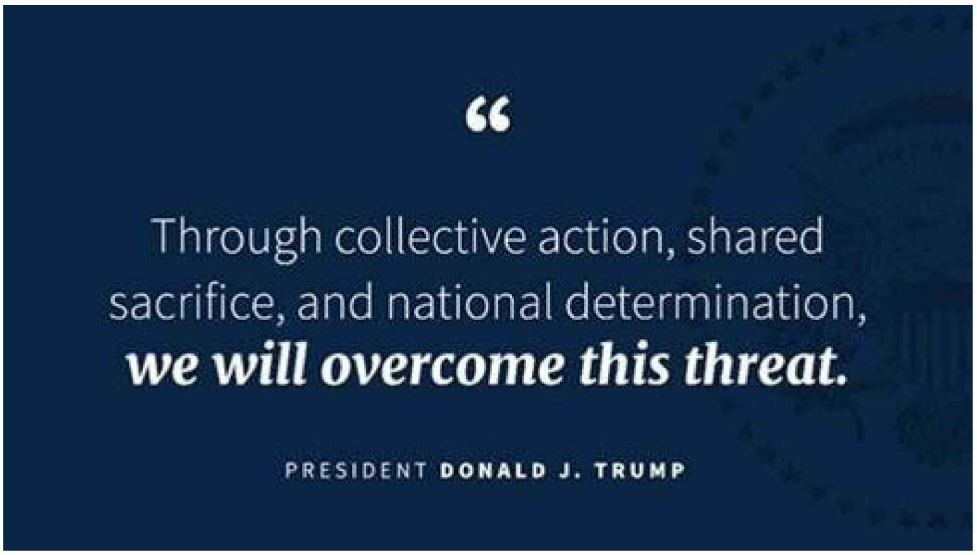

Recovery and Response Update

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- FEMA, HHS, and federal partners work with state, local, tribal and territorial governments to execute a whole-of-America response to COVID-19 pandemic and protect the health and safety of the American people.
- FEMA has all 10 emergency response regions activated. President Trump has approved major disaster declarations for every State in the country. The President has also

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approved 43 Title 32 requests for the National Guard providing 100 percent federal cost-share for States. These actions have opened up unprecedented resources and capabilities for States to respond to COVID-19.

- Wednesday, FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor issued a **letter [fema.gov]** to the nation's emergency managers outlining lessons learned from the first 30 days of FEMA leading the "Whole-of-America" response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- FEMA continues to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (PPE) across the country through **Project Air Bridge [fema.gov]**. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. From March 29 to April 15, Project Air Bridge has completed 52 flights with an additional 50 scheduled. Total supplies delivered to the U.S. and into the private sector supply chains include more than 530,000 N95 masks, 451 million gloves, 25 million surgical masks, 5 million gowns, 74,000 face shields, and 80,000 thermometers. Project Air Bridge deliveries are in addition to the PPE that has been distributed from the Strategic National Stockpile.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- **Topline**: As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 3.5 million COVID-19 tests. In order to strengthen and expand our testing across the U.S., the White House Coronavirus Task Force is coordinating a major interagency initiative to strengthen our national diagnostic infrastructure. This effort includes working with the States, Territories and Tribal communities and test manufacturers to expand our ability to maximize available testing platforms and increase our diagnostic assay inventory.
- **CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR)**
  - The **CDC IRR [internationalreagentresource.org]** is distributing COVID-19 diagnostic tests, reagents and associated supplies to state and county public health laboratories. This has provided states with the flexibility to obtain diagnostic materials, specifically items needed for diagnostic sample collection, extraction and then diagnostic testing, through the IRR first, and while simultaneously retaining the option to procure needed supplies through the commercial marketplace.
  - HHS is working to stand up the CDC IRR for this purpose by ensuring adequate inventory of diagnostic materials to support the needs of state and public health laboratories and working with manufacturers of diagnostic supplies (equipment and reagents) to bolster the supply chain to meet the needs for U.S. testing.
  - Commercial and academic/hospital diagnostic laboratories not registered with the IRR currently can and should procure through their normal mechanisms via the commercial market.
- **Abbott ID NOW Diagnostic Instruments**
  - As part of the federal government's response to COVID-19, HHS provided 6,000 ID NOW instruments and tests for distribution to Public Health Laboratories (PHLs), the Indian Health Service (IHS) and other key partners. In April, PHLs began to receive their instruments and test kits.
  - 250 Abbott ID Now machines and kits for 10,000 tests were provided to the Indian Health Service, for dissemination to Indian Country.
  - PHLs can obtain additional ID NOW COVID-19 test kits through the CDC IRR.
- **Serological Diagnostic Testing**

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- Serological diagnostic testing, or evaluating sera through blood collection or finger sticks for evidence of an immune response to COVID-19 infection, provides an exciting opportunity to broaden the diagnostic testing capacity in the United States.
- As of April 15th, The FDA has issued three EUA's for serological tests for COVID-19 as of April 15. Serological testing will be an important part of testing strategies for COVID-19 moving forward.

Indian Health Service (IHS)

- The Indian Health Service has distributed a total of $734 million from COVID-19 supplemental appropriations. On April 3, IHS began distributing $600 million of CARES Act funding to IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organizations. On March 27, the IHS distributed $134 million in the first round of Coronavirus response funding, this includes the full $64 million provided in the second supplemental appropriation for COVID-19 testing. 95% of the funds allocated to tribal and urban Indian organization health programs have been obligated. More **here [ihs.gov]**.
- The IHS received 250 Abbott ID Now analyzers, and has distributed them through area offices to federal and tribal health care facilities throughout Indian Country. This test allows for medical diagnostic testing at the time and place of patient care, provides COVID-19 results in under 13 minutes and expands the capacity for coronavirus testing for individuals exhibiting symptoms as well as for healthcare professionals and the first responder community. More **here [hhs.gov]**.
- The IHS has **expanded [hhs.gov]** telehealth across the agency. Telehealth services means patients can stay home and reduce their risk of infection and also keep healthcare workers and others in waiting rooms and emergency departments safe from COVID-19.
- Find a recent Public Service Announcement from Rear Admiral and HIS Director Michael Weahkee here – A Message to Indigenous Peoples (**Youtube [youtube.com]** / **Twitter [twitter.com]**); Thanks to HIS (**Youtube [youtube.com]** / **Twitter [twitter.com]**)
- For more, visit the HIS Coronavirus website here: **www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/ [ihs.gov]**

Economy/CARES Act Update

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- **Economic Impact Payments**
  - Economic Impact Payments have gone out to upwards of 80 million Americans. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - On April 15, Treasury and the IRS launched the "**Get My Payment [sa.www4.irs.gov]**" web application. The app allows individuals to track the status of their payment. It also allows taxpayers who filed their tax return in 2018 or 2019, but did not provide their banking information on their return, to submit direct deposit information.
  - Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - Treasury is also investigating ways to effectively get Economic Impact Payment funds into the hands of the unbanked.
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund**

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- The Coronavirus Relief Fund provides $150 billion to States, Localities, and Tribal Governments. $8 billion is dedicated for Tribal Governments.
- On April 13, Treasury released **eligibility guidance [home.treasury.gov]** for CARES Act funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments. Treasury also launched a **distribution web portal [forms.treasury.gov]** for States, Tribes, and **eligible units of local government [home.treasury.gov]**. States, Tribes, and eligible local governments are encouraged to provide payment information and required supporting documentation via Treasury's portal [forms.treasury.gov] not later than April 17, 2020.
- Treasury is developing guidance in advance of funding release regarding reimbursable expenses.

- **Main Street Business Lending Program and Municipal Liquidity Facility**
  - Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
  - The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) launched on Friday, April 3. The PPP program, which provides forgivable loans to small businesses with under 500 employees. As of Wednesday, April 15, more than 1.2 million loans totaling over $268 billion across nearly 4,800 lenders have been approved. In total, the SBA has processed more than 14 years' worth of loans in less than 14 days.
  - In order to ensure that every business is able to take advantage of the PPP, the Administration has requested an increase in PPP commitments to $600 billion—a $250 billion increase – and is waiting Congressional action. Read more here: **Statement by Secretary Mnuchin and Administrator Carranza on the Paycheck Protection program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program [prnewswire.com]**.
  - The Employee Retention Credit is available for businesses not eligible for the PPP. This is a refundable credit of up to $5,000 per employee, who is retained instead of being laid off. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - Updated guidance and frequently asked questions can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**. A new lender application form can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - More information on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
- **SBA Regional Offices**: SBA maintains district, regional, and field offices throughout the country. Individuals with questions about the PPP, disaster loans, and other SBA programs are encouraged to contact one of **these offices [sba.gov]**.

Wraparound Services Update

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):

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- The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component within the Executive Office of the President which works to reduce drug use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy. ONDCP coordinates the federal government's antidrug efforts by developing a comprehensive **National Drug Control Strategy [whitehouse.gov]** which aims to reduce substance use through public health and public safety measures.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19.
- ONDCP released a fact sheet that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas. More **here [files.constantcontact.com]**.
- For additional information, please visit ONDCP's website **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Office of the Administration of Children and Families (OCC)

- The Administration for Children and Families' Office of Child Care (OCC) administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is the largest dedicated federal funding source for child care in the country ($8.7 billion federal funds, $11.7 billion total if counting matching and maintenance of effort funds, and funds transferred from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program). This funding goes out as a block grant to state, territory, and tribal governments, and is allocated by formula.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided $3.5 billion in supplemental CCDF funds to State, Territory, and Tribal governments to help address COVID-19 impacts. The funding was distributed to State, Territory, and Tribal government grantees on April 13, 20. The funds have two main purposes: 1) First, provide child care to emergency/essential workers across the income range, and 2) Second, invest in the retention of child care workers and businesses so they will be there when the health crisis is over. More **here [acf.hhs.gov]**.
- ACF worked closely with CDC to develop specific guidance for child care settings on policies and practices to better address safety and virus spread concerns. The CDC child care supplemental guidance can be accessed **here [cdc.gov]**.
- ACF developed and released a State-by-State **guide [acf.hhs.gov]** to help emergency/essential workers find child care.

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- The Administration for Community Living brings together various components for increasing access to community supports while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided $955 million in supplemental funding to support these populations. Funding will be distributed across various programs, including:
    - $480m to expand home delivered meals
    - $100m to support family caregiver training, education and respite
    - $85m to support independent living and community transitions for people with disabilities
    - $20m to support services for Native Americans
    - $50m to expand information systems to help families and individuals access

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services
    - $200m to expand home and community based services to assist with supply acquisition, transportation, chore service and other needed activities to support living at home.
    - $20m for the Ombudsman program which oversees care quality in nursing homes
- ACL developed **guidance [eldercare.acl.gov]** for older adults and caregivers on COVID-19. ACL also published a list of **frequently asked questions [acl.gov]** to provide guidance to the ACL recipient community.
- ACL maintains the Eldercare Locator, a public service connecting elder Americans to services for older adults and their families. The Eldercare Locator can be accessed **here [eldercare.acl.gov]** and via phone at 1-800-677-1116.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
- The White House and Administration are committed to providing Americans with vital mental health resources and services, especially through expanding telehealth services. Under the President's leadership and at the direction of the White House Task Force, the Trump Administration has taken historic steps to expand Americans' access to telehealth so that patients, particularly our Medicare beneficiaries, can receive a wider range of services without having to travel to a healthcare facility (*read more from Surgeon General Jerome Adams and CMS Administrator Seema Verma – **Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure [orlandosentinel.com]***). States are also examining their own policies to determine if there are undue barriers to maximizing telehealth service delivery for their residents in this time of national emergency. States have broad authority to deliver and reimburse Medicaid covered services through telehealth modalities, and additional federal approval is often not required to do so. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance on telehealth reimbursement and coverage options in the Medicaid program **here [medicaid.gov]**.
- Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Read more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. These flexibilities are available during this emergency time period. Flexibility may be reassessed upon issuance of new guidance by the Office of Management and Budget post the emergency time period. Read more **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- On April 3, SAMHSA announced $110 million in emergency grants to provide treatment for substance use disorders/serious mental illness during the coronavirus pandemic. The grants were available to State governments, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. More details **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- For additional information, please visit SAMHSA's coronavirus website here:

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https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus [samhsa.gov]

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining President Donald J. Trump and Senior Administration Officials for the White House briefing call on the Administration's commitment to empower State, local, and Tribal leaders to effectively respond to COVID-19 and provide updates on CARES Act implementation. As President Trump stated, we are deeply grateful for your partnership and close coordination with the Administration in our campaign to vanquish the virus. While there are signs that our collective strategy to slow the spread is working, we are in a crucial phase, and it is important for State, Local, and Tribal leaders to remain committed to the distancing guidelines. Below, please find a recap of the call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**: On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

- **CDC Provides Interim Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to COVID-19**: On Wednesday, April 8, the CDC released new guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. The guidelines advise that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More **here [cdc.gov]**. Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the DHS CISA website **here [cisa.gov]**.

- **The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide Up To $2.3 Trillion in Financing**: On Thursday, April 9, Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of

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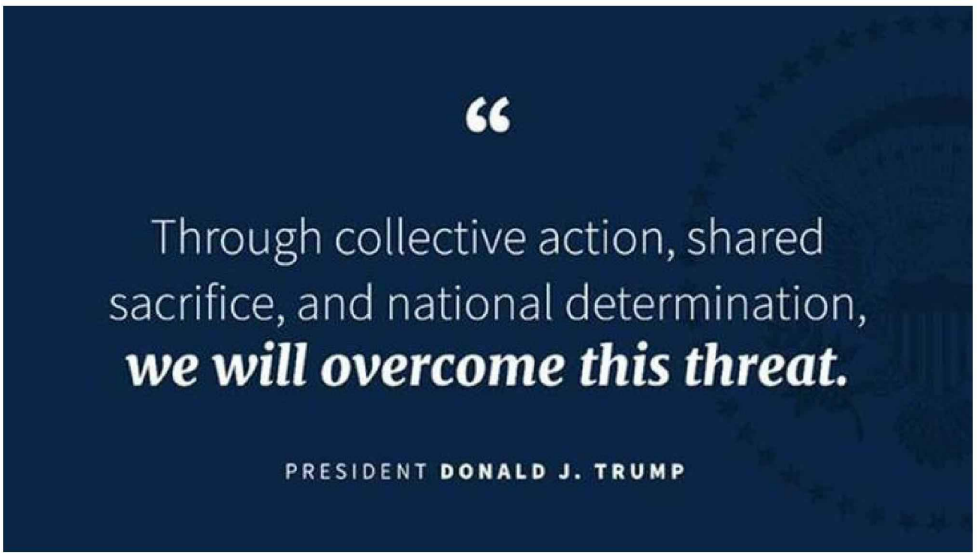
- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether**: On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.



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- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th *(see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
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- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**),

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Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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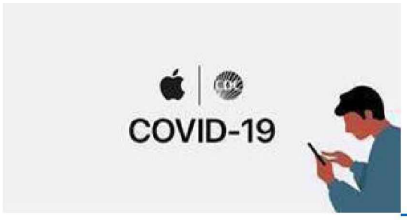

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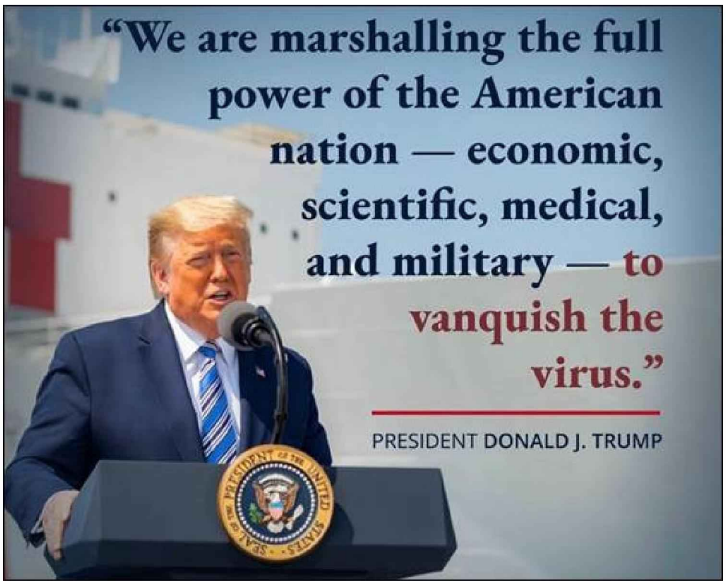

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- The President has approved major disaster declaration requests quickly as the governors have requested – 51 governors have had their requests approved as of last night – meaning that requests from 23 states/territories were approved since the April 1 national update call. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**
- As of Tuesday, April 7, for 37 states that have requested, the President has approved 100% of National Guard deployment costs under Title 32 to assist w/ response & logistics support, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- Through Project Air Bridge, FEMA has continued to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (or PPE) across the country. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. Learn more about Project Air Bridge and FEMA's supply chain efforts **here [fema.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **Topline:** The CARES Act makes vital investments in the key elements of our public health response to the virus, with more than $100 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers and $27 billion in funds for vaccines, therapeutics, and personal protective equipment.
- **Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund**: On Wednesday, April 8, HHS announced new steps on the $100 billion provided by the CARES Act to support healthcare providers directly.
    - HHS will begin the initial distribution of these payments to hospitals and

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healthcare providers across the nation distributed based on how much relative revenue they receive from Medicare.
    - HHS has endeavored to make this process extremely simple and is expecting 500,000 providers will receive funding this week.
    - The next allocation of funds will prioritize those providers that do not typically serve the Medicare population or where Medicare is not a dominant payor, like nursing homes and certain types of hospitals.
- **CDC State and Local Preparedness Grants**: CDC is working to distribute $1.5 billion in state and local preparedness grants, which, combined with the first supplemental, amount to a total of about $2.5 billion provided for state, tribal, territorial, and local needs.
    - HHS distributed $186 million in CDC funds from the first supplemental earlier this week to assist with testing and surveillance activities.
    - There is a set-aside in the CDC's grant program for tribal health needs, and the CARES Act also includes more than $1 billion provided for critical response needs in Indian Country, including supplies, staffing, and increased telehealth capacity. More **here [cdc.gov]**.
- **Mental Health**: Recognizing that mental health is going to be a challenge, the CARES Act provides $250 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, $50 million in new money for suicide prevention, and $100 million in flexible emergency funding for states and tribes to use to address mental health needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has now posted the funding opportunity announcement for that flexible emergency funding. More **here [bphc.hrsa.gov]**.
- **Administration for Children & Families**: HHS's Administration for Children and Families is receiving $6.3 billion in funding under the CARES Act, which it is working to operationalize expeditiously with a focus on supporting Head Start providers and augmenting LIHEAP, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant funds. This funding will help human service providers whether they serve vulnerable youth, families, or older Americans, are under strain. More **here**.
- **Administration for Community Living**: The Administration for Community Living also received $955 million to support aging and disability services programs, like getting meals to seniors. HHS has already disbursed some new money from the earlier economic relief legislation. More **here [acl.gov]**.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
    - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) launched on Friday, April 3rd. The PPP program provides forgivable loans to small businesses with under 500 employees. As of Thursday, April 9, more than 454,000 loans totaling $118 billion across 3,500 lenders have been distributed.
    - In order to ensure that every business is able to take advantage of the PPP, the Administration has requested to Congress an increase in PPP commitments to $600 billion—a $250 billion increase.
    - The Employee Retention Credit is available for businesses not eligible for the PPP. This is a refundable credit of up to $5,000 per employee, who is retained instead of being laid off. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
    - Updated guidance and frequently asked questions can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**. A new lender application form can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

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    - More information on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
- **Economic Impact Payments**
    - Treasury expect that the electronic payment of $2,400 per married couple, plus $500 per child, will begin to be made around April 15. Treasury has banking information for some 60 million taxpayer, who will be a part of the first tranche of payments.
    - Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
    - Treasury is establishing a portal for those who are not a part of the first tranche to provide their banking information and ensure that they receive their payment promptly. Treasury is also investigating ways to effectively get Economic Impact Payment funds into the hands of the unbanked.
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund**
    - State, eligible units of local government, and Tribal governments will receive funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury expects that the $150 billion provided to the Fund will be distributed no later than April 24.
    - Treasury is developing a website portal for eligible governments to provide information necessary to be able to deposit the advance payments. The portal is expected to be online as early as Saturday, April 11.
    - Treasury is developing guidance in advance of funding release regarding reimbursable expenses.
- **Main Street Business Lending Program and Municipal Liquidity Facility**
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

- **Topline**: The CARES Act provides $9.5 billion provided for relief to farmers and ranchers. The Act enables support of agricultural producers who experience market losses due to COVID-19. USDA is actively monitoring all food and agriculture commodity markets and the supply chain of food from farm to table during the COVID 19 outbreak. USDA will provide more information regarding program delivery later this Spring. More information about USDA resources in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

    - On Thursday, April 9, USDA announced the first state, Michigan, has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act. The is a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals

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that would have otherwise been consumed at school. More **here** [usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Development**

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. USDA extended the open application window through April 15th and will use the CARES Act funding to augment grant awards to qualified applicants. More information about the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program can be found here **https://www.usda.gov/reconnect** [usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $1 billion provided for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program USDA will administer the increase in program level concurrent with the traditional program, a Notice of Funding Availability announcing the increased program level will issue in April/May. More information about the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees** [rd.usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $25 million provided for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. USDA announced a new award window for FY2020 will open from April 14th through July 13th. More information about the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Relief**

    - The CARES Act provides foreclosure and eviction relief provided for rural renters and homeowners. Effective March 19th, the Rural Housing Service is providing 60-day relief from eviction and foreclosure to all USDA multi-family housing tenants and single-family home mortgage borrowers. More information about USDA Rural Development's actions in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Nutrition**

    - The CARES Act provides $15.5 billion in contingency funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service intends to use all available flexibilities to service program participants, including exercising newly authorized waivers ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service distributes food and administrative funds to Indian Tribal Organizations

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and state agencies to support nutritional needs of Native American families.

- The CARES Act provides $8.8 billion provided for the Child Nutrition Program. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program.

- The CARES Act provides $450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The Food and Nutrition Service's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food and administrative funds to food banks to support the nutrition of vulnerable populations. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program. More information about Food and Nutrition Service actions to respond to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19 [fns.usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor

- **Topline**: On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The legislation, in part, created three new programs designed to provide unemployment benefits to American workers: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

    - These programs are administered by each state workforce agency or equivalent. Depending on the state technology infrastructure and other factors, states may vary in the implementation and timing of first benefit payments to eligible individuals. Benefits are retroactive to dates as specified in guidance from the Department. This and future guidance is and will be available at **https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/ [wdr.doleta.gov]**.

- The following is a brief summary of each newly established program pursuant to the CARES Act:

    - **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation:** The FPUC program allows states to provide an additional $600 per week in benefits to individuals collecting regular Unemployment Compensation or certain other benefits. The CARES Act specifies that FPUC benefit payments will end after payments for the last week of unemployment before July 31, 2020.

    - **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:** States are permitted to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. To qualify for PUA benefits, you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits and be

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unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of certain health or economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:** The program covers most individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under state or federal law and who are able to work, available for work, and actively seeking work as defined by state law. Importantly, the CARES Act gives states flexibility in determining whether you are "actively seeking work" if you are unable to search for work because of COVID-19, including because of illness, quarantine, or movement restrictions.

- For more information on unemployment compensation, and links to your State Unemployment Insurance Office, please click **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Education

- **Elementary and Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $13.2 billion in K-12 formula grants to States (Economic Stabilization Fund). This grant is distributed to states based on their share of ESEA Title I-A funds. State education agencies will then distribute at least 90% of funds to school districts and public charter schools based on their share of Title I-A funds.

  - Under the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education has **streamlined the waiver application process** [ed.gov] for states to gain flexibilities to allow schools to repurpose existing K-12 education funds for technology infrastructure and teacher training on distance learning, among other flexibilities to move resources to areas of highest need during the national emergency.

  - This action follows the Department's **announcement** [ed.gov] of a turnkey waiver process allowing states to cancel federally-mandated standardized testing. The Department has approved waivers for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- **Post-Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $12.2 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund to help institutions of higher education weather the costs associated with COVID-19. Funds will be available through September 30, 2021. More **here [ed.gov]**.

  - The Department has also provided **additional flexibilities and**

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regulatory relief [ed.gov] for institutions of higher education, their students, and others effective through June 30, 2020, including waiving requirements relating to academic terms, approved leaves of absence, distance education, and student aid verification. Additional flexibilities provided under the CARES Act will expire on September 30, 2020.

- The Department also announced that any aid provided to students in the form of Emergency Grants to Students under the CARES Act will not be included in future determinations of a student's eligibility for Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, institutions do not need to make adjustments to a student's current financial aid award, even if these emergency grants result in an over-award.

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.

U.S. Department of Commerce

- The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** will distribute $300 million in fisheries assistance to states, Tribes, and territories in coordination with Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions.
    - These funds will support commercial fishing, charter fishing, dealers, processors, aquaculture, and Tribal as well as subsistence sectors that have been directly or indirectly negatively impacted by covid-19.
    - NOAA Fisheries is collecting information from fishermen, seafood farmers, and other seafood processing/distribution companies, as well as from the recreational fishing sector, on disruptions to supply and demand resulting from COVID-19.
    - NOAA is assessing immediate and long term needs to secure and enhance the resilience of the US seafood and fisheries industries.
    - For more on CARES and other NOAA COVID-19 related activities, visit **here [fisheries.noaa.gov]**.
- The **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** received $1.5 billion to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
    - EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance.
    - EDA grants will support a wide range of economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation.

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    - The majority of the funding will be distributed out of EDA's six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications through a competitive process.
    - For more information on EDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [eda.gov]**.

- The **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)** will utilize $10 million to educate, train, and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19.
    - These grants are available to minority business centers and minority chambers of commerce.
    - For more information on MBDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [mbda.gov]**.
- The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has released a series of FAQs for patent and trademark filers regarding USPTO's previously announced extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the CARES Act. More **here [uspto.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Topline**: The CARES Act includes over $12 billion in new funding for HUD programs to provide additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
- **Primary Allocations**
    - **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**: The CARES Act provides $5 billion to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. More **here [hud.gov]**.
    - **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**: The CARES Act provides $4 billion to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. More on homelessness assistance programs **here [hudexchange.info]**.
    - **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**: The CARES Act provides $1.25 billion for additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary action during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19, in addition to administrative expenses and other expenses for

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Section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers. More information here (**COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies [hud.gov]**).

- **Public Housing Operating Fund:** $685 million for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19; funds are to be combined with FY20 funds and awarded using the Operating Fund formula and may be used for both capital and operating expenses.

- **Native American Programs**: $200 million for activities and assistance under title I of NAHASDA and under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, including Native American Housing Block Grants, to be distributed using the FY20 formula. More **here [hud.gov]**.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPSA)**: The CARES Act provides $65 million for additional HOPWA funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services and other necessary actions. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- The CARES Act also includes the following general provisions that affect HUD and HUD programs:

  - Rescinds and appropriates funds for a youth homelessness demonstration under the "Homeless Assistance Grants" demonstration in the FY18 appropriations act;

  - Allows for temporary hiring flexibility for HUD to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19;

  - Provides a foreclosure moratorium for borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19;

  - Provides the opportunity for multifamily borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardship to request a forbearance; and

  - Enables a temporary moratorium on eviction filings.

U.S. Department of Justice

- The CARES Act provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to COVID-19. Specifically, the Act includes $850 million for the **Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Bryne-JAG)**. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and

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crisis intervention teams. More **here [bja.ojp.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining President Donald J. Trump and Senior Administration Officials for the White House briefing call on the Administration's commitment to empower State, local, and Tribal leaders to effectively respond to COVID-19 and provide updates on CARES Act implementation. As President Trump stated, we are deeply grateful for your partnership and close coordination with the Administration in our campaign to vanquish the virus. While there are signs that our collective strategy to slow the spread is working, we are in a crucial phase, and it is important for State, Local, and Tribal leaders to remain committed to the distancing guidelines. Below, please find a recap of the call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**: On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

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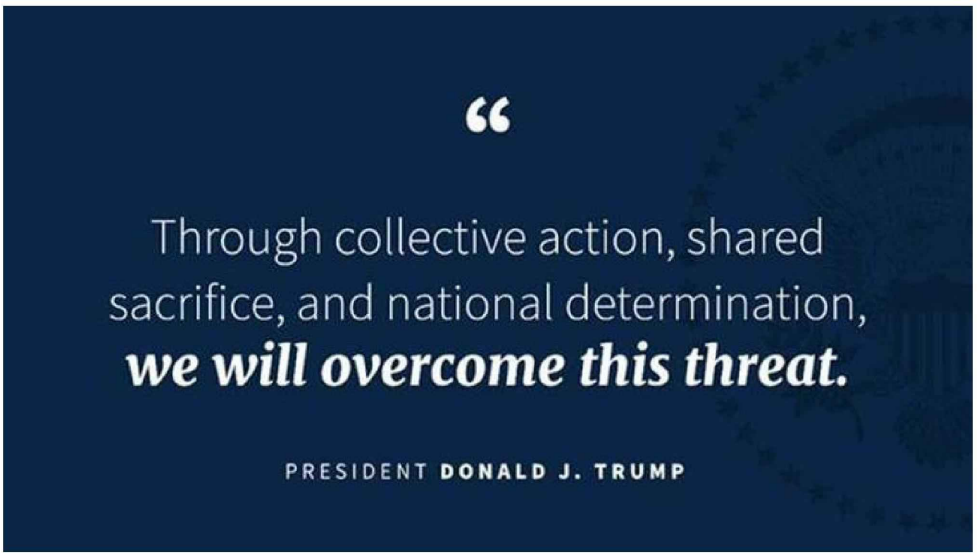

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- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

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- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th *(see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**),

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [epa.gov]), Department of Energy (DOE [energy.gov]), Department of Commerce (DOC [commerce.gov]), Department of Justice (DOJ [justice.gov]), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD [hud.gov]), Department of the Treasury (USDT [home.treasury.gov]), Internal Revenue Service (IRS [irs.gov]), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI [dni.gov]), Army Corps of Engineers (USACE [usace.army.mil]), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC [eac.gov]).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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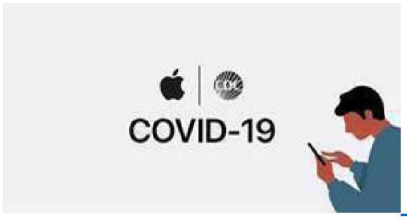

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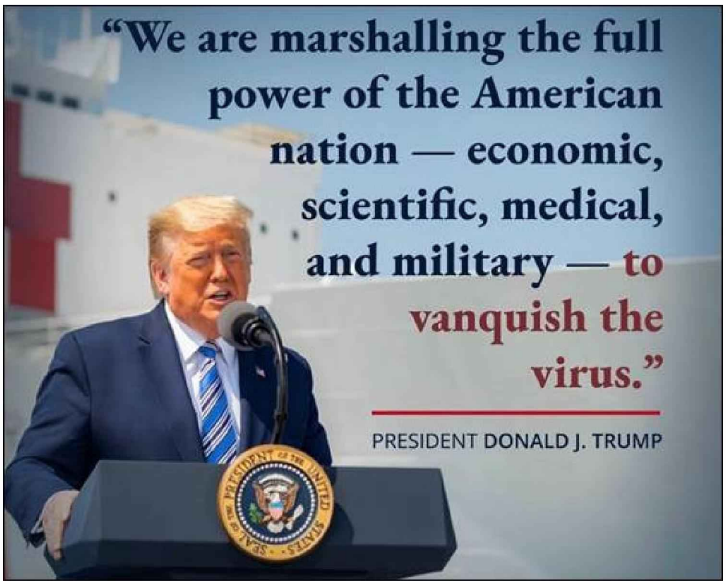

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- Last week, the White House announced updated "**Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]**" – extending efforts through April 30 – the best way you all can help is to utilize your leadership platform to echo the "30 Days to Stop the Spread." There are initial signs that these efforts are paying dividends and it is critical that everyone continues to follow this guidance, even as we see a leveling out of cases in some areas of the country.
- The President has approved major disaster declaration requests quickly as the governors have requested – 51 governors have had their requests approved as of last night – meaning that requests from 23 states/territories were approved since the April 1 national update call. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**
- As of Tuesday, April 7, for 37 states that have requested, the President has approved 100% of National Guard deployment costs under Title 32 to assist w/ response & logistics support, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- Through Project Air Bridge, FEMA has continued to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (or PPE) across the country. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. Learn more about Project Air Bridge and FEMA's supply chain efforts **here [fema.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **Topline:** The CARES Act makes vital investments in the key elements of our public health response to the virus, with more than $100 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers and $27 billion in funds for vaccines, therapeutics, and personal protective equipment.
- **Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund**: On Wednesday, April 8, HHS announced new steps on the $100 billion provided by the CARES Act to support healthcare providers directly.
    - HHS will begin the initial distribution of these payments to hospitals and

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healthcare providers across the nation distributed based on how much relative revenue they receive from Medicare.
    - HHS has endeavored to make this process extremely simple and is expecting 500,000 providers will receive funding this week.
    - The next allocation of funds will prioritize those providers that do not typically serve the Medicare population or where Medicare is not a dominant payor, like nursing homes and certain types of hospitals.
- **CDC State and Local Preparedness Grants**: CDC is working to distribute $1.5 billion in state and local preparedness grants, which, combined with the first supplemental, amount to a total of about $2.5 billion provided for state, tribal, territorial, and local needs.
    - HHS distributed $186 million in CDC funds from the first supplemental earlier this week to assist with testing and surveillance activities.
    - There is a set-aside in the CDC's grant program for tribal health needs, and the CARES Act also includes more than $1 billion provided for critical response needs in Indian Country, including supplies, staffing, and increased telehealth capacity. More **here [cdc.gov]**.
- **Mental Health**: Recognizing that mental health is going to be a challenge, the CARES Act provides $250 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, $50 million in new money for suicide prevention, and $100 million in flexible emergency funding for states and tribes to use to address mental health needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has now posted the funding opportunity announcement for that flexible emergency funding. More **here [bphc.hrsa.gov]**.
- **Administration for Children & Families**: HHS's Administration for Children and Families is receiving $6.3 billion in funding under the CARES Act, which it is working to operationalize expeditiously with a focus on supporting Head Start providers and augmenting LIHEAP, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant funds. This funding will help human service providers whether they serve vulnerable youth, families, or older Americans, are under strain. More **here**.
- **Administration for Community Living**: The Administration for Community Living also received $955 million to support aging and disability services programs, like getting meals to seniors. HHS has already disbursed some new money from the earlier economic relief legislation. More **here [acl.gov]**.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
    - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) launched on Friday, April 3rd. The PPP program provides forgivable loans to small businesses with under 500 employees. As of Thursday, April 9, more than 454,000 loans totaling $118 billion across 3,500 lenders have been distributed.
    - In order to ensure that every business is able to take advantage of the PPP, the Administration has requested to Congress an increase in PPP commitments to $600 billion—a $250 billion increase.
    - The Employee Retention Credit is available for businesses not eligible for the PPP. This is a refundable credit of up to $5,000 per employee, who is retained instead of being laid off. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
    - Updated guidance and frequently asked questions can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**. A new lender application form can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

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    - More information on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
- **Economic Impact Payments**
    - Treasury expect that the electronic payment of $2,400 per married couple, plus $500 per child, will begin to be made around April 15. Treasury has banking information for some 60 million taxpayer, who will be a part of the first tranche of payments.
    - Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
    - Treasury is establishing a portal for those who are not a part of the first tranche to provide their banking information and ensure that they receive their payment promptly. Treasury is also investigating ways to effectively get Economic Impact Payment funds into the hands of the unbanked.
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund**
    - State, eligible units of local government, and Tribal governments will receive funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury expects that the $150 billion provided to the Fund will be distributed no later than April 24.
    - Treasury is developing a website portal for eligible governments to provide information necessary to be able to deposit the advance payments. The portal is expected to be online as early as Saturday, April 11.
    - Treasury is developing guidance in advance of funding release regarding reimbursable expenses.
- **Main Street Business Lending Program and Municipal Liquidity Facility**
    - Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- **Topline**: The CARES Act provides $9.5 billion provided for relief to farmers and ranchers. The Act enables support of agricultural producers who experience market losses due to COVID-19. USDA is actively monitoring all food and agriculture commodity markets and the supply chain of food from farm to table during the COVID 19 outbreak. USDA will provide more information regarding program delivery later this Spring. More information about USDA resources in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

    - On Thursday, April 9, USDA announced the first state, Michigan, has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act. The is a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals

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that would have otherwise been consumed at school. More **here** [usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Development**

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. USDA extended the open application window through April 15th and will use the CARES Act funding to augment grant awards to qualified applicants. More information about the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program can be found here **https://www.usda.gov/reconnect** [usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $1 billion provided for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program USDA will administer the increase in program level concurrent with the traditional program, a Notice of Funding Availability announcing the increased program level will issue in April/May. More information about the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees** [rd.usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $25 million provided for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. USDA announced a new award window for FY2020 will open from April 14th through July 13th. More information about the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Relief**

    - The CARES Act provides foreclosure and eviction relief provided for rural renters and homeowners. Effective March 19th, the Rural Housing Service is providing 60-day relief from eviction and foreclosure to all USDA multi-family housing tenants and single-family home mortgage borrowers. More information about USDA Rural Development's actions in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Nutrition**

    - The CARES Act provides $15.5 billion in contingency funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service intends to use all available flexibilities to service program participants, including exercising newly authorized waivers ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service distributes food and administrative funds to Indian Tribal Organizations

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and state agencies to support nutritional needs of Native American families.

- The CARES Act provides $8.8 billion provided for the Child Nutrition Program. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program.

- The CARES Act provides $450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The Food and Nutrition Service's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food and administrative funds to food banks to support the nutrition of vulnerable populations. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program. More information about Food and Nutrition Service actions to respond to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19 [fns.usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor

- **Topline**: On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The legislation, in part, created three new programs designed to provide unemployment benefits to American workers: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

    - These programs are administered by each state workforce agency or equivalent. Depending on the state technology infrastructure and other factors, states may vary in the implementation and timing of first benefit payments to eligible individuals. Benefits are retroactive to dates as specified in guidance from the Department. This and future guidance is and will be available at **https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/ [wdr.doleta.gov]**.

- The following is a brief summary of each newly established program pursuant to the CARES Act:

    - **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation:** The FPUC program allows states to provide an additional $600 per week in benefits to individuals collecting regular Unemployment Compensation or certain other benefits. The CARES Act specifies that FPUC benefit payments will end after payments for the last week of unemployment before July 31, 2020.

    - **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:** States are permitted to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. To qualify for PUA benefits, you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits and be

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unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of certain health or economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:** The program covers most individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under state or federal law and who are able to work, available for work, and actively seeking work as defined by state law. Importantly, the CARES Act gives states flexibility in determining whether you are "actively seeking work" if you are unable to search for work because of COVID-19, including because of illness, quarantine, or movement restrictions.

- For more information on unemployment compensation, and links to your State Unemployment Insurance Office, please click **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Education

- **Elementary and Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $13.2 billion in K-12 formula grants to States (Economic Stabilization Fund). This grant is distributed to states based on their share of ESEA Title I-A funds. State education agencies will then distribute at least 90% of funds to school districts and public charter schools based on their share of Title I-A funds.

  - Under the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education has **streamlined the waiver application process** [ed.gov] for states to gain flexibilities to allow schools to repurpose existing K-12 education funds for technology infrastructure and teacher training on distance learning, among other flexibilities to move resources to areas of highest need during the national emergency.

  - This action follows the Department's **announcement** [ed.gov] of a turnkey waiver process allowing states to cancel federally-mandated standardized testing. The Department has approved waivers for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- **Post-Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $12.2 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund to help institutions of higher education weather the costs associated with COVID-19. Funds will be available through September 30, 2021. More **here [ed.gov]**.

  - The Department has also provided **additional flexibilities and**

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regulatory relief [ed.gov] for institutions of higher education, their students, and others effective through June 30, 2020, including waiving requirements relating to academic terms, approved leaves of absence, distance education, and student aid verification. Additional flexibilities provided under the CARES Act will expire on September 30, 2020.

- The Department also announced that any aid provided to students in the form of Emergency Grants to Students under the CARES Act will not be included in future determinations of a student's eligibility for Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, institutions do not need to make adjustments to a student's current financial aid award, even if these emergency grants result in an over-award.

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.

U.S. Department of Commerce

- The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** will distribute $300 million in fisheries assistance to states, Tribes, and territories in coordination with Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions.
    - These funds will support commercial fishing, charter fishing, dealers, processors, aquaculture, and Tribal as well as subsistence sectors that have been directly or indirectly negatively impacted by covid-19.
    - NOAA Fisheries is collecting information from fishermen, seafood farmers, and other seafood processing/distribution companies, as well as from the recreational fishing sector, on disruptions to supply and demand resulting from COVID-19.
    - NOAA is assessing immediate and long term needs to secure and enhance the resilience of the US seafood and fisheries industries.
    - For more on CARES and other NOAA COVID-19 related activities, visit **here [fisheries.noaa.gov]**.
- The **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** received $1.5 billion to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
    - EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance.
    - EDA grants will support a wide range of economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation.

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    - The majority of the funding will be distributed out of EDA's six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications through a competitive process.
    - For more information on EDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [eda.gov]**.
- The **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)** will utilize $10 million to educate, train, and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19.
    - These grants are available to minority business centers and minority chambers of commerce.
    - For more information on MBDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [mbda.gov]**.
- The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has released a series of FAQs for patent and trademark filers regarding USPTO's previously announced extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the CARES Act. More **here [uspto.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Topline**: The CARES Act includes over $12 billion in new funding for HUD programs to provide additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
- **Primary Allocations**
    - **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**: The CARES Act provides $5 billion to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. More **here [hud.gov]**.
    - **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**: The CARES Act provides $4 billion to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. More on homelessness assistance programs **here [hudexchange.info]**.
    - **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**: The CARES Act provides $1.25 billion for additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary action during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19, in addition to administrative expenses and other expenses for

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Section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers. More information here (**COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies [hud.gov]**).

- **Public Housing Operating Fund:** $685 million for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19; funds are to be combined with FY20 funds and awarded using the Operating Fund formula and may be used for both capital and operating expenses.

- **Native American Programs**: $200 million for activities and assistance under title I of NAHASDA and under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, including Native American Housing Block Grants, to be distributed using the FY20 formula. More **here [hud.gov]**.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPSA)**: The CARES Act provides $65 million for additional HOPWA funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services and other necessary actions. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- The CARES Act also includes the following general provisions that affect HUD and HUD programs:

  - Rescinds and appropriates funds for a youth homelessness demonstration under the "Homeless Assistance Grants" demonstration in the FY18 appropriations act;

  - Allows for temporary hiring flexibility for HUD to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19;

  - Provides a foreclosure moratorium for borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19;

  - Provides the opportunity for multifamily borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardship to request a forbearance; and

  - Enables a temporary moratorium on eviction filings.

U.S. Department of Justice

- The CARES Act provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to COVID-19. Specifically, the Act includes $850 million for the **Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Bryne-JAG)**. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and

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crisis intervention teams. More **here [bja.ojp.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you to everyone that joined the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders on April 22. As of April 24, the White House has coordinated 196 COVID-19 briefings that have helped inform over 95,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders. And we look forward to continuing the partnership and robust coordination and outreach with you. Below, please find a recap of the briefing call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**: Friday, April 24, President Trump **signed the new legislation [whitehouse.gov]** into law to further assist American businesses, workers and healthcare providers. The legislation provides $310 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), $60 billion more for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, $75 billion in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion to support our Nation's testing efforts. Read more from the SBA **here [sba.gov]**. Find more on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [sba.gov]**.
- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the **White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council [opportunityzones.hud.gov]** led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.
- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance**: Wednesday, April 22, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act. As stated by the **legislation [congress.gov]** signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds "are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease

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2019 (COVID–19)." The guidance document (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) and frequently asked questions (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

- **Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments**: The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly $158 billion in the program's first three weeks. As of April 17, the IRS issued 88.1 million payments to taxpayers across the nation. More payments are continuing to be delivered each week. More than 150 million payments will be sent out, and millions of people who do not typically file a tax return are eligible to receive these payments. Payments are automatic for people who filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits (SSDI), Railroad Retirement benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries who didn't file a tax return in the last two years. More **here [irs.gov]**.
- **HHS Award Nearly $165 Million to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Communities**: Wednesday, April 22, the Department of Health and human Services awarded nearly $165 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities. These investments will support nearly 1,800 small rural hospitals and provide additional funding to 14 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funding Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) to provide technical assistance on telehealth to help rural and underserved areas combat COVID-19. More **here [hhs.gov]**. HHS also announced additional allocations of CARES Act Provider Relief fund. More information can be found **here [hhs.gov]**.
- **Administration Releases COVID-19 Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid and CHIP**: Thursday, April 23, the Trump Administration released a new toolkit [medicaid.gov]for states to help accelerate adoption of broader telehealth coverage policies in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This release builds on the agency's swift actions to provide states with a wide range of tools and guidance to support their ability to care for their Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries during this public health emergency. More **here [cms.gov]**.
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announce New Nursing Home COVID-19 Transparency Effort**: On Sunday, April 19, CDC **announced [cms.gov]** new regulatory requirements that will require nursing homes to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Finally, CMS will also require nursing homes to fully cooperate with CDC surveillance efforts around COVID-19 spread.
- **U.S. Department of Education Makes Available Over $13 Billion to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students**: Thursday, April 23, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced more than $13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are available to State and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. Read more **here [ed.gov]**. Find more COVID-19 resources from the Department of Education **here [ed.gov]**.

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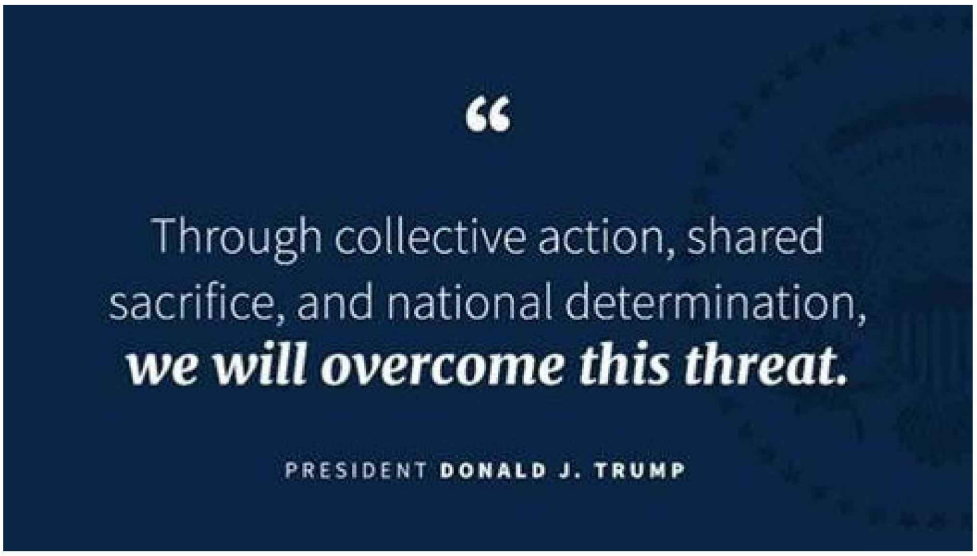

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and**

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Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated **critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a **fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com]** that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging

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all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Internal Revenue Service (**IRS [irs.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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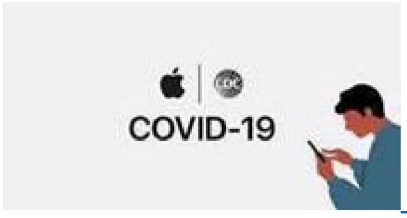

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White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call Readout

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Recovery and Response Update

Topline

- As of April 24, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 70.5 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.8 million surgical gowns, 779.1 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
- FEMA and HHS have obligated $51.1 billion to support COVID-19 response efforts from the first three emergency supplemental appropriations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- On Thursday, April 16, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again! [whitehouse.gov]** (**slide deck [whitehouse.gov]**). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response.
- The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported

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over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window.

- They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild).
- The guidelines also outline state responsibilities to have in place before moving into a reopening plan: protecting workers in critical industry, particularly protecting the most vulnerable, those who live and work in senior care facilities, and having a plan for testing symptomatic individuals with a focus on vulnerable populations.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- **Topline**: As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 4.9 million COVID-19 tests. This is more total tests than those performed in Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom combined. The Administration continues to take actions to scale and expand testing options – on April 16, FDA **announced [fda.gov]** an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs to test patients. 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.
- **Food and Drug Administration Approves First COVID-19 Home Collection Kit**: FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn announced that the FDA **approved [fda.gov]** the first COVID-19 home collection kit. The FDA continues to facilitate test development to ensure access to accurate diagnostics working with over 350 test developers and authorizing 63 types of tests to date.
- **Recommendations for State and Local Elected Officials**
    - Work with your State and Local Public health departments to optimize the testing ecosystem within your State.
    - Each State will have very different requirements for testing. Optimize your testing strategy to include each type of platform and use them in the appropriate situations.
    - At present the commercial laboratories are operating at 50% capacity. Remember to factor these into your testing ecosystem.

Economy/CARES Act Update

U.S. Department of the Treasury – Coronavirus Relief Fund
See above

- U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance [home.treasury.gov]
- Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments [irs.gov]
- President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act [whitehouse.gov]

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Support and Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

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- On Friday, April 17 Secretary Perdue **announced [usda.gov]** the Corona Virus Food Assistance Program. President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to expedite assistance to our farmers, ranchers and consumers. CFAP will use the funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and current CCC funds. The programs announced spend approximately $19 billion to support farmers, ranchers, and consumers through $16 billion in direct payments to farmers and $3 billion in a new innovative Food Box Distribution Program.
- USDA is working to be as flexible as possible to get food out to the people who need it during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Most recently, USDA announced Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) benefits, providing assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures to repurpose their school lunch money to SNAP benefits. States are continuing to apply for this program and USDA is approving plans on an ongoing basis. USDA has extended its innovative SNAP online pilot program to a number of states to allow the online purchasing of food through authorized SNAP retailers.
- USDA is working to ensure children are fed in the event of school closures, and we continue to waive restrictions and expand flexibilities across our programs. USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. These boxes will contain five days' worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, individually packaged foods that meet USDA's summer food requirements. The use of this innovative delivery system will ensure rural children receive nutritious food while limiting exposure to COVID-19. USDA has also partnered with Panera who will work with the Children's Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio to provide meals at library meal sites.

DHS – Critical Workers Infrastructure Guidance

- On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers **guidance [cisa.gov]** to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19.
- Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers.
- Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to "employees" or "contractors" have been changed to "workers."

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Local Elected Officials and Leaders –

Thank you to everyone that joined for President Donald J. Trump's remarks to the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference on Tuesday, March 3 (transcript [whitehouse.gov]; video [youtube.com]). President Trump's remarks reflect a commitment by this Administration to engage leaders at all levels of government and development meaningful partnerships around bipartisan, shared priorities. From negotiating new trade agreements (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement [whitehouse.gov]; China Phase One Trade Agreement [whitehouse.gov]), to removing burdensome regulatory barriers (President Trump's Historic Deregulation is Benefitting All Americans [whitehouse.gov]; National Environmental Policy Act Modernization [whitehouse.gov]; The Navigable Waters Protection Rule [epa.gov]), to combatting the opioid – and larger drug – crisis (New Tool Empowers Local Leaders to Take Action Against Rural Drug Addiction [whitehouse.gov]), to advancing opportunity zones and other infrastructure programs (OpportunityZones [opportunityzones.gov]; Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation Success [transportation.gov]), President Trump and this Administration are empowering local leaders and communities with unique tools and strategies to drive urban revitalization and rural prosperity and ensure that no American is left behind. Below, please find additional information on the White House *Opportunity Now* Initiative as well as the White House *Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*. We hope that you will join us in these efforts!

We also want to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The Administration is taking a whole-of-government approach and driving collaboration between Federal-State-Tribal-Local stakeholders to protect the health and safety of the American people. **The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. Also see recently**

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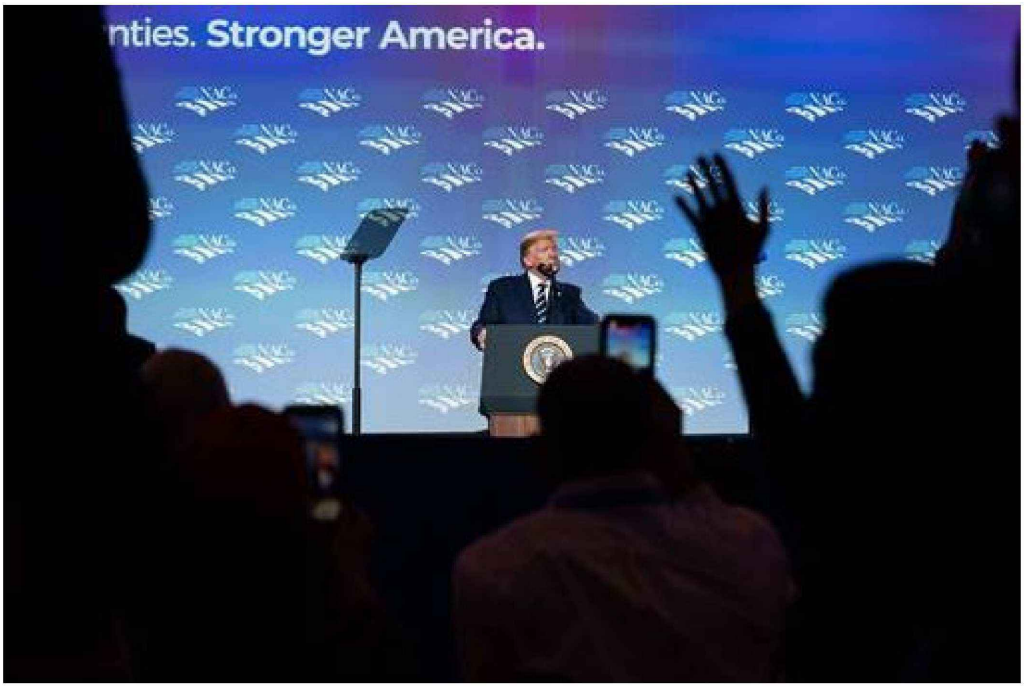
released guidance for families, businesses, schools and others: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information. Additional information is below.



President Donald J. Trump: It was my great honor to address the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference where 1,2000 County Leaders, whose incredible devotion, talent, and drive directly and profoundly improve the lives of millions of Americans each and every day. [twitter.com]

The White House: President @realDonaldTrump to county legislators – "We realize how important you are – incredible job." [twitter.com]

The White House: No one understands the needs of local communities better than local leadership – which is why engaging with all levels of government is a priority for President @realDonaldTrump. [twitter.com]

The White House: "My administration will always be your friend, and partner, and ally, and resource." [twitter.com]

The White House: Our county health officials play a frontline role in battling public health threats – and President @realDonaldTrump is working closely with Congress to deliver all the help they need. [twitter.com]

The White House: Commissioner Rebecca Long, "Lea County, NM, is the second-largest oil and gas producer in the United States, and soon we will be first. And thank you so much for all you do for us. Energy independence is so important and we appreciate that you know where we are and who we are. [twitter.com]

The White House: "Under our massive tax cuts, governors across the country have designated nearly 9,000 distressed communities as Opportunity Zones, and

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neighborhoods are being revitalized every single day." [twitter.com]

This is not a "check-the-box" exercise but rather a continued commitment by the President and Administration to build and foster the relationship with state and local leaders around the country. Nowhere is this commitment more evident than the *White House State Leadership Days Initiative* in which many of you participated. Across 45 events from 2017-19, more than 5,000 local leaders, including over 3,000 county officials, and invited guests joined Senior Administration Officials at the White House for briefings and discussion on pertinent issues and shared priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly, or our Intergovernmental Affairs team members across the federal family, if we can be helpful on issues pertinent and/or unique to your respective communities. We are your primary points of contact in the Administration and look forward to working with you individually to advance your goals and our shared priorities. We also encourage you to share information with us on challenges and opportunities you see within your communities – as local elected officials, how are you promoting deregulation/smart regulation, addressing affordable housing challenges and homelessness, proactively advancing opportunity zones, combatting the drug/opioid crisis, providing support services to veterans, etc.

Sincerely,

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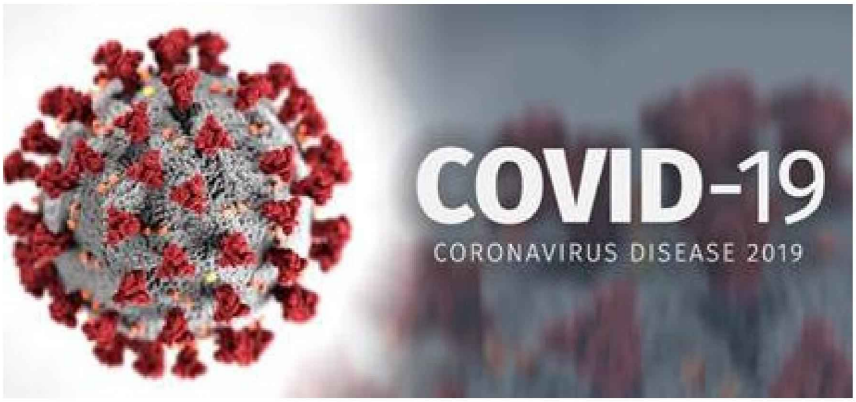
COVID 19: Background & Additional Information



Background: Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given State and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice

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President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have worked and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk for the average American remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed***.

Up-To-Date Information: The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. Also see recently released guidance for families, businesses, schools and others: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

- What You Should Know (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Agency Resources and Contact Information: Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources – *Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)

Contact Information – *Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
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- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Local Preparedness Tips: Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

President Donald J. Trump Is Committed To Creating Opportunity For All

OPPORTUNITY NOW

Every day, we are helping our forgotten communities and Americans achieve their full potential and live the American dream.
President Donald J. Trump

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: The booming economy is lifting millions of Americans out of poverty and providing all people with the opportunity for a brighter future.
Since President Trump was elected, 7 million jobs have been added to our economy,

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and the unemployment rate remains near its lowest level in half a century.
The unemployment rates for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans have all reached record lows under President Trump.
Wages are rising, with low-income workers seeing the fastest growth.
Nearly 2.5 million Americans, including nearly 1.4 million children, have been lifted out of poverty under President Trump.
The poverty rates for African Americans and Hispanics reached historic lows in 2018.

INVESTING IN FORGOTTEN COMMUNITIES: President Trump's policies are spurring investment to revitalize hurting communities and unleash their economic potential.
President Trump's historic tax cuts established Opportunity Zones to incentivize long-term investments in low-income communities nationwide.
There are 8,760 designated Opportunity Zones, home to nearly 35 million Americans in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories.
Opportunity Zones are projected to spur $100 billion in private investment in these communities.
Opportunity Zones are a powerful vehicle for bringing economic growth and job creation to the American communities that need them the most.
The median family income in these communities is 37 percent below the State median.
The average poverty rate in an Opportunity Zone is more than 32 percent.
President Trump launched the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council – which has already identified more than 180 regulatory reforms to encourage investment.

HELPING AMERICAN WORKERS EXCEL: President Trump is making sure American workers have the education and training they need to excel in family-sustaining careers.
President Trump's Pledge to America's Workers has prompted more than 400 companies to pledge jobs and education opportunities for nearly 15 million American students and workers.
Americans are coming off the sidelines thanks to President Trump's efforts.
In the fourth quarter of 2019, a record 74.2 percent of workers entering employment came from out of the labor force, rather than from unemployment.
The number of prime-age Americans in the workforce has grown by 2.2 million.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: President Trump's policies are helping forgotten Americans across the country prosper.
President Trump signed the FIRST STEP Act to reduce recidivism and strengthen our communities and economy.
These reforms championed by President Trump are offering prisoners a second chance through rehabilitative programs, fair sentencing, and smart confinement.
President Trump has promoted second chance hiring to build on the reforms of the FIRST STEP Act and make sure all Americans have the opportunity to succeed.

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Initiative on Regulatory Innovation



Cut Regulations & Costs



Advance Occupational Licensing Reform



Better Align Local, State, & Federal Regulations

Background: Since 2017, the Trump Administration has cut 7 ½ regulations for every new significant rule. This has exceeded the President Trump's 2-for-1 promise. These reforms have contributed to more than two million Americans rising out of poverty, seven million Americans liberated from food stamps, the highest median income in our Nation's history, the lowest poverty rates, rising incomes, and the lowest unemployment rates in half a century. On October 21, President Trump announced the ***Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*** to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to every level of government. The Initiative is led by Vice President Mike Pence and incorporates Senior Officials from across the Administration. For more, see ***Council of Economic Advisers: Deregulation Continues to Benefit American Consumers, Driving Economic Growth*** (here [whitehouse.gov]) and **President Trump's Historic Deregulation Is Benefitting All Americans** (here [whitehouse.gov]).

What It Means to be a Champion: There is no financial or time commitment to being a champion other than being publicly supportive of the Initiative. Over the next year, Administration leaders will participate in a series of events and programming with state, local, and tribal leaders to drive further deregulatory momentum at every level of government. The Initiative provides a great conduit for identifying shared challenges and promoting best practices.

Initiative Purpose: To drive economic growth, improve government responsiveness, empower state, local and tribal leaders, and liberate the forgotten men and women of America from burdensome regulations. The initiative aims to cut regulations and costs, better align state-federal regulations and permitting, and ease burdens on hardworking Americans. Initiative workstreams include:

Putting People Over Paperwork
Scope Statement: Reducing the number and costs of regulations, streamlining paperwork burdens for small businesses, improving transparency for healthcare consumers, two-for-one legislation or executive orders, mechanisms to prevent bureaucratic bloat over time, etc.
Recent Examples: Gov. Brad Little (R, ID) recently announced cutting and simplifying 75 percent of Idaho's Administrative Code becoming one the one of the least regulated states in the Nation. Ohio legislators and Gov. DeWine enacted a 2-for-1 requirement into the State's most recent budget agreement.

Advancing Workforce Freedom and Mobility

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Scope Statement: Passing occupational licensure reciprocity across states, eliminating unnecessary licensure, reducing licensure fees, etc.
Recent Examples: Gov. Doug Ducey (R, AZ) signed occupational licensure reciprocity into law in 2018. Ohio legislators are currently advancing occupational licensure reciprocity from other states.

Unleashing American Energy Dominance
Scope Statement: Eliminate duplicative regulatory reviews, ensure more efficient coordination of reviews at the Federal, State, and Local levels of government, reform National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules to improve review efficiency, etc.
Recent Examples: Chairman Sage, Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, is working with Department of Interior Secretary Bernhardt to eliminate bureaucratic layers for the Southern Ute Tribe to independently develop their robust natural resources more expeditiously. Governor Jim Justice (R, WV) issued an executive order expediting permitting processes.

Transforming America's Communities
Scope Statement: Reducing regulatory burdens in opportunity zones, eliminating burdens to broadband deployment, reducing reentry burdens for individuals leaving the criminal justice system, reducing regulatory burdens that decrease healthcare competition in communities (i.e. certification of need requirements), etc.
Recent Examples: Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA) vetoed a regulation requiring housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid dis-incentivizing development. Governor Ron DeSantis (R, FL) signed legislation eliminating the certificate of need requirement for general hospitals, complex medical rehabilitation beds, and tertiary hospital services, allowing choice and competition to thrive. Mayor Paul TenHaken (Sioux Falls, SD) created a licensing system allowing telecommunications to equip light poles with cellular antennas, which incentivized 5G deployment.

Help advance these goals
at the State, local, and tribal level!
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Noticling PBCounty has the highest death rate of any county in Florida, I am wondereing if there is checking of passengers getting off of planes at our airport. A comissioner I talked to did not know. BUT SAID 170 FLIGHTS CAME IN TO PBC AIRPORT YESTERDAY!
It seem, hard to understand why passengers getting off the planes are not checked in any way, for fever, symptoms, and quarantining if they are.
It seemed that is one way China reduced their numbers of Covid-19 virus.
Yes, there are older folks, but there are older folks everywhere in FLorida.
This could be one of the reasons for the tremendous spread and deaths in Palm Beach County, Fl
ALSO, JUST CHECKED THE AVERAGE AGE OF THOSE IN PB COUNTY IS 57, SO THE EXCUSE GIVEN ME BY A COMMISIONER THAT THEY HAVE THE OLDEST FOLKS IN FL DOES NOT RING TRUE.
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS THERE HAS BEEN NEGLIGENCE IN CHECKING PASSENGERS FROM OTHER STATES COMING INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY AIRPORT, . AND WHY SO MANY FLIGHTS IN, MAKES ONE WONDER WHY.!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
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State and Local Leaders,

Please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 preparedness, response, and mitigation efforts **TONIGHT (Friday, March 13) at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Important Note: Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: TODAY, Friday, March 13
Time: 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.

Below, please find additional information.

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Additional Background

Press Advisory – President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 (**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION HERE** [whitehouse.gov])

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The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority. Today, President Trump declared [whitehouse.gov] a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today's declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

Presidential Message to the Congress on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak (March 13, 2020) (**PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE HERE [whitehouse.gov]**)
"Pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621), I hereby report that I have exercised my authority to declare that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States constitutes a national emergency. This declaration invokes section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320b–5, to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise the authority under that section to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule throughout the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

Memorandum on Expanding State-Approved Diagnostic Tests (**FULL MEMORANDUM HERE [whitehouse.gov]**)
"By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows: It is the policy of the United States to take proactive measures to prepare for and respond to public health threats, including the public health emergency involving Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which was declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d). Our response must include heightened coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, and we must offer States the flexibility they need to care for their citizens. In accordance with this principle, the Food and Drug Administration, in coordination with the State of New York, allowed the State flexibility in expediting State-approved COVID-19 testing. Should additional States request flexibility to authorize laboratories within the State to develop and perform tests used to detect COVID-19, the Secretary shall take appropriate action, consistent with law, to facilitate the request."

Below, please find additional information. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available.

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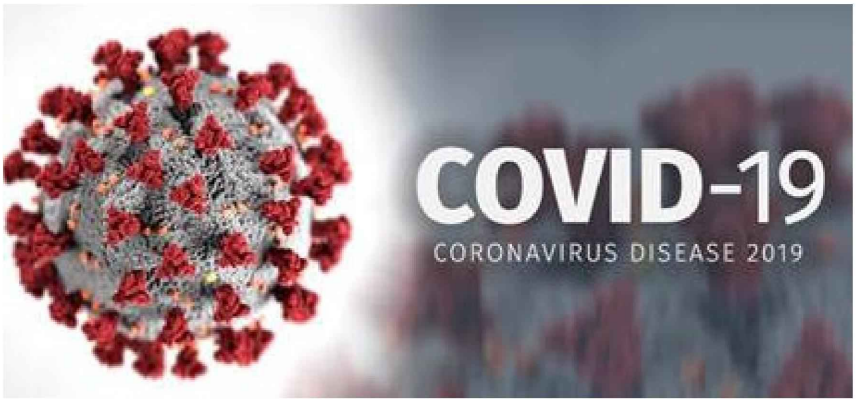
Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance.

COVID-19: Background & Additional Information



Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**).
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

What You Need To Know

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)

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- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Recent Announcements

Presidential Proclamation To Protect the Homeland from Travel-Related Coronavirus Spread
On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.*

SBA To Provide Disaster Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)
On Thursday, March 12, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza issued the following statement: "The President took bold, decisive action to make our 30 million small businesses more resilient to Coronavirus-related economic disruptions. Small businesses are vital economic engines in every community and state, and they have helped make our economy the strongest in the world. Our Agency will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses that have been severely impacted by the situation. Additionally, the SBA continues to assist small businesses with counseling and navigating their own preparedness plans through our network of 68 District Offices and numerous Resource Partners located around the country. The SBA will continue to provide every small business with the most effective and customer-focused response possible during these times of uncertainty." SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to $2 million in assistance for a small business. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. More information can be found **here [sba.gov]**.

CDC to Award Over $560 Million to State & Local Jurisdictions in Support of COVID-19 Response
The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The $8.3 billion dollar Supplemental passed by Congress included **statutory language** [congress.gov] which prescribed the exact formula for disbursing the money: states will receive 90% of their **2019 CDC PHEP grants** [cdc.gov]. This marks the first tranche of funding to states from the $8.3 billion supplemental. Your state health officers are receiving a letter today from CDC outlining what is needed to receive the funding, essentially they need to submit a spend plan and they will receive guidance on what that spend plan should contain. More **here [hhs.gov]**.

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CDC Releases Mitigation Framework for States, Localities, and Communities
Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease 2019. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy. CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the United States. CDC's all of community approach is focused to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts. Framework includes: (i) Local Factors to Consider for Determining Mitigation Strategies, (ii) Community mitigation strategies by setting and by level of community transmission or impact of COVID-19, and (iii) Potential mitigation strategies for public health functions. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

White House Coronavirus Task Force Announces Community Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish C, WA Santa Clara, CA and New Rochelle, NY
The White House Coronavirus Task Force has recommended community mitigation strategies for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara County, California due to widespread transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These mitigation activities are designed to address the effects of COVID-19 on areas that are experiencing community spread. You can find the guidance for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara, California **here [whitehouse.gov]**. The Task Force also announced community mitigation strategies for New Rochelle, New York, which can be viewed **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance
As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found here [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found here [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].

Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here [fda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Federal Agency Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**.
- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced [hhs.gov]** the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here [hhs.gov]**.
- CDC released their "**Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission [cdc.gov]**." This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission. Community mitigation strategies are often the most available interventions to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 in communities.
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here [cdc.gov]**. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 [emergency.cdc.gov]**, as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories [cdc.gov]** to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities **here [dcp.psc.gov]**.
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your

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health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

- CDC released updated **guidance [cdc.gov]** on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are fighting this outbreak on the front lines, and this guidance is intended to provide assistance to healthcare settings that are handling suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to all U.S. healthcare settings.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to $2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental expanded the disaster definition for the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to include COVID-19. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are SBA loans that are available to eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most non-profits that have experienced substantial economic injury as a result of a disaster.
    - EIDLs are available in areas that are declared a disaster area by the SBA.
    - There has to be an SBA Disaster Declaration in an area for EIDL loans to be made available, which originates from a request made by the Governor.
    - To assist in the efforts, the SBA engages with States' Emergency Response Teams to help them comply with the requirements before a request is made.
- EIDL Loan Details
    - Entities that can apply for EIDL loans are eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most private nonprofit organizations.
    - EIDL Loans are up to $2million and have terms as long as 30 years.
- State and local officials who have been contacted by Small Businesses that may have been affected should share that information with their Governor or the State's Emergency Response Officials. More information on SBA's disaster loans, including eligibility and how to apply for loans, can be found here: **www.SBA.gov/disaster [sba.gov]**

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see a **letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- The Department is working on additional information for families and communities including:
    - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;"

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- Information regarding services to children with disabilities;
- A fact sheet from our Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and
- Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students.

- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance [osha.gov]** for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), an independent agency that serves as the chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager for the Federal Government, issued **guidance [opm.gov]** for Federal Agencies regarding COVID-19 and human resources policies.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal alw

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in

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shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis. As of today, USDA has been asked to waive congregate feeding requirements in Washington, California, Maryland, Alaska, Utah, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Maine, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia and USDA has granted those requests.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- While the overall risk to the American public remains low, actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus:

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Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.

- FEMA has rostered 56 four-person Incident Management Assistance Teams.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with our Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

Local Preparedness Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information such as HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools [cdc.gov]**.
- Reviewing Federal guidance such as the HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework [cdc.gov]**.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Recent Task Force Actions

Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**)
  - March 10: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 9: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 6: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 4: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 2: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - February 29: **Video [youtube.com]**
- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Coronavirus Briefing with Health Insurers (March 10) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (March 9) (**readout [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Coronavirus Briefing with Cruise Line Executives and Port Directors (March 7) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Remarks by President Trump After Tour of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 5) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)

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- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more **here [cms.gov]**)
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (**readout [whitehouse.gov]**)

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State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, March 25, at 1:00 PM ET**, please join the U.S. Surgeon General – Jerome Adams – and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions. Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team.

We would also like to flag a recent op-ed from Peter Navarro, Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy, on President Trump and the Administration's whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to addressing COVID-19. You can find that op-ed here: ***Coronavirus – How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with Trump Administration*** [foxnews.com]. In addition, please find a Fact Sheet on actions the Administration has taken to support the Nation's small businesses and owners – ***President Trump Is Committed to Supporting Small Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***.

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Below, please find additional information that we continue to update. It includes helpful information and videos around community mitigation (Up-To-Date Information), resources for sharing verified and trusted information (Local Preparedness & Response Tips), and an outline of important federal agency actions important to your communities (Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview). The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information

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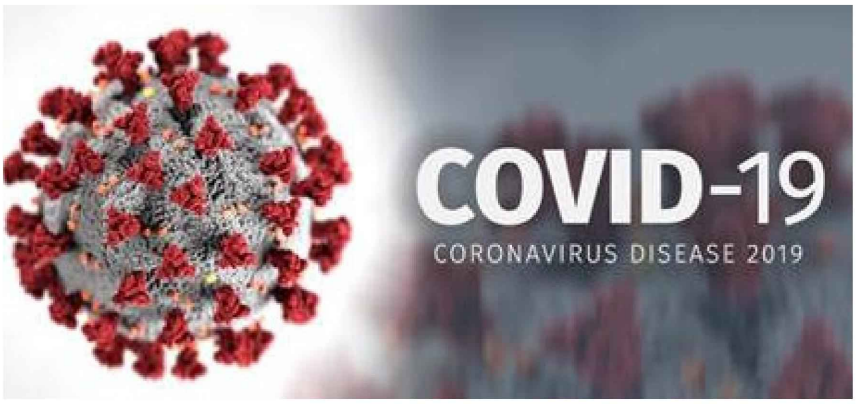

Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that the threat of serious illness to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**). You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Community Guidance
    - The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
    - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - What is Social Distancing (**video [youtube.com]**)
    - CDC Print Resources and Fact Sheets (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Informational Videos
    - President Donald J. Trump: Strong & United, We Will Prevail (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - First Lady Melania Trump: A Message from First Lady Melania Trump (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Urgent Need – Health Americans Should Continue

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Donating Blood (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can Millennials Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Is It Still Safe to Donate Blood? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Engage in Social Distancing? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Keep the Most Vulnerable Safe from Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Message to Young People (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: How Can Millennials Fight the Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: What Should Schools Do About (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Where Can the Coronavirus Live? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Who Needs to be Tested for Coronavirus? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Protect the People Around You (**here [youtube.com]**)

What You Need To Know (https://www.coronavirus.gov/ [coronavirus.gov])

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**) – State Department: International Travel (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- Avoid Scams (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Local Preparedness & Response Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. Local officials should coordinate requests through their State Emergency Management Agencies.
  - A list of State emergency management agencies can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
  - FEMA guidance on public assistance for States, local governments, tribal governments, and eligible non-profits can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
  - FEMA guidance on public assistance for tribal governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information through social media, newsletters, and other avenues:
  - CDC Mitigation Guidance – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**
  - HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools [cdc.gov]**
  - HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework [cdc.gov]**
  - FEMA **Coronavirus Rumor Control Website [fema.gov]**
  - FTC **Coronavirus Scams Resource Website [consumer.ftc.gov]**

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- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Inventorying resources and proactively coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing and implementing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)
- Federal Trade Commission (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here [fda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (**here [sba.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Energy (**here [energy.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Commerce (**here [commerce.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Justice (**here [justice.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**here [hud.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Treasury (**here [home.treasury.gov]**)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**here [dni.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Response to COVID-19 is locally executed, stated managed, and federally supported. Local elected officials should collaborate with and work through their local emergency management office up through the State Emergency Management Agency, which works in collaboration with FEMA and HHS. Should particular issues arise outside of these appropriate channels, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)

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- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found **here** [whitehouse.gov]. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

FEMA Releases Guidance On Public Assistance for States, Local Governments, and Eligible Non-Profits
The Administration continues to place its full weight and resources behind the response to COVID-19. FEMA currently has over $500 million in available balances in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) Base to support all 56 States and Territories for COVID-19 response efforts, including for direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs. State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. States, Tribal and Territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration. The emergency declaration will reimburse for eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies. More **here [fema.gov]**.

Department of Homeland Security Releases Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. Thursday, March 19, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency released guidance on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

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More **here [cisa.gov]**.

President Donald J. Trump Outlines Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19
Sunday, March 22, President Donald J. trump announced federal actions to ensure that the National Guard can effectively respond to the COVID-19 crisis. President Trump issued a memorandum providing for 100 percent federal funding through FEMA for the cost of Governors deploying National Guard units in their States to carry out approved missions. Governors remain fully in command of their National Guard units. The Presidential Memorandum can be found here [whitehouse.gov].

President Trump Announces Approval of Existing Drugs to Test Treatments for Coronavirus
Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced that the FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients. The drugs will be used in a clinical trial. "We have to remove every barrier or a lot of barriers that were unnecessary and they've done that to get the rapid deployment of safe, effective treatments and we think we have some good answers," the President said. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [fda.gov]**. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Trump Signs Legislative Package Providing Extensive Assistance to Americans Impacted by the Coronavirus
Wednesday, March 18, President Trump signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need (more **here** [whitehouse.gov]). The President and Administration worked tirelessly with Congress to secure the legislative package, which includes the following:

- Provides free coronavirus diagnostic testing for the American people, regardless of their economic circumstances or health coverage;
- Establishes tax credits to provide paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related employment interruptions;
- Incentivizes States to ease access to unemployment benefits, assisting Americans who may be unemployed due to the impact of the virus;
- Provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

President Trump Issues Executive Order Invoking the Defense Production Act
Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19
The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (**President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]**). On Friday, March 13, President Trump **declared [whitehouse.gov]** a nationwide emergency pursuant to

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Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") (***Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act [whitehouse.gov]***). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.**. *Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance.*** You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

White House Announces New Partnership to Unleash U.S. Supercomputing Resources to Fight COVID-19

The White House announced the launch of the **COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium [covid19-hpc-consortium.org]** to provide COVID-19 researchers worldwide with access to the world's most powerful high performance computing resources that can significantly advance the pace of scientific discovery in the fight to stop the virus. This unique public-private consortium, spearheaded by The White House, the U.S. Department of Energy, and IBM, includes government, industry, and academic leaders who have volunteered free compute time and resources on their machines.

Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov** [coronavirus.gov] **and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html [cdc.gov]**
- Guidance
    - CMS released two **telehealth toolkits** today to help practitioners understand the broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Under this new waiver, Medicare can pay for office, hospital, and other visits furnished via telehealth across the country and including in patient's places of residence starting March 6, 2020. A range of providers, such as doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers, will be able to offer telehealth to their patients. The toolkit for General

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Practitioners can be found **here [cms.gov]** and for ESRD providers **here [cms.gov]**.

- CDC released interim guidance to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19. The guidance can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- FDA issued a new policy that allows for expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely. The devices include those that measure body temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure. The guidance can be found **here [fda.gov]**.
- CMS released recommendations to delay non-essential procedures in an effort to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), beds, and ventilators for facilities as well as to free up health care workers to treat patients with COVID-19. The recommendations provide a framework for hospitals and clinicians to implement immediately to determine and identify non-essential and elective procedures. The recommendations and guidelines can be found **here [cms.gov]**
- CDC released PPE guidance that will provide guidance in PPE shortages, particularly for long-term care facilities, dialysis, and home health providers. The strategies include information specific to eye protection, isolation gowns, facemasks, and N95 respirators. The information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**
- CDC's Prepare to Care for COVID-19 is a resource with practical tools clinicians can use to care for patients with COVID-19, and will be regularly updated to help clinicians adapt as the outbreak unfolds. More information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- CDC released guidance for responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) among people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (more **here [cdc.gov]**).

- The President's emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state and local communities' ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.
  - *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies*: The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. To date, two states, Florida and Washington, have **received approval [medicaid.gov]** for their waivers. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit **here** [medicaid.gov].
  - *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities*: CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit **here** [cms.gov].
  - *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance*: CMS released updated FAQs that address issues raised by states over the prior few days. The

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document includes answers to questions related to the flexibilities CMS is affording to states in managed care, benefits, financing, 1115 demonstrations, and leveraging "1135" waivers offered as part of the President's declaration of a national emergency. States may submit questions to CMS through their state leads. The FAQs can be found **here [medicaid.gov]**.

- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance*: As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found **here** [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found **here** [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].
- *Expanded Telehealth Coverage* (3/17): The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More **here** [cms.gov].

- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced** [hhs.gov] the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here** [hhs.gov].
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here** [cdc.gov]. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019** [emergency.cdc.gov], as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories** [cdc.gov] to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities **here** [protect2.fireeye.com].
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved **all** states and territories for low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available **statewide** to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each

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borrower's ability to repay.

- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- SBA announced the option to defer payment on previous disaster loans until December 2020.
- For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at **SBA.gov/Disaster**.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see **a letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- On Friday, March 20, the Department of Education announced the suspension of federal student loan payments and waiving interest during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. More **here [ed.gov]**.
- The Department has provided additional information for families and communities including:
    - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;" (more **here**)
    - Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more **here**)
    - A **fact sheet** from the Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short **webinar** on Online Education and Website Accessibility;
    - Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more **here**);
    - Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities Provided to Coronavirus Impacted Institutions or Accrediting Agencies (more **here [ed.gov]**);
    - Guidance and resources for educating students with disabilities (more **here [ed.gov]**).
- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the

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virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.

- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more **here [fmcsa.dot.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement **guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed

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individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

- The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) issued a **National Interest Exemption Memorandum [dol.gov]** to further facilitate response efforts for COVID-19. OFCCP will grant a limited, three-month exemption and waiver from some requirements of the laws administered by the agency.
- The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has developed frequently asked questions documents highlighting application of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Family and Medical Leave Act during a public health emergency. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, Secretary Carson, in consultation with the Coronavirus Task Force, **announced [hud.gov]** the suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortages for 60 days. The guidance applies to homewoekrs with FHA-insured Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion (reverse) mortgages, and directs mortgage servicers to:
    - Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and
    - Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found **here [files.hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to

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students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.

- USDA and President Trump have been in communication with Food and Grocery Stakeholders and Executives to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
- USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
- Businesses or groups interested in helping should email: **feedingkids@usda.gov**.

- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis.
- The food supply chain remains strong. Critical services, including Food Safety Inspections Services (FSIS), Animal Plan Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), continue to serve the American people. More **here [usda.gov]**.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus. These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.
- Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. You can find the closest VA facility **here [va.gov]**. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting. Veterans can sign into **My HealtheVet [myhealth.va.gov]** to send a secure message to VA or use **telehealth options [telehealth.va.gov]** to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.
- On March 22, the VA announced Veterans' GI Bill benefits will continue during COVID-19 pandemic.
- The VA has setup a website for veterans here: **https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/ [publichealth.va.gov]**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S.

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through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.

- On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.*
- In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a **Notice of Arrival Restrictions** [dhs.gov] requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More **here [dhs.gov]**.
- On March 21, President Trump announced agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. More information is **here [dhs.gov]**.

- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with DHS Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

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State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30 PM ET**, please join Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*), Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Please note that Administration call participants are subject to change. The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions. Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, April 1
Time: 1:30 PM ET (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: ***Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line (where appropriate and with proper social distancing) to maximize the number of people who can join. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.***

Recent Actions

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President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, on Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to

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qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* $1.25 billion.
- $340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- $500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- Fact Sheet: ***President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***
- Op-Ed: Ivanka Trump – ***Emergency Relief Bill Will help America's Small Businesses [kansascity.com]***
- Op-Ed: Peter Navarro – ***How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with Trump Administration [foxnews.com]***

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Releases Updated Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for States and Localities

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. ***State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance***.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Issue Travel Advisor for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

Saturday, March 28, CDC issued a travel advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut urging residents to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. The Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services, and food supply. These employees of critical infrastructure, as defined by

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the Department of Homeland Security (**here [cisa.gov]**) have a special responsibility to maintain normal work schedule. The Governors of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will have full discretion to implement this Domestic Travel Advisory. Learn more **here [cdc.gov]**.

President Trump Invokes Defense Production Act (DPA) Requiring General Motors to Produce Ventilators

Statement from the President: President Trump signed a **Presidential Memorandum [whitehouse.gov]** directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use any and all authority available under the Defense Production Act to require General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators. Our negotiations with GM regarding its ability to supply ventilators have been productive, but our fight against the virus is too urgent to allow the give-and-take of the contracting process to continue to run its normal course. GM was wasting time. Today's action will help ensure the quick production of ventilators that will save American lives.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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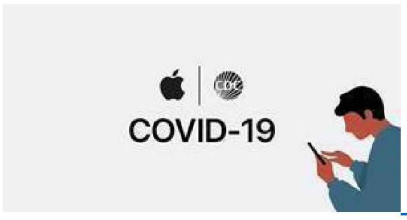

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Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

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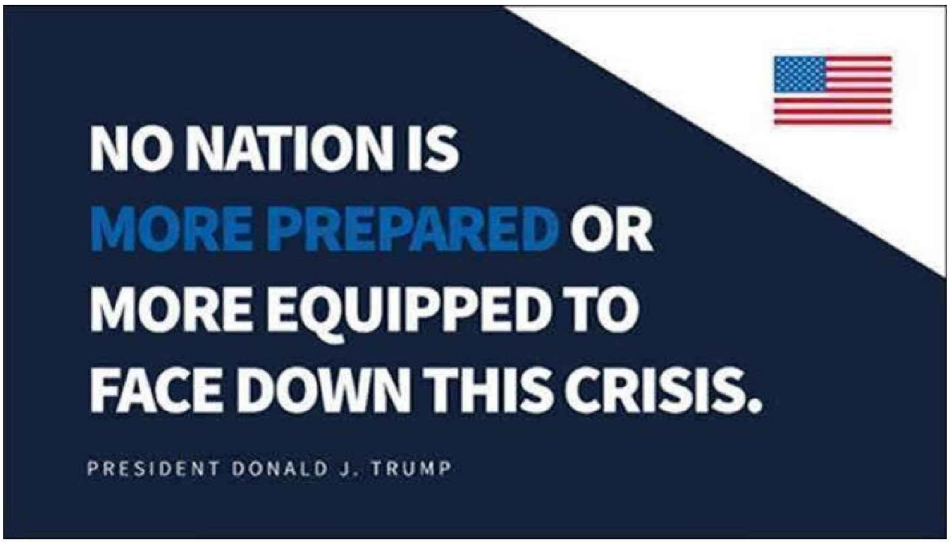

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: The White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**)– to help protect all Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk—and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard. More **here [cisa.gov]**.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

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- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of the Interior (**DOI [doi.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

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State and Local Leaders –

On **Wednesday, March 11, at 1:00 PM ET**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). If you would like to join, registration instructions and additional background information are below. Please feel free to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, March 11
Time: 1:00 PM ET (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
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Below, please find additional information. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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Background & Additional Information

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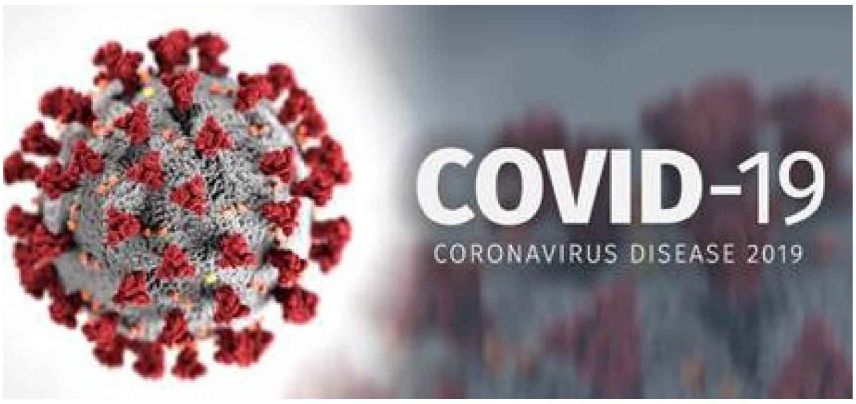

Background: Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given State and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have worked and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk for the average American remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed***.

Up-To-Date Information: The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

- What You Should Know (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Agency Resources and Contact Information: Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)

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- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Local Preparedness Tips: Responses locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

What You Need To Know: President Trump and the Administration Are Taking a Whole-Of-Government Approach to Protecting the American People

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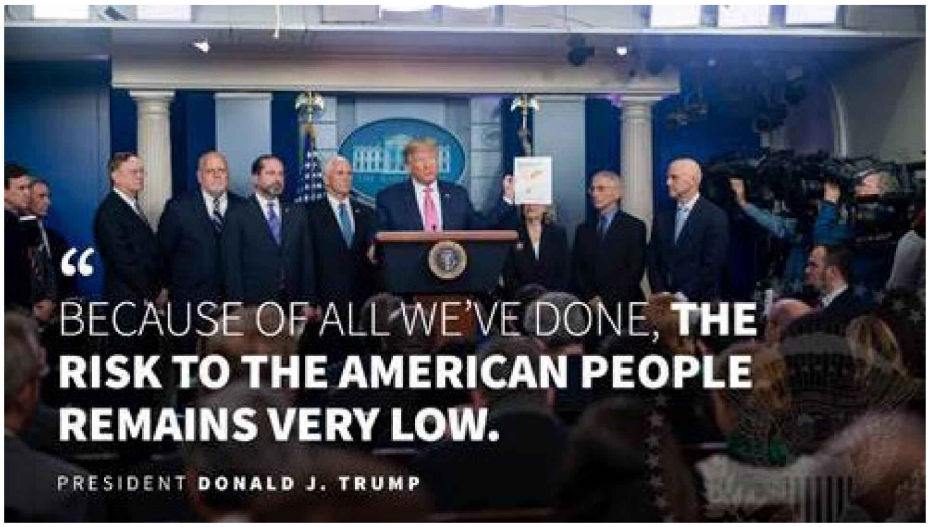

Top Line

- The risk to the American public remains low.
- The Coronavirus Task Force is marshalling a whole-of government response to COVID-19 and driving collaboration between Federal-State-Tribal-Local stakeholders.
- The Federal Government has been able to provide tests to all the state jurisdictions and labs that have requested it. In addition, all state labs have the test and are empowered to conduct the test themselves. Complementing these efforts, leading commercial laboratories in the country will soon have tests available for local doctors, pharmacies, and broadly to the American public.

President Trump has made the safety, security and health of the American people his top priority from day one.

- There is no higher priority for President Trump than protecting the health and safety of Americans.
- In 2018, President Trump signed the **National Biodefense Strategy [whitehouse.gov]**, which improves speed of action in situations such as this.
- While additional cases are expected, the general risk to the average American remains low, and the Administration is taking measures to keep the threat low.

Since the very beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the President has taken an unprecedented whole-of-government approach to protect the American people.

- President Trump took unprecedented action and suspended all travel into the United States from China and has issued subsequent screening measures and guidance on travel from other impacted areas across the globe.
- Issuing a public health emergency declaration on January 31.
- Establishing the White House task force to combat the coronavirus spread. The Task Force is coordinating and marshalling the full resources and capabilities of the Federal government to respond to the coronavirus.
- Forging relationships and collaboration between the public and private sectors.
- Remained in close contact with our Nation’s governors and other key stakeholders.
- *The Washington Times: **Thanks to Trump Administration, the United States has a Coronavirus Plan of Action [washingtontimes.com]**.*

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- *Dr. Marc Siegel:* ***Coronavirus Public Health Response Has Been Handled Well [foxnews.com]***

While the overall threat to the American public remains low, the President has directed the White House Task Force to take all steps to ensure the health and well-being of the American people and we are well-prepared.

- Americans do not need to change their day-to-day lives but should stay informed and practice good hygiene.
- There are good tried and true hygiene practices which can be very effective to reduce the chance of getting sick.
- Travelers are encouraged to always exercise healthy travel habits when traveling and to follow appropriate guidance (*see* **here [wwwnc.cdc.gov]**). At this time, there are no domestic travel restrictions in the United States.
- We are working rapidly on therapeutics and vaccines and have launched the first U.S. clinical trial for an investigational antiviral.
- The Federal Government has been able to provide tests to all the state jurisdictions and labs that have requested it. Between March 2nd and 5th, more than 900,000 tests were distributed across the country.
- The United States has the finest public health system in the world and knows the playbook to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

Local, State, tribal, & Federal coordinated preparedness & response efforts.

- Federal officials have been working diligently to communicate with State, local, and tribal officials on the Federal government's efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-1.
- Our Nation's Governors have participated in-person and on conference call briefings with Federal partners on January 30, February 9, February 20 and March 2. These communications remain ongoing.
- White House, OMB, HHS, DHS, DOT, and State Department Officials met with over 40 State, county, and city health officials from over 30 States and territories to thank them for their leadership and to continue discussions on the Federal-State-Local partnership to prepare and respond to COVID-19 (February 25).
- HHS, CDC, DHS, and Federal partners have held numerous national briefing calls with State, local, tribal, private-sector, and community leaders.
- The Trump Administration is partnering with State, local, and tribal elected and appointed leaders' associations.

Recent Actions: Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**)
  - March 6: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 4: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 2: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - February 29: **Video [youtube.com]**
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)

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- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more **here [cms.gov]**)
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)

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Briefing Call Background: President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, on Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* $1.25 billion.
- $340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- $500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- Fact Sheet: ***President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***
- U.S. Department of the Treasury Resources and Guidance: **How the Treasury Department is Taking Action [home.treasury.gov]**
- Op-Ed: Ivanka Trump – ***Emergency Relief Bill Will help America's Small Businesses [kansascity.com]***
- Op-Ed: Peter Navarro – ***How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with Trump Administration [foxnews.com]***

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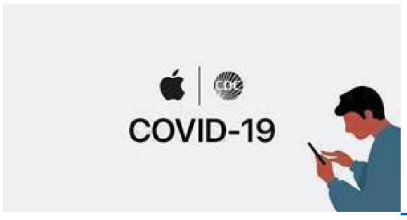

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coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

- **CDC Provides Interim Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to COVID-19**: On Wednesday, April 8, the CDC released new guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. The guidelines advise that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More **here [cdc.gov]**. Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the DHS CISA website **here [cisa.gov]**.

- **The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide Up To $2.3 Trillion in Financing**: On Thursday, April 9, Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Launches Web Portal and Begins Disbursement of CARES Act Funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments**: On April 13, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released **eligibility guidance [home.treasury.gov]** for CARES Act funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments. States, Tribes, and eligible local governments are encouraged to provide payment information and required supporting documentation on **Treasury's portal [forms.treasury.gov]** not later than April 17, 2020. Additional guidance on eligible uses of Fund disbursements by governments will be posted as it becomes available.

- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether**: On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.

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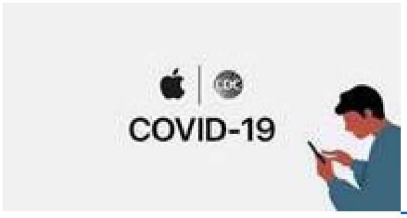

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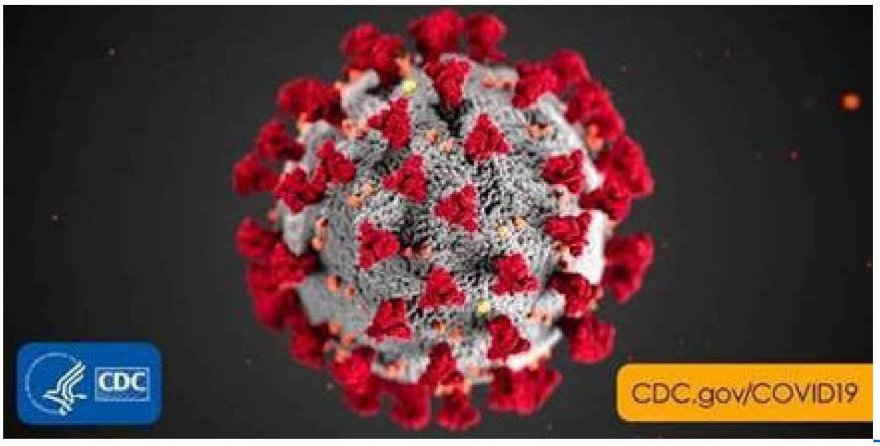

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Recent Announcements

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- **President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**: Friday, April 24, President Trump **signed the new legislation [whitehouse.gov]** into law to further assist American businesses, workers and healthcare providers. The legislation provides $310 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), $60 billion more for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, $75 billion in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion to support our Nation's testing efforts. Read more from the SBA **here [sba.gov]**. Find more on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [sba.gov]**.

- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the **White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council [opportunityzones.hud.gov]** led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance**: Wednesday, April 22, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act. As stated by the **legislation [congress.gov]** signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds "are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19)." The guidance document (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) and frequently asked questions (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

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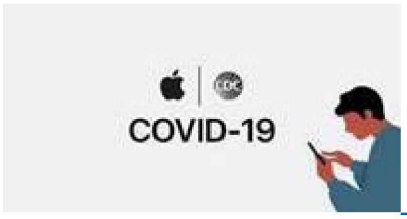

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- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
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- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
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- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a **fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com]** that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with

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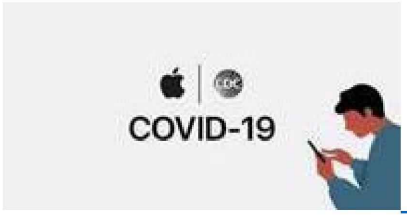

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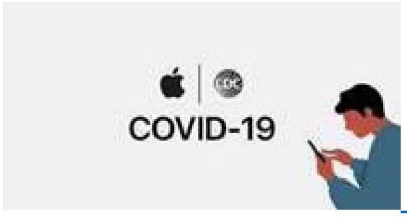

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I have continued to lobby for the restoration of recreational activities. You will note the PB Post called me out for those efforts:

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www.palmbeachpost.com/opinion/20200421/coronavirus-florida-editorial-donrsquot-put-publicrsquos-health-at-risk-for-handful-of-selfish-protesters

I will continue to speak out notwithstanding these mischaracterizations of my efforts.

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On Apr 22, 2020, at 9:54 PM, Rod Trump <rodtrump@gmail.com> wrote:

Ladies and gentlemen in charge of Palm Beach County,

Miami-Dade is ready to go with parks, golf courses, boat ramps and tennis courts, but the residents of Palm Beach County have heard nothing. Why are you afraid to lead?

Miami-Dade has been the epicenter of COVID-19 cases in Florida. They closed recreational activities almost a full week before Palm Beach County. How can they be announcing plans to re-open and there are zero announcements here?

Miami-Dade has roughly 25 golf courses/ clubs and Broward has approximately 40, but Palm Beach County has more than 140 golf venues. Many, many people are out of work with no income as a result of poor leadership. Many more people (residents of Palm Beach County who vote and pay taxes) have no or limited outlets for activities which promote physical and mental health during these challenging times. The CDC as well as our Governor have emphasized the importance of being outside and active - responsibly - yet many have asked for a simple return of this freedom but there has been ZERO response from our elected officials. There are now more than 7,500 signatures on a petition to permit playing golf in a manner that is compliant with CDC guidelines but why has there been seemingly no attention given to these constituents?

I hear many clubs and courses are considering litigation to recoup damages as a result of the closing order which defied the directive of Florida's Governor. Is there no concern for these damages?

This closure has now gone on too long and at this point is excessive. NOW is the time to re-open essential recreational activities in Palm Beach County - specifically golf although I encourage the reinstatement of tennis, boating, nature walks and surfing. ALL golf clubs and courses would fully comply with USGA/ PGA of America/ Miami-Dade County standards of operation. Waiting any longer than tomorrow further alienates key constituents and stakeholders - NOW IS THE TIME!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Mental Health and COVID-19 - Resources and Guidance for State and Local Leaders
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:15:54 PM
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ONDCP COVID Fact Sheet.pdf

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THE WHITE HOUSE

State and Local Leaders,

President Donald J. Trump is committed to providing Americans with the unprecedented mental health resources they need during this challenging time. On Thursday, April 9, President. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, First Lady Melania Trump, and Second Lady Karen Pence spoke by telephone with hundreds of American mental health professionals, leaders, and advocates to discuss the effects COVID-19 is having on the American people. This COVID-19 call was the first to bring these four influential leaders together on one issue. The President recognized that a great number of Americans are enduring hardships – including loneliness from social distancing, despair from being out of work, anxiety from the danger of the virus, and grief from the loss of a loved one. President Trump thanked the doctors, counselors, and many other mental health professionals for providing vital mental health services during this time through tele-health.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams PSA – Mental Health



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[youtube.com]

The White House and Administration are committed to providing Americans with vital mental health resources and services especially through expanding telehealth services, continuing the Administration's efforts to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis. Below, please find additional information and resources. Attached, also find a helpful Fact Sheet from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) outlining efforts and resources to ensure that prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and safe and effective pain management remain available nationwide. We also want to share examples of State and Local leaders addressing mental health needs in their communities and welcome awareness and engagement around your efforts.

Sincerely,

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STATE AND LOCAL COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Below are examples of State and Local leaders promoting mental health awareness and resources aid the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcome awareness over your own respective initiatives.

Ohio Governor DeWine **urged support groups [twitter.com]** to check in with people with serious mental illness or addiction and highlighted the need to get the suicide hotline sent out to more people.

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo **offered resources [twitter.com]** to those struggling with mental health during this time.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee **addressed [wmcactionnews5.com]** the collateral impact on mental health that COVID-19 takes and highlighted the state's crisis hotline while working with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to expand telehealth access.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb **said [twitter.com]** that mental health crisis calls are increasing and will issue guidance for Hoosiers on the tools available to help them out with mental health issues and will increase staffing at these centers.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz **signed [bringmethenews.com]** an Executive order expanding mental health counseling options for Minnesotans. Specifically, the Executive Order authorized out-of-state mental health providers to treat Minnesota patients via telehealth services

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker **announced [nbcchicago.com]** the launch of a new

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Remote Patient Monitoring Program and mental health support line. Call4Calm, operated by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division, is a free-of-charge emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services launched [michigan.gov] a warmline to help Michiganders with persistent mental health issues amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The peer-operated warmline is intended to act as a resource for people experiencing depression, anxiety, or other mental illnesses.

The Texas Health & Human Services Commission established [twitter.com] a hotline and texting service on Mental Health.

San Diego, California Mayor Kevin Faulconer and **San Diego County Supervisors** announced [timesofsandiego.com] a $25 Million partnership for a Behavioral Health Fund dedicated to assessment, treatment, detoxification, crisis stabilization, residential treatment and supportive housing.

San Jose, California Mayor Sam Liccardo hosted a Facebook Live [nbcbayarea.com] session on mental health during the coronavirus crisis.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), the largest county mental health department in the United States, has scaled resources and provided coronavirus-specific guidance for individuals during the pandemic. More here [dmh.lacounty.gov].

In **Coconino County, Arizona**, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Liaisons distributed [tgcaz.org] Mental Health resource listing (including crisis line) to numerous.

Pima County, Arizona worked with SoAZ NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness [nami.org]) to put their "Ending the Silence" online, and to market it to local schools, public (traditional and charter) and private. Ending the Silence is a National Program, usually taught in person to Middle and High School Students

In **Arapahoe County, Colorado**, Aurora Mental Health continues to provide [aumhc.org] all core services. Crisis, withdrawal management (detox), and residential services are face-to-face, and all other services have transitioned to phone (allowed in Colorado for indigent and Medicaid clients) and telehealth.

In **Tennessee, Shelby County** is offering [shelbycountytn.gov] free teletherapy services to all county employees.

In **Indiana, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen** held a Facebook Live [twitter.com] with a licensed therapist in his city to discuss tips on how families and individuals can care for their mental health.

In **Georgia, Athens-Clarke County Mayor Kelly Girtz** gave a brief video update [twitter.com] on the County's response to COVID-19 and highlighted mental health considerations & shelter-in-place orders.

In **Georgia, the DeKalb Community Service Board (CSB)** has gone to telehealth services for clients that wish to maintain social isolation while accessing mental health

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services. The CSB pharmacy services have arranged for same-day delivery of medication refill to their homes for all clients using telehealth access. More information **here [dekcsb.org]**.

In **Florida, Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey** **led a discussion [tallahassee.com]** about anxiety and new routines citizens can take to keep up on their mental health.

DuPage County, Illinois **established [dupagehealth.org]** an on-site 12 bed crisis residential program that remains open and available to community members who are having a mental health crisis and not in need of an inpatient level of care as well as implementation of a health screening for anyone in need.

FEDERAL RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE



Resources and Initiatives

- **Telehealth**: Under the President's leadership and at the direction of the White House Task Force, the Trump Administration has taken historic steps to expand Americans' access to telehealth, so that patients, particularly our Medicare beneficiaries, can receive a wider range of services without having to travel to a healthcare facility (*read more from Surgeon General Jerome Adams and CMS Administrator Seema Verma – **Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure [orlandosentinel.com]***). States are also examining their own policies to determine if there are undue barriers to maximizing telehealth service delivery for their residents in this time of national emergency. States have broad authority to deliver and reimburse Medicaid covered services through telehealth modalities, and additional federal approval is often not required to do so. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance on telehealth reimbursement and coverage options in the Medicaid program **here [medicaid.gov]**.
- **Supplemental Grant Funding:** On April 3, SAMHSA announced it will fund $110 million in emergency grants to provide treatment for substance use disorders/serious mental illness during the coronavirus pandemic. The grants are available to State

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governments, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. As the Trump administration responds to meet the needs of Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing emergency grants to help Americans dealing with substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness. The agency has announced it is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 (Short Title: Emergency COVID-19). The grants total $110 million and will provide up to $2 million for successful state applicants and up to $500,000 for successful territory and tribal applicants for 16 months. More details **here [samhsa.gov]**.

- **Move Your Way Campaign**: *Move Your Way* is a physical activity campaign from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote the recommendations from the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. The Move Your Way tools, videos, and fact sheets on this page have tips that make it easier to get a little more active. And small changes can add up to big health benefits! Learn more **here [health.gov]**.
- **Office of National Drug Control Policy – COVID-19 Fact Sheet**: During the COVID-19 crisis, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is leading efforts to ensure that prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and safe and effective pain management remain available nationwide. The Trump Administration is mobilizing the Federal Government to ensure the approximately 20 million Americans who struggle with the disease of addiction can access and continue to receive treatment and recovery support services, while keeping themselves and healthcare professionals safe from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19. *See attached.*
- **The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS)**: On Friday, April 3, Second Lady Karen Pence announced her new role as lead ambassador for PREVENTS on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force (*see* **Second Lady Karen Pence Taking Lead Role in Suicide Prevention Initiative During Coronavirus Outbreak [usatoday.com]**). PREVENTS focuses on a holistic public health approach to ending Veteran suicide. The Initiative seeks to change the culture surrounding mental health and suicide prevention through enhanced community integration, prioritized research activities, and implementation strategies that emphasize improved overall health and well-being. The goal of PREVENTS is to prevent suicide — among not just Veterans but all Americans. By adopting a holistic public health approach, PREVENTS is acting on the knowledge that suicide prevention is everyone's business, and that by working together, locally and nationally, we can prevent suicide. Learn more **here [va.gov]**.

Guidance

- **Managing & Recognizing Stress**: The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger. **Sharing the facts [cdc.gov]** about COVID-19 and understanding the actual risk to yourself and people you care about can make an outbreak less stressful. When you share accurate information about COVID-19 you can help make people feel less stressed and allow you to connect with them. Learn more about **taking care of your emotional health [emergency.cdc.gov]**. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)

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- **Guidance for Parents and Caregivers**: Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. There are many things you can do to support your child: Take time to talk with your child or teen about the COVID-19 outbreak. Answer questions and **share facts [cdc.gov]** about COVID-19 in a way that your child or teen can understand. Learn more about **helping children cope [cdc.gov]**.
- **Guidance for Responders and Providers**: Responding to COVID-19 can take an emotional toll on you. There are things you can do to reduce secondary traumatic stress (STS) reactions: Acknowledge that STS can impact anyone helping families after a traumatic event; and learn the symptoms including physical (fatigue, illness) and mental (fear, withdrawal, guilt) Learn more **tips for taking care of yourself [emergency.cdc.gov]** during emergency response.
- **Guidance for Persons Released from Quarantine**: Being separated from others if a healthcare provider thinks you may have been exposed to COVID-19 can be stressful, even if you do not get sick. Everyone feels differently after coming out of quarantine. Some feelings include: Sadness, anger, or frustration because friends or loved ones have unfounded fears of contracting the disease from contact with you, even though you have been determined not to be contagious; and guilt about not being able to perform normal work or parenting duties during quarantine. Children may also feel upset or have other strong emotions if they, or someone they know, has been released from quarantine. **You can help your child cope [cdc.gov]**.
- **Digital Mental Health – Innovating in a Time of High Anxiety**: In this time of **increased anxiety and physical distancing [nimh.nih.gov]**due to the **coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic [coronavirus.gov]**, many people are looking for digital technology solutions to help them manage their mental health. Mental health apps are one of the fastest-growing sectors of the digital marketplace, with more than 10,000 apps available. These apps claim to, among other things, boost your mood, increase your sleep, and even help you manage your addiction. The National Institute of Mental Health takes a look **here [weforum.org]**.
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resource – How To Manage Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak**: Taking care of your well-being, including your mental health, is essential during this time. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Many people may experience stress, fear, anxiety, or feelings of depression. This is normal. There are things that you can do to manage your stress and anxiety. VA has provided resources **here [mentalhealth.va.gov]**.

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From: Rod Trump
To: Robert Weinroth S.
Subject: Miami-Dade Golf Task Force Requirements (4-18-2020 2-22 pm final).docx
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:00:22 PM
Attachments: Miami-Dade Golf Task Force Requirements (4-18-2020 2-22 pm final).docx

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This was provided to me by some folks in Miami regarding the re-opening of golf...

It can be done SAFELY!!!

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From: Rod Trump
To: Robert Weinroth S.
Subject: Miami-Dade beaches won't reopen soon. Park rules likely to ease | Miami Herald
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:54:52 PM

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This was the article that made me aware of today's live stream.

Miami was always way worse than PBC! How can they now be ahead of us?

Your counterparts are asleep at the wheel!

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.miamiherald.com_news_local_community_miami-2Ddade_article242122356.html&d=DwIFaQ&c=JMJxdiofvjJKeebMXBrIn8vDKQGaIrsQQJbzDQHviG0&r=wDVZ1SxIlmoNbvOR-eoGPzFN_RzdDoP0Qd2hwTzb7c8&m=jnk1m7WR4dMPRauoPmKwVIE4x5Rf-QpqmUbpbdEV63s&s=EaVEypLsliG8c_BmSa5K-QTtb2cc9UgK_pO-Arovk30&e=

From: Rod Trump
To: BCC-All Commissioners; Robert Weinroth S.; Dave Kerner M.
Subject: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:18:04 PM

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Very truly yours,
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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Subject: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:35:12 PM

Can't find anything on it — send me a link.

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Cc: BCC-All Commissioners
Subject: New York Times
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:12:31 AM

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https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/24/business/coronavirus-golfers.html [nytimes.com]

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: New York Times
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:23:34 AM

I think we're very close to announcing to timetable for relaxing restrictions. ~ rsw

palmbeachpost.com/opinion/20200423/point-of-view-palm-beach-county-must-begin-planning-now-for-new-normal

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: President Trump To Address County Leaders at NACo"s 2020 Legislative Conference (Tuesday, March 3)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:34:24 PM
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We hope to see you on Tuesday, March 3rd!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: President Trump To Address County Leaders at NACo"s 2020 Legislative Conference (Tuesday, March 3)
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 12:37:26 PM
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Subject: President"s Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Donald. J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19. Below, please find additional information on ***The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread***. Please feel free to share broadly.

As a reminder, the CDC's official Coronavirus website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]** – is the best source for up-to-date information and guidance.

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The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

1) Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.

2) If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

3) If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

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From: David Bernhardt
To: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: RE: Arrival Event Today CANCELLED
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 9:45:00 AM

Thank you Sir….

From: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Samuel.L.Webb@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 7:39 AM
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Greetings,

You are receiving this email because you are a confirmed guest attending President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at Palm Beach International Airport on Friday March 6, 2020.

Due to a change in President Donald J. Trump's schedule, we will no longer be able to accommodate guest viewing at the airport today.

Please disregard the previous email with instructions for attending the event today.

We appreciate your efforts to be a part of President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival to West Palm Beach.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sam Webb
Presidential Office of Advance

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Subject: RE: Miami-Dade beaches won't reopen soon. Park rules likely to ease | Miami Herald
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:17:00 PM

Rod - can you give me a call when you have a minute? Thanks. Lucia

Lucia Bonavita
Senior Aide to Comm. Weinroth
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-----Original Message-----
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This was the article that made me aware of today's live stream.

Miami was always way worse than PBC! How can they now be ahead of us?

Your counterparts are asleep at the wheel!

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Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: Re: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:06:41 PM

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Saturday, April 18, 2020

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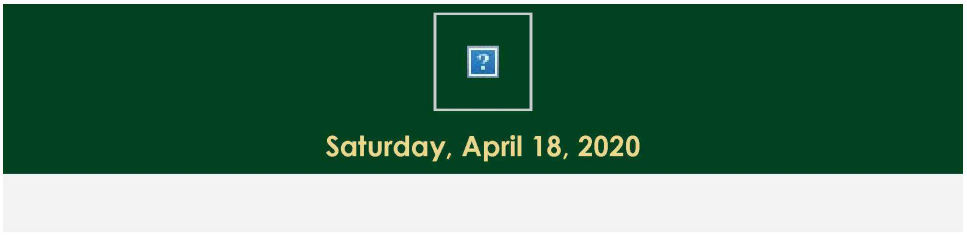

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Cc: Robert Weinroth S.; Dave Kerner M.; BCC-All Commissioners; Gregg Weiss
Subject: Re: Mayor has plan to reopen parks, marinas, golf in Miami-Dade | Miami Herald
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:29:35 PM

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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:19:40 AM

Good Morning,

I understand the dramatic effect the necessary closures has had on our local businesses and their employees, and recreational enthusiasts in our efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Kerner is working with the Governor's Reopen Florida Task Force while locally, working groups are meeting to plan the phased reopening of businesses and other public places. We are also collaborating with our neighboring counties to the south, which together account for roughly 60% of the infections in the State. Recommendations will be forthcoming very soon.

I strongly support a measured and responsible approach to reopening businesses, getting people back to work, and making recreational venues - including golf courses - available using appropriate distancing guidelines and other protective measures in the overall best interest of the public.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Hal Valeche

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To: Robert Weinroth S.
Subject: Re: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:02:02 AM

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https://www.timeout.com/miami/news/miami-dade-county-just-announced-it-will-reopen-public-parks-marinas-and-golf-courses-042020 [timeout.com]

Three sources tell me parks, golf and boat ramps open this weekend... in Florida's epicenter Miami-Dade...

What are we going to do in PBC?

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To: Rod Trump
Cc: Robert Weinroth S.; BCC-All Commissioners; Dave Kerner M.
Subject: Re: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:59:15 PM

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Good question.

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There was a virtual town hall hosted by the Mayor via Twitter. I watched it live.

As soon as I see the published order or media coverage, I'll forward it via the same email.

He mentioned he had been working with officials in Broward and PBC and he was lessening these restrictions but NOT opening the beaches yet.

Separately, we have nearly 6,000 signatures on the golf specific petition. As you know, these people vote and some have money to contribute to political campaigns. It's amazing you are the only one to respond to me. I'll be just as aggressive come election time.

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And now over 6,300 signatures on the petition...

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A few questions (confidentially.... perhaps we should discuss in a call)

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To:	Danna Ackerman-White; Dave Kerner M.; Robert Weinroth S.; Verdenia Baker; Hal Valeche; Gregg Weiss; MaryLou Berger; Mack Bernard; Melissa McKinlay
Subject:	SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY KILLS COVID-19 - US CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:41:13 PM

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ACCORDING TO THE CORONA VIRUS TASK FORCE (4/23)
SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY KILLS COVID-19

GOLF IS PLAYED IN SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY.

WHY ARE OUR GOLF COURSES STILL CLOSED?

Most clubs prior to being forced to closed had already implemented all of the best practices now outlined by Miami-Dade which seems to be the template also for Broward & Palm Beach re-opening.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PERMIT GOLF

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CLUBS & COURSES TO RE-OPEN!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida To Combat the Coronavirus
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:45:46 PM
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Florida State and Local Partners,

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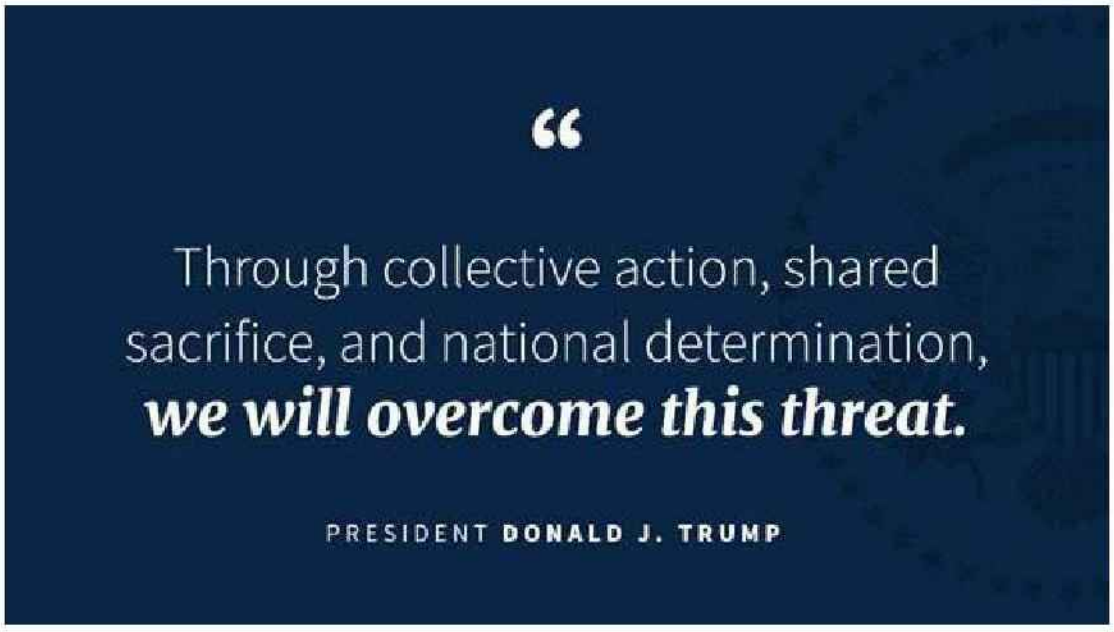

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Attached, please find a fact sheet (***The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida***) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of Florida and the people of Florida to combat the coronavirus. The attached information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Florida in partnership with State and local leaders. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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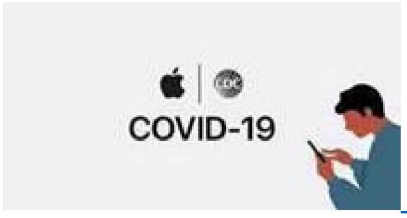
The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



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Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



[whitehouse.gov]

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 16, President Trump and the

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White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated **critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how

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you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention website [justice.gov]. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a website [consumer.ftc.gov] with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources**: Download the Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]. Follow the White House on Twitter [twitter.com] and Facebook [facebook.com]. Also follow HHS (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) and CDC (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's YouTube [youtube.com] page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline here [samhsa.gov].
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com] that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions here [usa.gov]. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS [cdc.gov]), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS [cms.gov]), Food and Drug Administration (FDA [fda.gov]), Department of Education (DoED [ed.gov]), Department of Agriculture (USDA [usda.gov]), Small Business Administration (SBA [sba.gov]), Department of Labor (DOL [osha.gov]), Department of Homeland Security (DHS [dhs.gov]), Department of State (DOS [travel.state.gov]), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA [publichealth.va.gov]), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [epa.gov]), Department of Energy (DOE [energy.gov]), Department of Commerce (DOC [commerce.gov]), Department of Justice (DOJ [justice.gov]), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD [hud.gov]), Department of the Treasury (USDT [home.treasury.gov]), Internal Revenue Service (IRS [irs.gov]), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI [dni.gov]), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC [eac.gov]).

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Please see the attached instructions for tomorrow's Friends and Family arrival event, and please pay close attention to the parking instructions.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow and we know you are excited to see the Vice President, but we ask that you do not post to social media or discuss the details until after the event is over.

As a reminder this is an invitation only event, so please do not forward this email or attachment.

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It was pointed out to me that I had included an evening time on the original instructions. The line should read "10:30 AM and close at 11:15 AM sharp." I have attached a revised invitation. My apologies for any confusion.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Tonight, February 4 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, President Donald J. Trump will deliver his third **State of the Union Address**. Below, please find additional information, including a preview of the President's remarks and the Special Guests in attendance. You can view the SOTU live online by clicking **here [whitehouse.gov]**. We hope that you will tune in and also share your statements of support on social media (and other avenues) using the hashtag #SOTU.

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STATE OF THE UNION 2020 PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Great American Comeback

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TOPLINE

President Trump is looking forward to delivering his third State of the Union Address and his fourth Address to a Joint Session of Congress on Tuesday. The theme of the State of the Union is the Great American Comeback. In his address, the President will lay out a vision of relentless optimism. He will encourage Congress to work with him to continue building an inclusive economy where the least well off are making some of the fastest gains and where people of every background are finding new opportunities. The President will expand on themes he developed in his Davos speech earlier this month, and put forward an agenda focused squarely on the needs of working families—addressing issues that affect Americans' quality of life and laying out solutions with can-do optimism in the face of the unjustified pessimism we are hearing from some in Congress.

TOP ISSUES

The Blue Collar Boom: The President will report on how the strong economy is lifting up Americans everywhere. The President will address the importance to the economy of the new Trade Agreement with China and the USMCA, explain the results we are seeing from Opportunity Zones, and celebrate America's energy revolution that has led to Energy Independence.

Supporting and Promoting Working Families: The President will address a range of issues facing working families—from ensuring that every child can get a great education, to supporting America's parents as they manage the demands of working jobs while raising children. He will call on Congress to empower parents with School Choice. The President will highlight his support for paid family leave, and expanding access to affordable childcare. He will celebrate the administration's workforce training initiatives, such as the Pledge to the American Worker.

Lowering the Cost of Healthcare for American Families: The President will call on Congress to support the Administration's many efforts to lower the costs of healthcare, while continuing to provide the highest standard of care in the world, with access to the most innovative cures and medical breakthroughs. He will contrast his vision with radical proposals being floated on the left. Clearly, socialism is a rising force in the Democrat party, with very specific designs on our healthcare system. The President will build on last year's address and present a sharp difference. The President will emphasize lowering the cost of prescription drugs. He will also address many of the everyday concerns that families face confronting the healthcare system: surprise medical billing, transparency, accountability, and flexibility to choose the plan and the doctor that is right for them.

Safe and Legal Immigration System: The President will talk about the incredible progress we have made in securing the Southern Border. He will also take head-on one of the most significant threats to public safety, Sanctuary Cities.

SPECIAL GUESTS

President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump are pleased to announce that the following individuals will be their special guests for the President's third State of the Union address:

Tony Rankins from Cincinnati, Ohio: After serving in the United States Army in Afghanistan, Tony Rankins suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and became addicted to drugs. He lost his job and his family, served several prison sentences, and

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ended up living out of his car. A company called "R Investments" helped train Tony in carpentry, painting, brick work, and other construction trades. Today, he works in an Opportunity Zone in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his new job has helped him overcome drug addiction and reunite with his family.

Deputy Chief Raul Ortiz from Del Rio, Texas: Deputy Chief Ortiz has helped protect America's homeland for nearly three decades. Prior to joining U.S. Border Patrol in 1991, Ortiz served in the United States Army. In 2019, he became Chief Patrol Agent of the Del Rio Sector, which made him responsible for all Border Patrol operations in 41 Texas counties—including 210 miles of border between the United States and Mexico. Recently, Ortiz was promoted to Deputy Chief of U.S. Border Patrol, the second in command for more than 20,000 agents and professional staff. His awards include the Superior Civilian Service Medal, among the Department of Defense's highest civilian honors.

Jody Jones from Farmersville, California: On December 17, 2018, Jody's brother, Rocky Jones, was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant in Tulare County, California. The criminal alien who committed this brutal murder had previously been arrested for violent crimes and had been deported twice. The criminal alien was arrested in December 2018 for the sixth time, but because of California's sanctuary state policy, he was released from jail. A few days later, the criminal alien went on a 24-hour "reign of terror," injuring several people, robbing a gas station, leading law enforcement on a high-speed chase, and killing 51-year old Rocky, who was known as a kind and gentle soul. Rocky leaves behind a precious daughter and 4 brothers who are still grieving the loss of their loved one.

Ellie and Robin Schneider from Kansas City, Missouri: Ellie was born at just 21 weeks and six days. She is one of the youngest babies to survive in the United States. With the help of an incredible medical team – and the prayers of her parents and their community -- Ellie kept beating the odds, exceeding milestones, and fighting for life. Today, Ellie is a happy, healthy two-year-old girl who brings endless joy to her mother, Robin, and her entire family.

Janiyah and Stephanie Davis from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Janiyah is a fourth grade student from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She loves art and math, but for too long she has been assigned to low-performing schools. Her mom, Stephanie, is a hard working single mother who is hoping for the expansion of school choice to be able to send Janiyah to a school that best serves her needs.

Kelli and Gage Hake from Stillwater, Oklahoma: Kelli Hake was at home with her one-year-old son, Gage, when she received the terrible news that her that her husband, Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hake, had been killed serving on his second tour of duty in Iraq. While on patrol, Sergeant Hake's Bradley fighting vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb supplied by the Iranian terrorist leader Qasem Soleimani. Kelli and Gage directly suffered from Soleimani's campaign to kill and maim U.S. service members. Last month, President Donald J. Trump ordered the killing of Soleimani as he was once again trying to initiate attacks on American service members.

Paul Morrow from Montgomery, Alabama: Paul is a United States Army veteran. After leaving the military, Morrow started a successful contracting business and today is building a new concrete plant in an Opportunity Zone in Montgomery, Alabama. This new plant will help support several brand new F-35 jets that are stationed in the region.

Ivan Simonovis from Caracas, Venezuela: Ivan was the Chief of Police in Venezuela's capitol city and esteemed as the nation's top cop. He was imprisoned in 2004 for protecting

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protesters and was held in captivity for nearly 15 years by the Chavez and Maduro regimes. He escaped from Venezuela in 2019 and was brought to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where immigration agents welcomed him to the United States.

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The Great American Comeback

Last night, February 4, President Donald J. Trump delivered his third State of the Union Address and his fourth Address to a Joint Session of Congress. Speaking to the theme of the *Great American Comeback*, the President addressed the importance to the economy of the new trade agreement with China and the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, highlighted the successes of Opportunity Zones, and celebrated America's energy revolution that has led to Energy Independence. The President outlined a vision of relentless optimism that celebrated America's unrivaled economic and military strength. He encouraged Congress to work with him to continue building an inclusive economy where the least well off are making some of the fastest gains and where people of every background are finding new opportunities. Expanding on themes he highlighted in his Davos speech, the President put forward an agenda focused squarely on the needs of working families—addressing issues that affect Americans' quality of life and laying out solutions with can-do optimism in the face of the unjustified pessimism we are hearing from some in Congress.

A Middle-Class, Blue-Collar BOOM: The unemployment rate is near a 50-year low. Record stock markets are boosting 401(k)s. Wages are up, and income inequality is down. It's about to get even better: President Trump's NAFTA-replacing USMCA is expected to add up to 600,000 jobs and $235 billion to the economy.

Support for Working Families: President Trump is focused on results. Last night, he called on Congress to support his efforts to lower healthcare

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costs without compromising America's world-leading standard of care. He also highlighted the Administration's support for paid family leave, school choice, and greater access to affordable childcare options.

A Stronger, Safer America*:* Defending the rule of law works. Since 2016, the violent crime rate in America has fallen nearly 5 percent after rising each of the two years before President Trump took office. At the U.S.-Mexico border, apprehensions and illegal crossings are down. Overseas, terrorist leaders such as Qasem Soleimani and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi are dead instead of causing chaos.

Below you will find additional information, including **Fact Sheets** [whitehouse.gov] outlining various policy priorities, including restoring American strength and prosperity, promoting fairer trade, rebuilding our military and protecting America's interest abroad, educational freedom, lowering healthcare costs, the President's unwavering commitment to American workers, immigration reform, and protecting and promoting American values. We welcome your feedback and engagement on these policy priorities and their impact on your cities, counties, and states.



[twitter.com]

State of the Union Recap

Full Video: You can find the full State of the Union video (**here** [whitehouse.gov])
Full Remarks: Full remarks from President Trump's Address can be found (**here** [whitehouse.gov])
Special Guests: Special Guests for President Trump's third State of the Union Address can be found (**here** [whitehouse.gov])

Fact Sheets

Great American Comeback Story (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Economy and Jobs (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Fair Trade (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
National Security and Defense (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Educational Choice (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Healthcare (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Commitment to American Workers (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Immigration (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Law and Justice (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)

President Donald J. Trump: "It was a great and triumphant evening for our Country.

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Thank you for all of the nice remarks and wonderful reviews of my State of the Union Speech. It was my great honor to have done it!" [twitter.com]

The White House: "I say to the people of our great country, and to the Members of Congress before me: The State of our Union is Stronger than ever before!" — President @realDonaldTrump at #SOTU [twitter.com]

The White House: America is the place where anything can happen! America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true! [twitter.com]

The White House: "Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American Adventure, has only just begun!" [twitter.com]

Secretary Sonny Perdue (U.S. Department of Agriculture): "@realDonaldTrump is delivering a brighter future for America's patriotic farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers." [twitter.com]

Secretary Betsy Devos (U.S. Department of Education): "Tonight, @realDonaldTrump delivered a strong message in support of America's students and their futures. Every student, parent, & teacher should be excited by this bold agenda to free them from a government system that limits their success." [twitter.com]

Secretary Wilbur Ross (U.S. Department of Commerce): "Because of @realDonaldTrump's leadership, we are experiencing a comeback like never before. Americans who need it the most are experiencing an incredible Blue Collar Boom that can be felt on manufacturing floors, at steel production facilities & construction sites across America." [twitter.com]

Secretary Gene Scalia (U.S. Department of Labor): "Three years ago, @POTUS entered the Oval Office with a promise to bring back jobs and prosperity for the American worker. Tonight, the President reminded us that he has delivered on that promise." [twitter.com]

Secretary Ben Carson (U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development): Tonight's address underscored a reality – Americans all across the country are experiencing greater opportunity under President Trump. There is a wise old saying: 'Fix the roof while the sun is shining.' Due to wise and practical management, the sun is currently shining brightly in America. [twitter.com]

Secretary Alex Azar (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services): @POTUS is empowering patients and providing access to quality, affordable healthcare options. He's working to drive down prescription drug prices for all Americans. And he's working to make sure American patients have access to high quality and innovative care. #SOTU [twitter.com]

Ambassador Robert Lighthizer (United States Trade Representative): President Trump has kept his promise to chart a new and better course for U.S. trade policy through fairer and more balanced agreements. This enormous success is only the beginning of what we will accomplish under his leadership. [twitter.com]

Administrator Jovita Carranza (U.S. Small Business Administration): President @realDonaldTrump's pro-growth policies are also driving upward mobility among historically underrepresented minority entrepreneurs. #SOTU [twitter.com]

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Thank you.

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State and Local Leaders –

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given state and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. Last month, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Administration and Coronavirus Task Force have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. It is important to note that at this time, the risk of infection for Americans remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed. Below, please find additional pertinent information.

Up-To-Date Information: Additional helpful resources and up-to-date information can be found on the below websites and social media channels.

For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Twitter (**here [twitter.com]**)
- Facebook (**here [facebook.com]**)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Twitter (**here [twitter.com]**)
- Facebook (**here [facebook.com]**)

Latest Updates: Below, please find pertinent updates on Administrations actions.

- **President Donald J. Trump & Vice President Mike Pence Press**

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Conference with HHS, CDC, & NIH Officials on Saturday, February 29 (**video [youtu.be]** / **remarks [whitehouse.gov]**)

- **FDA Issues New Policy to Help Expedite Availability of Diagnostics.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's issued a new policy for certain laboratories seeking to develop diagnostic tests for coronavirus in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S. (more **here [fda.gov]**)
- ***The Associated Press*: Pence Says States Will Receive Help If Coronavirus Spreads.** Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that the federal government is prepared to assist the states if the coronavirus spreads significantly across the country — an eventuality he called unlikely. Pence told a brief press conference in Florida that as a former Indiana governor he understands the need for state and federal partnerships in dealing with a potential health crisis. President Donald Trump appointed Pence on Wednesday to oversee the administration's response to the coronavirus. Pence was in Florida to speak to a conservative political group and raise money for Republican congressional campaigns, but also met with GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis and his health staff at Palm Beach International Airport before speaking with reporters. (more **here [whitehouse.us19.list-manage.com]**)
- ***USA Today*: 'No Need To Panic': President Trump Says Risk To Americans Is Low As First Coronavirus Death Reported In U.S.** In a rare televised news conference from the White House on Saturday, President Donald Trump said the risk to Americans from coronavirus remains low and that he would meet with pharmaceutical companies next week to discuss development of a vaccine. His comments came as the first U.S. death from the disease was reported. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence also announced new travel restrictions to combat the virus, which has infected more than 84,000 people and killed nearly 3,000 people globally. An existing travel ban on Iran will be expanded to prevent any foreign national who has been in that country in the past 14 days from entering the U.S. The administration also advised Americans not to travel to regions of Italy and South Korea that have been impacted by the virus. (more **here [whitehouse.us19.list-manage.com]**)

Helpful Agency Contact Information: Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the Federal family.

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Darcie Johnston (Office – 202-853-0582 / Cell – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Cherie Short (Office – 202-441-3101 / Cell – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State – Bill Killion (Office – 202-647-7595 / Cell – 202-294-2605 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation – Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and State and local elected officials.

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President's Coronavirus Task Force



Vice President Mike Pence: "Today, I led a meeting of the White House Coronavirus Taskforce at @HHSgov. Grateful for the work of @SecAzar, @Surgeon_General, @NIH, Dr. Fauci and more. As President @realDonaldTrump said, we're ready and we'll continue to put the health and safety of the American people first. [twitter.com]

Led by Vice President Mike Pence, the Task Force is leading the United States Government response to the novel 2019 coronavirus. The Task Force is composed of subject matter experts from the White House and several United States Government agencies and includes some of the Nation's foremost experts on infectious diseases. The Task Force leads the Administration's efforts to monitor, contain, and mitigate the spread of the virus, while ensuring that the American people have the most accurate and up-to-date health and travel information. Additional information about the Task Force can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. If you would like to contact the Task Force, please reach out to White House Intergovernmental Affairs Staff.

What You Need To Know: President Trump and the Administration Are Taking a Whole-Of-Government Approach to Protecting the American People

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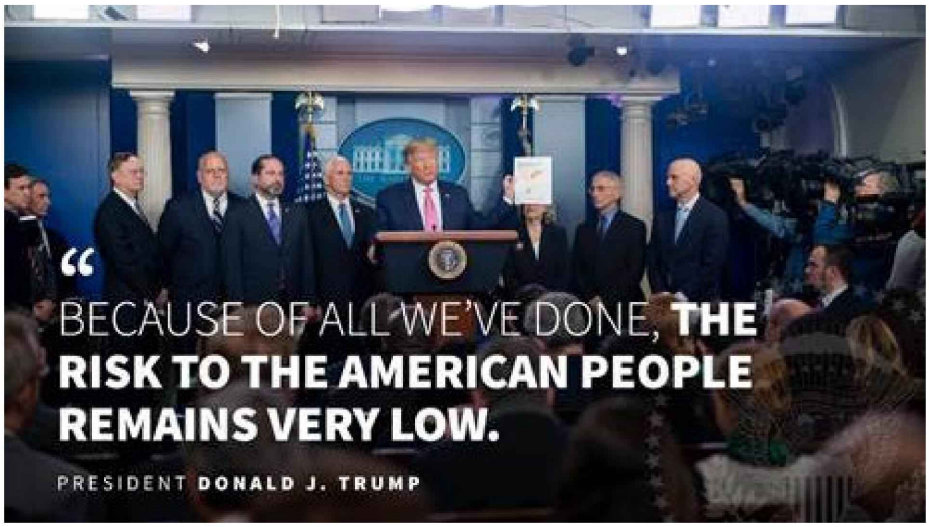

President Trump has made the safety, security and health of the American people his top priority from day one.

- There is no higher priority for President Trump than protecting the health and safety of Americans.
- In 2018, President Trump signed the National Biodefense Strategy [whitehouse.gov] (more here [whitehouse.gov]), which improves speed of action in situations such as this.
- While additional cases are expected, the general risk to the American public remains low and the Administration is taking measures to keep the threat low.

Since the very beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the President has taken an unprecedented whole-of-government approach to protect the American people.

- President Trump took unprecedented action and suspended all travel into the United States from China. This is chief among reasons why the threat to Americans from coronavirus remains low.
- Issuing a public health emergency declaration on January 31.
- Establishing the White House task force to combat the coronavirus spread.
- The White House has already met with over 40 state, county and health officials in 30 states on how to respond to the potential threat of the coronavirus. We will be continuing to reach out to governors, state and local officials, and Members of Congress to ensure they have the necessary resources.
- Remained in close contact with our Nation’s governors.

While the threat to the American public remains low, the President has directed the White House Task Force to take all steps to ensure the health and well-being of the American people and we are well-prepared.

- Americans do not need to change their day-to-day lives but should stay informed and practice good hygiene.
- There are good tried and true hygiene practices which can be very effective to reduce the chance of getting sick.
- Travelers are encouraged to always exercise healthy travel habits when traveling and to follow appropriate guidance (*see* here [wwwnc.cdc.gov]). At this time, there are no restrictions on travel anywhere in the United States.
- We are working rapidly on therapeutics and vaccines and have launched the first

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U.S. clinical trial for an investigational antiviral.
- The United States has the finest public health system in the world and knows the playbook to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

The United States is helping lead the global response to the coronavirus outbreak and offering assistance to the Chinese people in their time of need.
- The Coronavirus Task Force and Administration continue to operationalize a unified government-wide public health response.
- The Administration has requested funding from Congress to help cover all the needs across the federal government to remain prepared for the Coronavirus – the Administration encourages Congress to move expeditiously to provide additional resources to the Federal government and our State and local partners.

Local, State, tribal, & Federal coordinated preparedness & response efforts.
- Federal officials have been working diligently to communicate with State, local, and tribal officials on the Federal government's efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-1.
- Our Nation's Governors have participated in-person and conference call briefings with Federal partners (January 30, February 9, and February 20) – and another one is scheduled for March 2.
- White House, OMB, HHS, DHS, DOT, and State Department Officials met with over 40 State, county, and city health officials from over 30 States and territories to thank them for their leadership and to continue discussions on the Federal-State-Local partnership to prepare and respond to COVID-19 (February 25).
- HHS, CDC, DHS, and Federal partners have held numerous national briefing calls with State, local, tribal, private-sector, and community leaders.
- The Trump Administration is partnering with State, local, and tribal elected and appointed leaders' associations.

Excerpt from On-The-Record Pen and Pad Roundtable by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Other Senior Administration Officials on Resources Available to Combat the Coronavirus (*February 28, 2020)*

SECRETARY AZAR: Well, thanks for coming, everybody. In case you didn't hear from us enough the other night, wanted to give you an update on the budget issues, in particular.

As the President has repeatedly emphasized, there is no higher priority for us than protecting the health and safety of Americans. Thanks to the President's aggressive containment efforts, at this time, the risk from COVID-19 to the American public is low. But as we have all repeatedly emphasized, that has the potential to change.

The President's bold, decisive decisions have brought us extremely -- have bought us extremely valuable time to prepare for the possibility that the situation may worsen and we may need to mitigate its spread in the United States. That time is valuable for all sorts of things, including state and local preparation, and the development of diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines.

It's also helped us determine our funding and resource needs, allowing the White House to

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make its supplemental funding request of Congress earlier this week. We want to work with Congress to determine the funds we need for FY2020 first, because our priorities here are speed and flexibility.

HHS is already using up the $105 million in the Infectious Disease Rapid Response Reserve Fund, which has been vital, but it's not enough -- which is why we are moving forward with a transfer of $136 million to continue our public health response, which I notified Congress about on February the 2nd.

Thanks to investments supported by this administration, we have highly valuable and flexible relationships and contracting methods for developing and purchasing diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines through entities like BARDA. But we'll need more money for the focused drive toward countermeasures that we need to keep America safe.

Working on a supplemental needs to be a top priority for Congress. As the President has said, this is not a time for politics. We cannot undertake all the preparation that it's widely acknowledged we need without more funding.

As chairman of the Coronavirus Task Force, I have already begun working alongside Vice President Pence, Acting Director Vought, Director Ueland, and others to begin productive discussions with Congress about what funding should look like.

We laid out five key elements of our supplemental request. First, surveillance. Second, state and local support. Third, therapeutics. Fourth, vaccines. And fifth, personal protective equipment, or PPE.

I want to mention some particular activities we plan with the funding. With surveillance funds, we'll build on existing influenza surveillance systems, covering all states and adding coronavirus testing and reporting to the current flu systems. We request funding for grants to state and local jurisdictions for epidemiology, lab capacity, infection control, and other activities, complementing CDC investments over the years. And we've requested new funding for the 62 recipients of our hospital preparedness program.

We request $1 billion in support for the development of up to five candidate coronavirus vaccines, including support for one or more through phase-three clinical trials.

On therapeutics and diagnostics, we request support for investigation of broad-spectrum antivirals, research on existing monoclonal antibodies that work on other coronaviruses, development of new targeted monoclonal antibodies, and screening of small molecule compounds that have existing clinical data. We request support for these activities through early clinical trials.

We also request support for development of assays to ensure ready availability of diagnostics, plus funding to help the FDA support these development priorities -- pipelines.

On personal protective equipment, we propose almost half a billion dollars in investments for the Strategic National Stockpile to increase production, capacity, and purchase of respirators, ventilators, and antimicrobials for secondary infections.

These kinds of activities will build on activities that we have prioritized and generously funded over the years. Since FY2017, under President Trump, the CDC's budget has increased by $668 million, while NIH's budget has increased by more than $7 billion.

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The FY2020 appropriations signed by President Trump include $2.7 billion for preparedness programs in HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, up about $600 million from FY2017. That included a 130-million-dollar increase in annual spending for the Strategic National Stockpile, and a 203-million-dollar increase in our Pandemic Preparedness Program.

The President's 2021 budget for CDC, developed before we knew the coronavirus would present such an emergency, reflects similar priorities. It maintains the $675 million in state and local preparedness investments, the FEP funding. It prioritizes infectious disease funding and proposes a $50 million increase for CDC's Global Health Security Agenda efforts.

That reflects this administration's longtime focus on effective preparedness programs, the CDC's core mission of infectious disease response, and support for tackling infectious disease threats, especially ones that can cross borders.

I've been a strong advocate for this work and so have leaders across the Trump administration. Tragically, we are now reminded why we've made the case for these priorities over the years. And this situation demands more support from Congress, just as earlier potential pandemic situations have.

[...]

DIRECTOR VOUGHT: So the first one I want to tackle is the total amount for CDC of fighting infectious diseases and preparedness in the President's budget versus last year. So, last year, fiscal year 2020, there was $4.182 billion for fighting infectious diseases and preparedness within CDC. We then increased that in the President's budget by 3 percent -- $135 million -- to $4.317 billion.

So from the standpoint of everything that -- all of the activities that are going on at CDC in this area, there's an increase of 3 percent.

There is a topline reduction in the President's budget for CDC in areas that are not infectious disease fighting and preparedness -- things like climate change research; things like occupational health research that is not going to go away, but is merely something that we no longer feel like we need to jumpstart research that universities are doing, and they have been doing it since 1970, when these programs were first created because it wasn't happening at universities.

We also think there's waste, fraud, and abuse in this area, where you have studies on how taxi drivers are taking too few bathroom breaks, and whether that's an important occupational health issue.

Those are the kinds of things that we still think, even in a time of making sure that all the resources are there for CDC, we can find inefficiencies and waste, and deal with mission creep at the same time.

So it is not true that we cut CDC infectious disease fighting -- which gets me to the second one, which I think this is the main inaccuracy out there, which is this notion that you see in some of the New York Post and CNN reporting that we cut CDC by 80 percent. It's flat-out inaccurate.

Let me explain how the numbers are concocted, comparing apples and oranges, to get that

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80 percent. When the Ebola supplemental was passed, there was $597 million provided over five years. It was not an annual spend; it was a five-year lump sum supplemental. Per year, that was $119 million for global health activities that would apply to any infectious disease. But that was passed by Congress as part of the Ebola supplemental.

The last two years of that five-year supplemental, we began to make sure that it would be funded within the base amount of resources. So we put forward $50 million in Fiscal Year '18, $50 million in Fiscal Year '19, $125 million in Fiscal Year '20, and in this budget we propose $175 million in Fiscal Year '21.

So, in -- while it was still available, we were taking steps to make sure it was funded within base resources. So when the supplemental emergency funding expired, there would still be there, and then when that expired we then pulsed it up to $125 [million]. And this year we propose it at $175 [million]. So significant resources there.

You hear, in the same kind of stories, about leaked memos regarding contingency plans. Those were -- we never got to the point where the funds were expired. And so the contingency plans were what they're meant to be: contingency plans if the funds go away. So, kind of -- we keep seeing this story out there. It's flat-out inaccurate.

I want to talk a little bit about the run rate. So when we talk about: Is there money in the account right now? There's money in the account. We have spent $77 million of the $105 million that Secretary Azar mentioned.

We will be able to get through into April. We can't tell you with a specific degree of certainty, but we're in a good place right now, temporarily. The difference between what we have actually spent, and the -- and the amounts that are provided, we have committed to other activities. We need a supplemental; we need it soon. There's no doubt about that. But we haven't run out of money. And we've got some time and we think that Congress is taking this very seriously.

Eric will speak to how quickly they will move a supplemental. But we're moving forward and we are making sure we have all the accurate data.

I've heard the argument from the Hill: "Well, you haven't given us all of the obligation rates." Well, that's because we're trying to get all of the obligation rates ourselves: collect them, make sure we have all of them from the various different accounts across the federal government, compile them, and get them to the Hill. And we will be as transparent as we always have.

And then the last thing I would just say from a comparison of -- this is our sup request versus their sup request. Remember that ours was based on the notion of what's needed for the seven months remaining in Fiscal Year '20. We put forward a two-and-a-half-billion-dollar request. The President has been very -- made it very clear. Secretary Azar, as head of our task force, has made it very clear. We are willing to go to a higher level if Congress feels the need to do that. But we put forward a two-and-a-half-billion-dollar request based on what was required in seven months, knowing that we're going to go right into Fiscal Year '21 appropriations, and build in additional resources for this area.

So when you see a big number from Senator Schumer -- again, not much detail there, but the assumption is that that is a five-year number. "No-year money" was what we call it. And so, to some extent, you're dealing, again, with apples and oranges. The Ebola supplemental was, again, no-year money, so it wasn't intended to be for what was needed in

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this particular fiscal year.

So those are the main things that I've seen that I wanted to make sure we definitely unpack. And I'm sure we'll do more of that in the Q&A.

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This month marks one year since President Trump launched the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative** (W-GDP). Ivanka Trump (Senior Advisor, The White House) celebrated the year anniversary of W-GDP at the State Department. "Whereas past presidents have talked a big game about women's empowerment, she said, the Trump Administration is delivering." **The idea driving W-GDP is simple**: When women are economically empowered, they reinvest that wealth in their families and communities. The ripple effect spurs more inclusive growth still—and often brings peace and stability with it. **W-GDP's ambitious goal**: To help 50 million women in the developing world by 2025. Under Ivanka Trump's leadership, 12 million women have been served in year one alone.



WATCH: Ivanka Trump explains the importance of W-GDP and its success to date [twitter.com]

WATCH: Ivanka Trump discusses the importance of the Trump Administration codifying the role of women as a foreign policy priority [twitter.com]

READ: New York Times – Senators Want Ivanka Trump's Women's Program to Become Law [nytimes.com]

Alongside the milestone celebration, W-GDP announced two NEW reports on women's economic empowerment; the first-ever **W-GDP Annual Report** and a landmark report developed in conjunction with the White House's Council of Economic Advisors, establishing the **W-GDP Index**. Also unveiled, bipartisan **legislation** (**The Women's Global Empowerment, Development, and Prosperity Act**) – sponsored by Senators Lindsey Graham (R, SC) and

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Jeanne Shaheen (D, NH – to promote the empowerment, development, and prosperity of women globally. This legislation would permanently authorize W-GDP, and establish women's economic empowerment as a core facet of the United States' foreign policy, in line with the President's National Security Strategy. The legislation also permanently elevates these efforts at the State Department, by establishing for the first time in legislation an Office of Women's Empowerment, led by an Ambassador-at-Large for Women's Empowerment. This codification of work will ensure that our foreign policy efforts permanently prioritize the role of women.

Below, please find additional information. You can also visit W-GDP's website **here [whitehouse.gov]**. We welcome your feedback and support!

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Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP)



W-GDP Background

Launched by President Trump in February 2019, and spearheaded by Advisor to the President Ivanka M. Trump, W-GDP is the first whole-of-government approach to help millions of women around the globe achieve their economic potential. W-GDP will aim to reach 50 million women across the developing world by 2025 through three pillars: workforce training and development, entrepreneurship promotion and access to capital, and addressing the legal and cultural barriers that constrain women's full economic participation. President Trump established the W-GDP Initiative with a new W-GDP Fund, as well as a commitment to collectively attribute no less than $300 million per year in U.S. Government programs to W-GDP.

President Trump issued a new Presidential Memorandum to build on the National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM) that launched the W-GDP Initiative last year, which will further elaborate on W-GDP's Third Pillar, addressing legal and regulatory barriers to women's full and free participation in the economy. The Presidential Memorandum can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. The memo will instruct relevant heads of executive departments and agencies to focus their programmatic and diplomatic efforts, by developing action plans for identifying and addressing following five areas of emphasis in support of pillar three of the W-GDP Initiative:

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Barrier 1: Accessing Institutions: Reduce restrictions on women's authority to sign legal documents, such as contracts and court documents, and address unequal access to courts and administrative bodies for women, whether officially or though lack of proper enforcement.

Barrier 2: Building Credit: Ensure women's equal access to credit and capital to start and grow their businesses, and prohibit discrimination in accessing credit by sex or marital status.

Barrier 3: Owning and Managing Property: Lift restrictions for women on possessing and managing property, including limitations on inheritance and the ability to transfer, purchase, or lease property.

Barrier 4: Traveling Freely: Address constraints on women's freedom of movement, including restrictions on obtaining passports.

Barrier 5: Removing Restrictions on Employment: Eliminate barriers that limit women's working hours, occupations, or tasks.

W-GDP Annual Report

The W-GDP Annual Report documents the initiative's progress since its launch in February 2019, including the scale of its reach. Highlights include:

- 12 million women have directly benefited from W-GDP programs in the past year.
- 5 legal instruments adopted with U.S. Government assistance to promote gender equality or non-discrimination.

Read the full report **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

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CEA's W-GDP Index Report

The W-GDP Index focuses on the impact of removing the 5 W-GDP legal barriers – accessing institutions, building credit, owning and managing property, traveling freely, and removing employment restrictions – and the potential these changes could have to yield large increases in economic output. Highlights include:

- CEA estimates that fully addressing the 5 W-GDP legal barriers to women's economic activity could increase annual global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by $7.7 trillion, or 8.3 percent. This represents an increase in global GDP of about $7.7 trillion.
- If all countries had a 100 W-GDP index, female labor force participation relative to male labor force participation would have been 5.55 percentage points higher in 2018.
- Women's economic empowerment increases human capital investment. Over the long term, greater human capital can help to drive the process of economic development and the transition from traditional economies to modern economies.

Read the full report **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Statements of Support

"Congratulations to the W-GDP Initiative on a successful first year. The initiative has secured important public-private partnerships and mobilized funding to help women across the globe gain access to economic opportunities. Promoting women's economic empowerment is closely aligned with the goals of the IMF, and our work shows that it matters greatly for economic growth, poverty reduction, and economic resilience. But there is still much to do. Opportunity gaps between men and women remain significant in many developing countries, with women bearing disproportionately the burden of unpaid work. Together, we can make a difference in eliminating the institutional, social, and cultural constraints that continue to inhibit women's full participation in the economy. We look forward to collaborating with the W-GDP Initiative to overcome these

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challenges and achieving our shared goal to strengthen global prosperity." – Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

"The Trump Administration's W-GDP Initiative is an extraordinarily powerful way to boost global economic development, and, at the same time, to bolster the dignity and worth of women by pushing for the economic rights and tools they should be afforded under the rule of law. Give women the legal right to enter into contracts and to own property, and they will help bring the economies in their developing countries to new and exciting heights!" – Leonard Leo, The Federalist Society

"The economic empowerment of all women is critical to achieving gender equality across the globe. It is one of the most important things we can do to advance an open, inclusive, accessible economy for everyone, everywhere. I am proud of the work Visa is doing to promote gender equality and empower women and girls and I applaud the accomplishments of the Women's Global Development & Prosperity (W-GDP) initiative under the leadership of Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump. Addressing the challenges to economic empowerment of women and girls will require multi-stakeholder, public-private partnerships. It will also require an innovative and sustained focus on improving equal access to funding, networks and skills for women entrepreneurs. As an example of our work in this area, the Visa Foundation partnered with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) Gender Equality Initiative, and W-GDP, to support investment for women-led small & growing businesses (SGBs) in select countries across South and Southeast Asia. Visa is committed to helping promote economic empowerment for women across the globe and is pleased to be able to collaborate with W-GDP." – Al Kelly, Chairman and CEO, Visa Inc.

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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Trump took two significant actions to continue the Administration's whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to combatting COVID-19 (coronavirus). First, the President signed a $2.2 trillion stimulus package to provide relief to American families, healthcare workers, small businesses, and State/Tribal/Local governments. Second, President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum directing General Motors to produce ventilators to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Below, please find additional information and helpful resources.

President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, enacted last week, which increased the federal share of Medicaid payments through the emergency period by 6.2 percentage points and provided reimbursements to States for the cost of expanding certain public assistance programs. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* $1.25 billion.
- $340 billion in emergency funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak, with

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$274 billion going to state and local governments for specific purposes. This is in addition to the $150 billion distributed to states to cover their own separate efforts and forms a major part of the federal government's plan to assist state efforts.

- $5 billion for the Community Development Block Grant program, including $2 billion to existing CDBG grantees that received funding in FY 2020. The bill also provides $1 billion for states and insular areas to respond to COVID-19, including activities within entitlement and non-entitlement communities and requires that those allocations. Any remaining funds will be distributed directly to states on a rolling basis.
- A $500 billion for loans and guarantees through an Economic Stabilization Fund that authorizes the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- Additional federal funding for joint federal-state programs like Medicaid and unemployment compensation, along with other expenditures which will reduce some of the need for states to undertake new COVID-19 spending on their own.
- Read more here: ***President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***

President Trump Invokes Defense Production Act (DPA) Requiring General Motors to Produce Ventilators

Statement from the President: President Trump signed a **Presidential Memorandum [whitehouse.gov]** directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use any and all authority available under the Defense Production Act to require General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators. Our negotiations with GM regarding its ability to supply ventilators have been productive, but our fight against the virus is too urgent to allow the give-and-take of the contracting process to continue to run its normal course. GM was wasting time. Today's action will help ensure the quick production of ventilators that will save American lives.

Apple Announces COVID-19 Screening Tool in Partnership with the White House and Administration

As a direct result of President Donald J. Trump's all-of-America campaign to combat COVID-19, Apple Inc. has partnered with the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop an interactive COVID-19 Screening Tool, now available on Apple.com/COVID19 and as an app named COVID-19 in the App Store (learn more **here [apple.com]**). Users can also find links to these tools at Coronavirus.gov. This new tool guides users through a set of questions covering symptoms, risk factors, and potential exposure. The tool then generates recommendations provided by the CDC

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for users based on the inputs they provided. Those CDC recommendations will be updated regularly. In addition, the CDC will be open-sourcing the underlying recommendations and algorithms, allowing other private-sector entities to build additional innovative tools. The recommendations and algorithms will be published at open.cdc.gov. The White House commends companies like Apple Inc. for answering President Trump's call for a public-private alliance against this invisible enemy.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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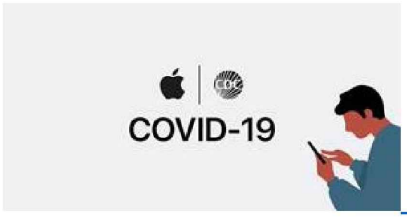

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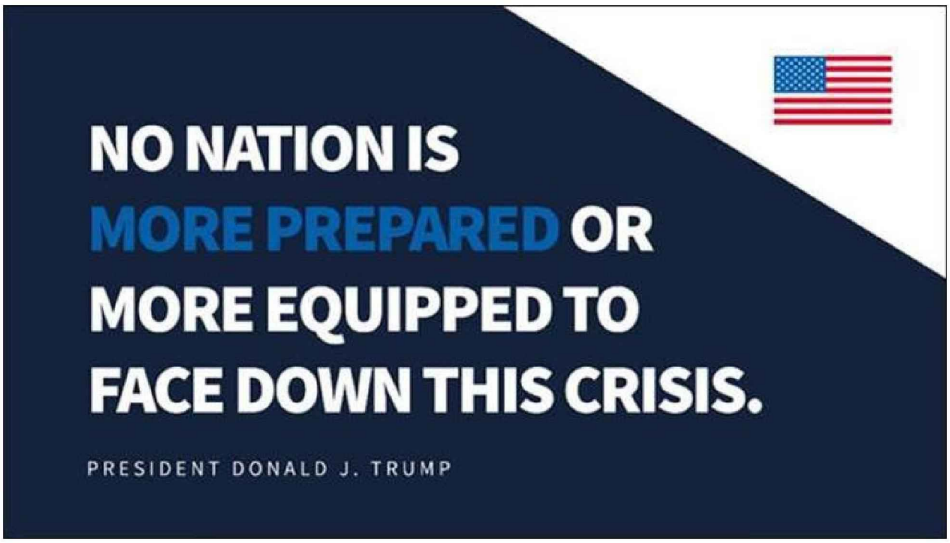
Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State and Local Officials



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- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: The White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**

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(Español [whitehouse.gov])– to help protect all Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk —and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health. Find the guidelines here:

- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live here [whitehouse.gov].
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found here [fema.gov].
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a website [fema.gov] to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention website [justice.gov]. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a website [consumer.ftc.gov] with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]. Follow the White House on Twitter [twitter.com] and Facebook [facebook.com]. Also follow HHS (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) and CDC (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's YouTube [youtube.com] page.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions here [usa.gov]. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS [cdc.gov]), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS [cms.gov]), Food and Drug Administration (FDA [fda.gov]), Department of Education (DoED [ed.gov]), Department of Agriculture (USDA [usda.gov]), Small Business Administration (SBA [sba.gov]), Department of Labor (DOL [osha.gov]), Department of Homeland Security (DHS [dhs.gov]), Department of State (DOS [travel.state.gov]), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA [publichealth.va.gov]), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [epa.gov]), Department of the Interior (DOI

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[doi.gov]), Department of Energy (DOE [energy.gov]), Department of Commerce (DOC [commerce.gov]), Department of Justice (DOJ [justice.gov]), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD [hud.gov]), Department of the Treasury (USDT [home.treasury.gov]), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI [dni.gov]), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC [eac.gov]).

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From:	Rod Trump
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Full article in link but here are the highlights:

The most striking observation, according to Bryan (HEAD OF US HOMELAND SECURITY), is that **solar light kills the virus on surfaces and in the air.**

He also suggested that ***people should do outside activities because the sunlight impedes the virus transmission.***

Link to article:

https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/duval-county/white-house-covid-19-task-force-sunlight-kills-virus/WUIJ7KFMABB2PPOK44K7ZQKNAQ/

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Local Elected Officials and Leaders –

Looking back over the past three years, President Donald Trump and the Administration, working alongside our State and local partners, have delivered unprecedented results for the American people (**President Donald J. Trump Has Delivered Record Breaking Results for the American People in His First Three Years in Office [whitehouse.gov]**). This starts with the economy. On January 30, 2020, the Bureau of Economic Analysis released its advance estimate for United States GDP for the fourth quarter of 2019 and the entire calendar year. The release estimates that real GDP grew 2.1 percent at an annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 2.3 percent over the four quarters of 2019 (*see* **United States GDP Growth Continues Exceeding Expectations [whitehouse.gov]**). Because of the Trump Administration's pro-growth policies, high labor demand is leading to increased employment and growing wages as businesses raise pay to attract workers.



Below, please find information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments –

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Partnering on Regulatory Innovation, Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization, Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment, Combatting Human Trafficking, and Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic, just to name a few. As we begin a new year, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs looks forward to continuing to work with you on issues pertinent to your communities and on advancing shared goals and priorities. We will, of course, continue to send timely updates, such as this, hold briefing calls, and convene meetings and roundtables here at the White House. Below, please find additional information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments. We welcome your feedback and input. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be helpful.

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Partnering on Regulatory Innovation



In his first week in office, President Trump issued a challenge to his Administration: For every new regulation introduced, 2 old ones must be cut. The result to date, Federal agencies issued 372 deregulatory actions and only 44 new significant regulatory actions, far exceeding the 2:1 goal with an 8.5:1 ratio for deregulatory to significant regulatory actions. On January 23, 2020, the Administration announced a **new, clear definition for "waters of the United States" (i.e. WOTUS)** thus delivering on President Trump's promise to finalize a revised WOTUS definition that protects the nation's navigable waters from pollution and will result in economic growth across the country. Read more **here [epa.gov]**. On January 9, 2020, President Trump announced a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will modernize the National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) regulations** to

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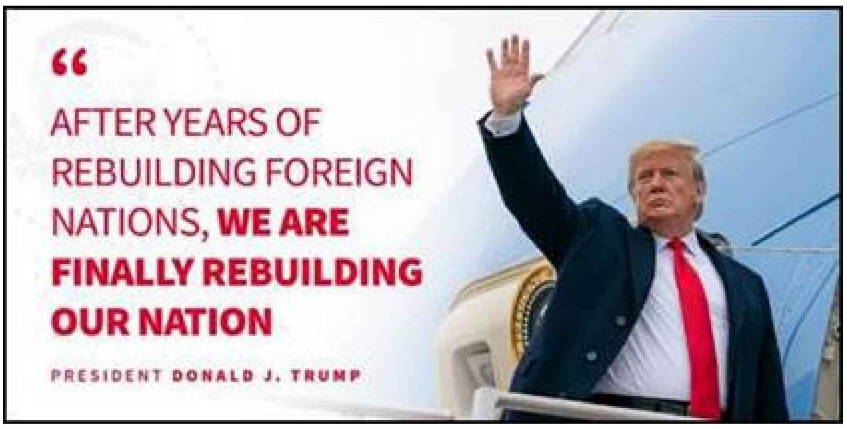
promote more efficient, effective, and timely NEPA reviews of infrastructure projects that will increase our nation's economic competitiveness. Read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Also see State and local engagement in support **here [whitehouse.gov]**. In October 2019, President Donald Trump announced the **Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**. The Initiative builds on the Administration's deregulatory success and momentum by engaging State, local, and Tribal leaders on reducing the number of regulations and associates costs across the country (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**). If you are interested in joining us as a *public champion* in this endeavor, please let us know! Also find a recent article on the Administration's deregulatory efforts here: **Trump Issues Fewest Regulations in 44 Years, Third Record Low [washingtonexaminer.com]**.

Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization



The Trump Administration is committed to empowering local communities through innovative approaches to urban revitalization and rural prosperity. In November 2019, Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced $900 million in historic investment in American infrastructure. More **here [transportation.gov]**. DOT also announced the **Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative**, which is designed to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure. More **here [transportation.gov]**. The U.S. Department of Agriculture continues to roll out $600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. A list of announced awards can be found **here [rd.usda.gov]**.

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Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment

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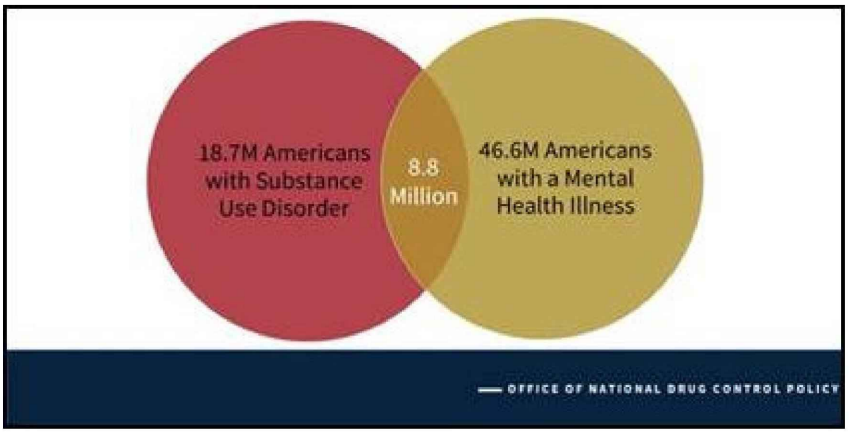

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President Trump and the Administration are committed to delivering 21st century mental health treatment. In partnership with States, the Trump Administration has granted 27 State institution for mental disease (IMD) exclusion Medicaid waivers for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and recently granted the first serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbance Medicaid waiver to Washington, D.C. with several States expected to follow soon. In December 2019, President Trump attended the White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence, and Substance Abuse. You can find the President's remarks **here [whitehouse.gov]** and coverage from C-SPAN **here [c-span.org]**.

Combatting Human Trafficking



President Trump has made it a priority to leverage every resource of the Federal government to end the scourge of human trafficking. On December 31, 2019, President Trump issued a **Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** (**here [whitehouse.gov]**). The **President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons** works tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and prevent future crime. You can read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. President Trump will also propose a $42 million budget to expand support for victims of human trafficking and to boost investigations and prosecutions (more **here [mcclatchydc.com]**).

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Supporting Working Families



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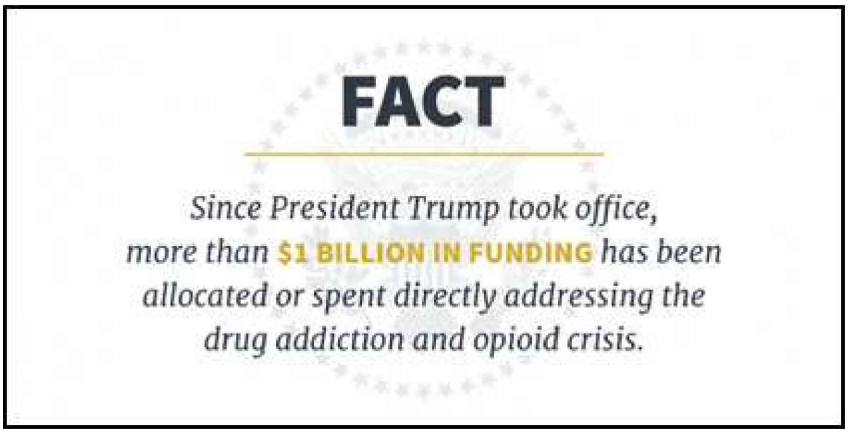
President Trump and the Administration are focused on making sure the U.S. is the best place in the world to conduct business, work, and raise a family. On December 12, President Trump and Ivanka Trump hosted a White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Family Leave. In addition to championing the Administration's work with Congress to secure paid parental leave for all Federal employees in the **2019 National Defense Authorization Act**, the President and Ivanka outlined principles for common sense, innovative child care policy reforms and practices that increase access to quality care, choice, and flexibility for America's working parents. You can find a **Fact Sheet** here [whitehouse.gov], a **Recap of the Summit** here [twitter.com], and the **White House Principles for Child Care Reform** here [whitehouse.gov]. You can also find a paper from the Council of Economic Advisors on The Role of Affordable Child Care in Promoting Work Outside the Home here [whitehouse.gov].

Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic



When President Trump took office, the opioid crisis was devastating communities across America. Nearly 64,000 Americans died from a drug overdose in 2016 alone. On Thursday, January 30, the Administration announced the release of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2018 mortality statistics that showed a 4.1% nationwide decline in drug overdose deaths for the first time in 29 years and a rise in

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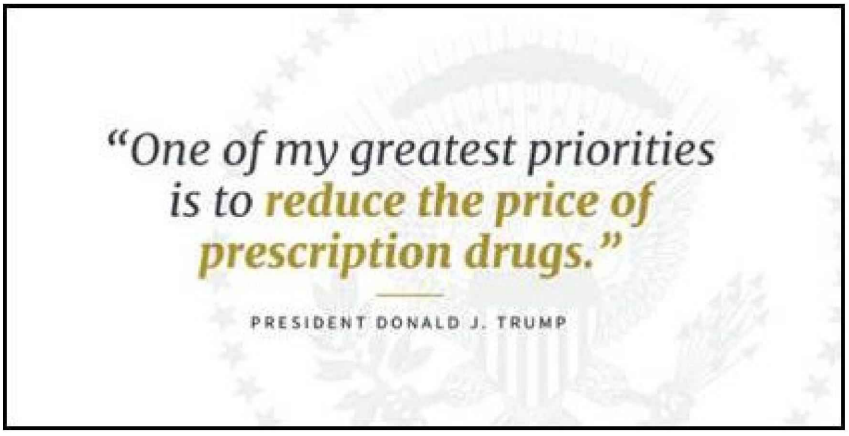
life expectancy for the first time in four years. Read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Also see more on the Administration's efforts to ending America's Opioid Crisis **here [whitehouse.gov]**. In October 2019, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced an initial round of 150 new grants for its Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program. The 150 grants represent a total Federal investment of over $18 million to community coalitions (more here [whitehouse.gov]). ONDCP also announced $4.5 million in Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-Level Intervention (COOCLI) grants to 14 programs across the country (more here [whitehouse.gov]).

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices



Since President Trump took office, one of the Administration's top priorities has been to reduce the price of prescription drugs. According to the Council of Economic Advisors, prescription drug prices continue to fall and are over 2 percent below their peak. Increased generic drug approvals under this Administration continue driving price reductions. The CEA report can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Other actions taken by the Administration include HHS issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that, if finalized, would allow for the importation of certain prescription drugs from Canada (more here [hhs.gov]). The NPRM would allow states and certain other non-federal government entities to submit importation program proposals to the FDA for review and authorization.

Expanding Trade

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On Wednesday, January 29, President Trump signed the **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**. The USMCA replaces the outdated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and delivers on the President's promise to deliver fairer and more reciprocal trade for the American people. Read more here [whitehouse.gov]. In January, President Trump also secured a historic **Phase One Trade Agreement with China** (more here [whitehouse.gov]). Read State and local elected officials support for the agreement here [whitehouse.gov]. Additionally, Japan's Parliament approved the **U.S. – Japan Trade Deal** that will provide staged reduction of Japanese tariffs for more than $2 billion worth of U.S. beef and pork, matching access now granted to the 11 Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact countries (more here [whitehouse.gov]).

Rebuilding Our Nation's Military



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President Trump signed [whitehouse.gov] the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** that delivers on his pledge to rebuild our military by signing legislation authorizing $716 billion for our national defense. The legislation also supports our civilian workforce by providing up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave to nearly all Federal employees to help recruit the best and brightest for years to come (more here [whitehouse.gov]).

Advancing Criminal Justice Reform

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President Trump championed criminal justice reform at the 2019 Second Step Presidential Justice Forum in Columbia, SC. In 2018, President Trump signed the groundbreaking **First Step Act** which enacted reforms that make our justice system fairer and help former inmates successfully return to society. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Supporting Indian Country



The White House hosted a Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans that honored the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community (more **here [twitter.com]**). President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing a task force to address the rash of violence against missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**). President Trump **signed [twitter.com]** legislation supporting tribal sovereignty and native culture (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).

Developing Opportunity Zones

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Treasury and IRS **issued [home.treasury.gov]** final regulations implementing the Opportunity Zones tax incentive. SBA finalized a **rule [sba.gov]** to implement changes to the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program that will make the program more attractive to small business and encourage them to invest in HUBZone communities and hire HUBZone residents.

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From: Levin, Tyler S. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: Air Force One Arrival Friday, February 14
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:26:01 PM
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Please have a valid unexpired Government-Issued Photo ID with you. Names and IDs will be checked against the Invite List for entry to the Airport Arrival Event. Only those people on the Invite List will be allowed to attend.

LOCATION:
Palm Beach International Airport
Atlantic Aviation
3800 Southern Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

PARKING INFORMATION:
Please park in the Atlantic Aviation parking lot. Overflow parking will be on Perimeter Road at the direction of local law enforcement personnel.

GUEST ARRIVAL INFORMATION:
Please plan to arrive at Atlantic Aviation at 4:00 pm to go through security screening. You must arrive by 5:00 pm to be admitted. Once through screening, guests will be escorted onto the airport ramp where Air Force One will land. The expected landing time is approximately 6:35 pm. Please note that for security reasons, late arrivals may not be allowed access. Restroom use is extremely limited, so please plan accordingly. On the tarmac, there will be no restrooms available, unless an emergency occurs.

SECURITY INFORMATION:
A valid unexpired government-issued ID is required for entry (not required for minors). In order to expedite security screening, please limit items you bring with you to only items you while need and please do not bring large purses or any other large bags. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, knives of any size, aerosol spray, e-cigarette devices, selfie sticks, large bags or backpacks, outside food or beverages (specifically packaged goods), umbrellas, liquids, and any other items deemed prohibited by U.S. Secret Service. No signs will be allowed into the event and please do not bring items to be autographed. Cell phones and cameras are allowed but no tripods or detachable lenses.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE:
Business or Casual Attire is fine but please remember you are viewing the arrival of the President of the United States.

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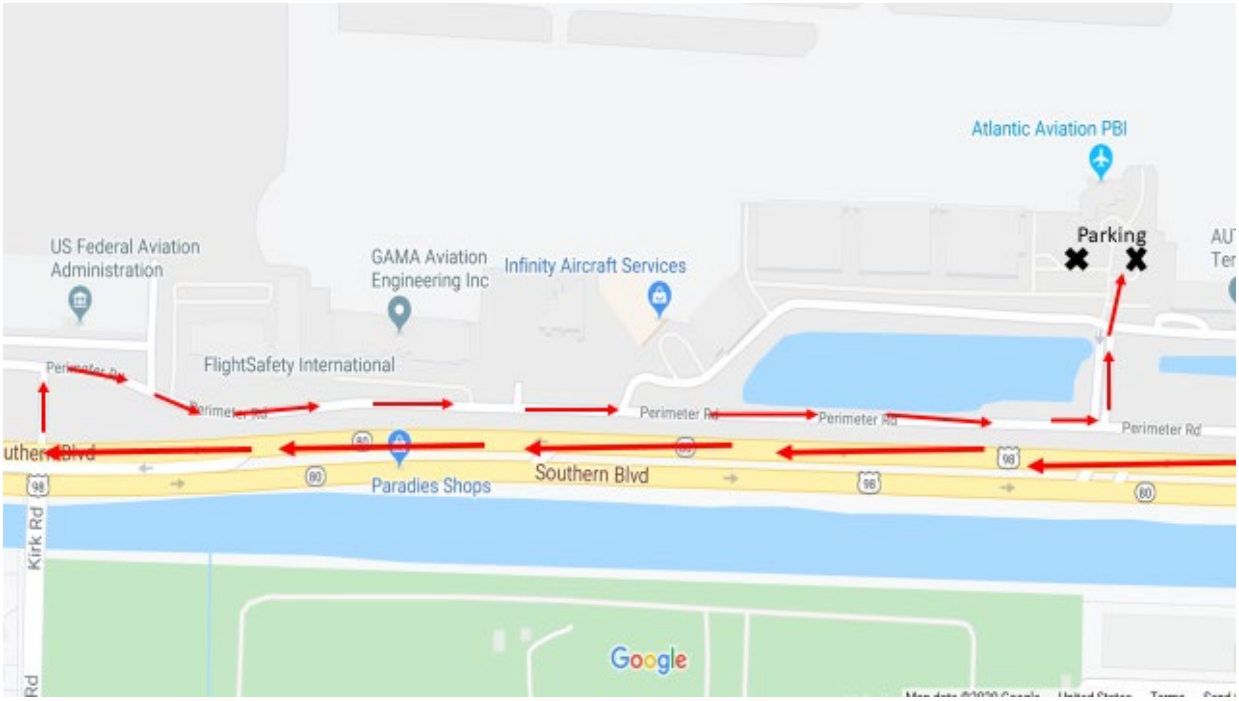
DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Once the President departs, you will be escorted off the ramp. You will proceed through the gate and exit to the parking lot.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:
Rain showers are expected, so please dress accordingly (rain jackets and ponchos are recommended). Be aware that umbrellas are prohibited and will not be allowed through security screening. Once escorted onto the tarmac, everyone must stay in the pen until the President departs, unless there is lightning or extreme circumstances exist.

Please follow all of the above so that you have an excellent experience and we look forward to a great welcome for the President to Palm Beach.



Thank you,

Tyler Levin
The White House

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From: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: Air Force One Arrival March 6, 2020
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:50:11 PM
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The forecast calls for 71 degrees cloudy weather with 11 mph winds. Please dress accordingly and keep updated on any forecast changes. Be aware that umbrellas are prohibited and will not be allowed through security screening. Once escorted onto the tarmac, everyone must stay in the pen until the President departs, unless there is lightning or extreme circumstances exist.

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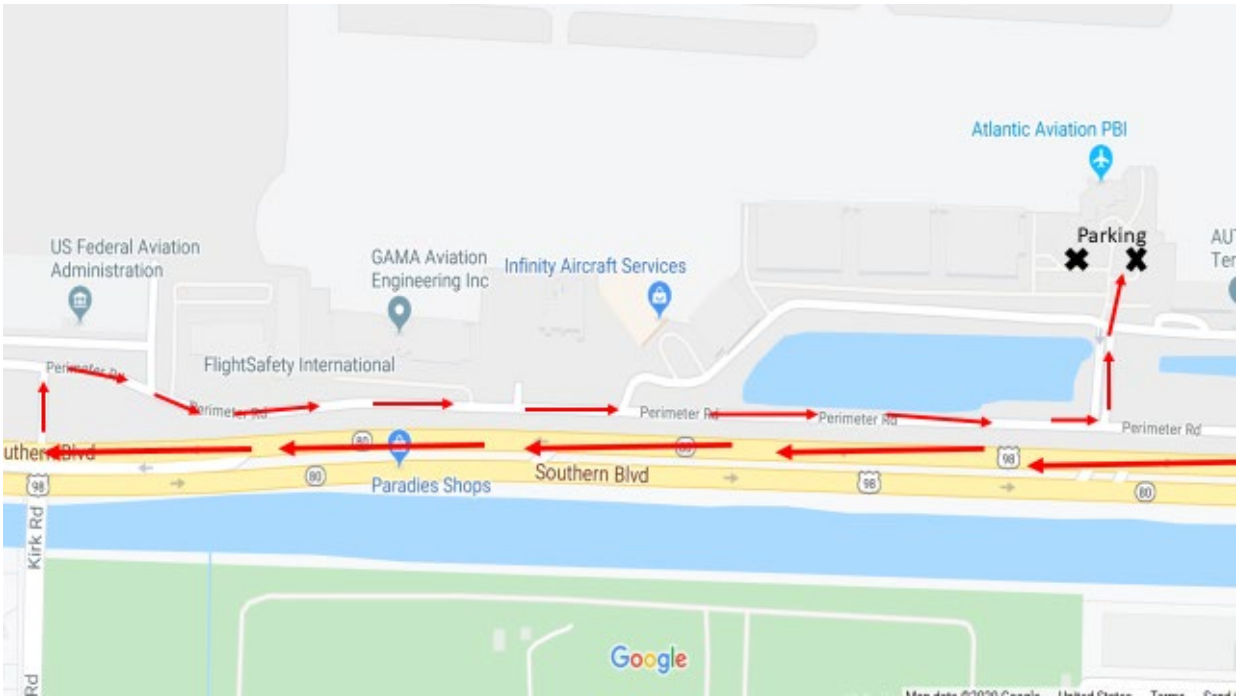

Thank you,

Sam Webb
Office of Presidential Advance

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From: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: Arrival Event Today CANCELLED
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 7:38:47 AM

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Greetings,

You are receiving this email because you are a confirmed guest attending President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at Palm Beach International Airport on Friday March 6, 2020.

Due to a change in President Donald J. Trump's schedule, we will no longer be able to accommodate guest viewing at the airport today.

Please disregard the previous email with instructions for attending the event today.

We appreciate your efforts to be a part of President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival to West Palm Beach.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sam Webb
Presidential Office of Advance

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 30 Days to Slow the Spread
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:57:47 PM
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We applaud State, local, and tribal leaders for implementing community mitigation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). To keep the momentum going, today – Tuesday, March 31 – President Donald J. Trump announced the extension of the ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America*** for an additional 30 days through Friday, April 30th. The recommendations are simple to follow and will continue to have a resounding impact on public health.

30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov] (Español [whitehouse.gov])

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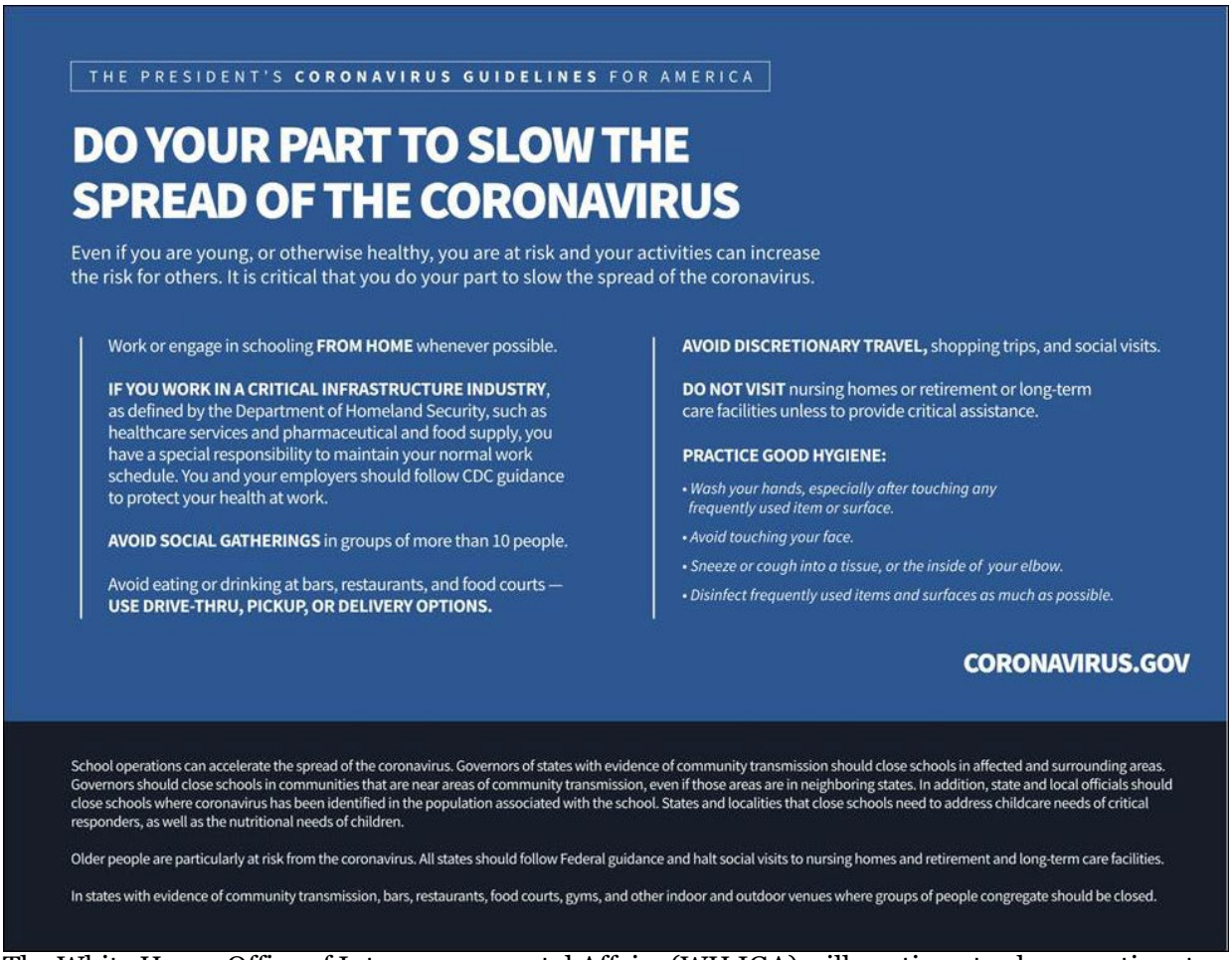

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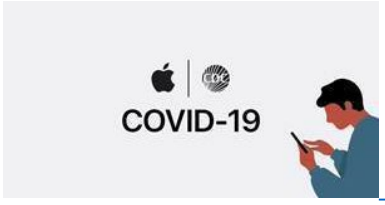

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- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going in #StoppingTheSpread and #BendingtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – **30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**)– through Thursday, April 30 (an additional 30 days). Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Releases Updated Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for States and Localities
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:36:36 PM
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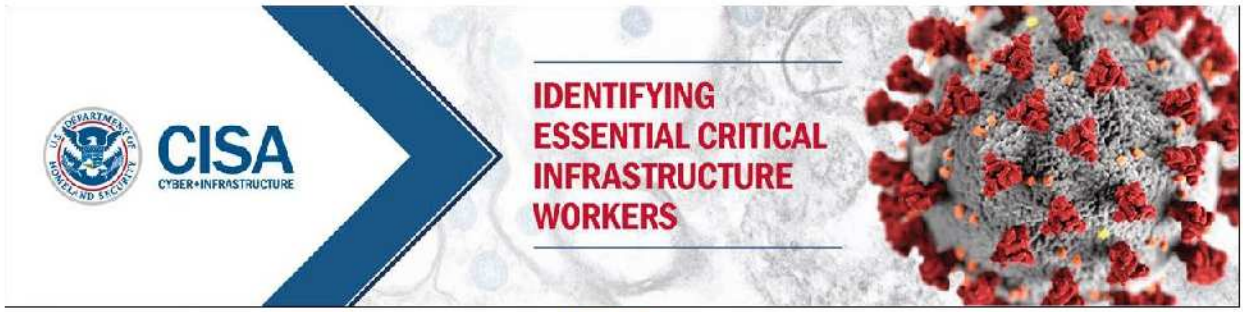
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The guidance and accompanying list [cisa.gov] are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors [cisa.gov] and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. ***State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance.***



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Background: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security's authorities to secure critical infrastructure. Consistent with these authorities, on March 16, CISA, in collaboration with other federal agencies, State and local governments, and the private sector, issued **updated critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The guidance and accompanying list identify workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing operational functions, among others. It also includes workers who support crucial supply chains and enable functions for critical infrastructure. The industries they support represent, but are not limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works. Decisions informed by this list should also take into consideration additional public health considerations based on the specific COVID-19-related concerns of particular jurisdictions.

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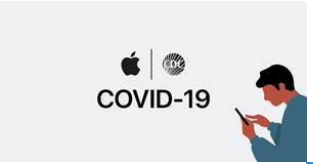

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:18:41 PM

With obesity & hypertension deemed two critical factors in how a patient responds to the virus, I am inclined to agree with your desire to see restrictions relaxed sooner rather than later.

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:00:57 AM

I'm 1 of 7 - lobby the board and collaborate with public and private courses to develop a list of best practices to reduce the risk of spreading the virus from player to player. ~ rsw

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> On Apr 18, 2020, at 8:15 PM, Rod Trump <rodtrump@gmail.com> wrote:
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> www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200418/coronavirus-florida-golfers-driving-charge-to-re-open-fairways-beaches [palmbeachpost.com]
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> I appreciate your positive comments in this article... I think we are on the same team.
> I want to work with you and get us all to a better place. If there is a way I can help you, please let me know.
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> > On Apr 18, 2020, at 5:06 PM, Rod Trump <rodtrump@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Mr. Weinroth,
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> > I appreciate the courtesy of your reply and am glad you see the light. Unfortunately it's not enough. We need leadership. Your counterparts on the commission are missing it, especially the Mayor. His tone yesterday was very negative and he gave no one hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel.
> >
> > The below comes to me from a private club in New York. They OPENED today - in New York! How can we, in the warm, healthy sunshine of Palm Beach be forced to be closed when New York, the very epicenter of the crisis, has permitted clubs to open?
> >
> > Governor Desantis yesterday emphasized the importance of getting outside in a safe, responsible way. Sooner rather than later isn't good enough. It's already been long enough. We need to remove the restrictions now!
> >
> > Respectfully yours,

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Rod Trump



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Dear Tuxedo Club Members,

I am happy to report on behalf of the Board of Governors that the Golf Course will be re-opened to **Member Only** use beginning today, Saturday, April 18th. Governor Cuomo updated his Executive Order 202.6 yesterday as follows:

> *However, golf courses are not essential and cannot have employees working on-premise; notwithstanding this restriction, essential services, such as grounds keeping to avoid hazardous conditions and security, provided by employees, contractors, or vendors are permitted and private operators may permit individuals access to the property so long as there are no gatherings of any kind and appropriate social distancing of six feet between individuals is strictly abided.*
>
> Governor Cuomo's full Executive Order may be found here.

We have received confirmation from the Metropolitan Golf Association that they are also in support of private clubs re-opening with restrictions in place.

What does this mean for the Tuxedo Club? Golf will be allowed with the following guidelines:

- The playing of golf would be allowed for Regular members only, no guests including House members.
- We have removed all chairs, tables and items that could be used to socially gather from anywhere near Golf Course grounds.
- The playing of golf would be walking only, carrying your own bag. No caddies, no push carts, no electric or gas carts allowed.
- The playing of golf is limited to foursomes only at maximum.
- Members playing golf must abide by the Social Distance and non-contact guidelines established in the Order.

We are optimistic that with these restrictions in place, members can once again

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enjoy a leisurely, and for some of us frustrating, walk on your golf course. Cups have been changed and pins are back in. A failure to follow the newly established rules could result in a loss of playing privileges. We ask for everyone's cooperation in an effort to maintain access to our course.

I do want to let everyone know that the grounds crew, while very small at this time, is continuing important maintenance practices. Green aeration with solid tines (no cores pulled) will begin on Monday. The greens will be sanded, rolled and watered in and most major work will be done by Tuesday. Please also remember that the course is and will continue to be closed to all play on Mondays.

On Apr 18, 2020, at 1:18 PM, Robert Weinroth S. <RWeinroth@pbcgov.org> wrote:

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To: BCC-All Commissioners
Subject: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:44:51 PM

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Follow-Up: COVID-19 Briefing Call with State & Local Elected Officials
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:33:16 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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State & Local Leaders –

Thank you to those that were able to join the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Vice President Mike Pence and Senior Administration Officials on Wednesday, March 18. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 and recognize the important role you play in keeping Americans safe and healthy. As an immediate follow-up to the call, we hope that you will share CDC's mitigation guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** – publicly through social media, newsletters, and other channels. We also want to highlight a few key actions on items discussed on the call. ***As a reminder, response and recovery is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported***. Please continue to work with your local emergency management offices up through your State Emergency Management Agencies (**here [fema.gov]**), all of which are in close coordination with FEMA and HHS.

Expanding Testing Accessibility

- The FDA issued emergency approval for new commercial coronavirus tests to significantly expand testing across the country.
- The President signed legislation that will ensure Americans are able to be tested for free (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).
- Admiral Brett Giroir – the Assistant Secretary for Health and head of the Public Health Service – has been appointed to coordinate coronavirus testing efforts.
- The Administration is actively working with state and local partners and the private sector to open up drive-through testing sites.
- The Administration is working with the private sector to develop a website that Americans can utilize to determine whether they need a test and, if so, where to get it.
- HHS is providing funding to help accelerate the development of rapid diagnostic tests for the coronavirus.
- The FDA cut red tape to expand testing availability. Today, Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced the approval of existing drugs to test a COVID-19 treatment. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The FDA is empowering states to authorize tests developed and used by laboratories in their states. Every state laboratory is empowered to conduct testing.

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- The President signed legislation requiring more reporting from state and private labs to ensure our public health officials have the data they need to respond to this outbreak.

Strengthening Essential Medical Supplies

- The President issued an Executive Order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The President signed a memorandum directing his Administration to make general-use face masks available to healthcare workers (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).
- HHS announced it will be purchasing 500 million N95 respirators for the Strategic National Stockpile (more **here [hhs.gov]**).
- The Department of Defense announced it will be providing 5 million respirator masks and 2,000 specialized ventilators to assist.
- The President signed legislation removing restrictions that prevented manufacturers from selling industrial masks – which can readily protect healthcare workers – directly to hospitals.

Informing the Public

- The Administration launched a website – coronavirus.gov – to keep the public informed about the outbreak.
- The President launched a partnership with the Ad Council, media networks, and digital platforms to communicate public services announcements about the coronavirus.
- The President announced guidelines (outlined below) for Americans to follow and do their part to stem the spread of the virus.
- The Task Force is holding nearly daily press conferences to provide the American people with the latest information. Press conferences can be viewed **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- The Task Force has recommended mitigation strategies (outlined below) to heavily impacted communities, like those in New York, Washington, and California.
- CMS announced guidance to protect vulnerable elderly Americans and limit medically unnecessary visits to nursing homes (outlined below).

Below, please find additional information that highlights significant recent Administrative actions and provides key guidance by agency. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information

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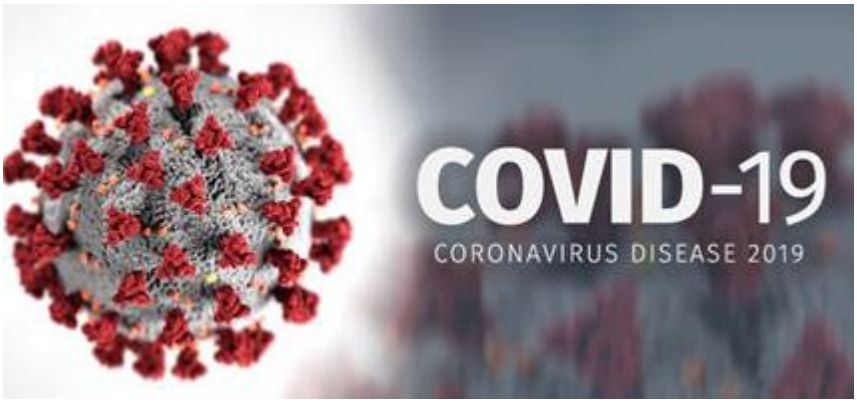

Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that the threat of serious illness to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**). You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Community Guidance
    - The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
    - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - What is Social Distancing (**video [youtube.com]**)
- Informational Videos
    - President Donald J. Trump: Strong & United, We Will Prevail (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - First Lady Melania Trump: A Message from First Lady Melania Trump (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Urgent Need – Health Americans Should Continue Donating Blood (**here [youtube.com]**)

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- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can Millennials Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Is It Still Safe to Donate Blood? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Engage in Social Distancing? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Keep the Most Vulnerable Safe from Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Message to Young People (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: How Can Millennials Fight the Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: What Should Schools Do About (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Where Can the Coronavirus Live? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Who Needs to be Tested for Coronavirus? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Protect the People Around You (**here [youtube.com]**)

What You Need To Know (https://www.coronavirus.gov/ [coronavirus.gov])

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**) – State Department: International Travel (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- Avoid Scams (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Local Preparedness & Response Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. Local officials should coordinate requests through their State Emergency Management Agencies.
  - A list of State emergency management agencies can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
  - FEMA guidance on public assistance for States, local governments, tribal governments, and eligible non-profits can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information through social media, newsletters, and other avenues:
  - CDC Mitigation Guidance – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**
  - HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools [cdc.gov]**
  - HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework [cdc.gov]**
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Inventorying resources and proactively coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing and implementing local preparedness plans and strategies.

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Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

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- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)
- Federal Trade Commission (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here [fda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (**here [sba.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**here [dni.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Response to COVID-19 is locally executed, stated managed, and federally supported. Local elected officials should collaborate with and work through their local emergency management office up through the State Emergency Management Agency, which works in collaboration with FEMA and HHS. Should particular issues arise outside of these appropriate channels, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

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Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found **here** [whitehouse.gov]. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

FEMA Releases Guidance On Public Assistance for States, Local Governments, and Eligible Non-Profits
The Administration continues to place its full weight and resources behind the response to COVID-19. FEMA currently has over $500 million in available balances in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) Base to support all 56 States and Territories for COVID-19 response efforts, including for direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs. On March 17th, the Administration submitted a request to Congressional Appropriators for additional fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding in the amount of $45.8 billion and the necessary authorities to address ongoing preparedness and response efforts. Included in this request is $2 billion in the Disaster Relief Fund Base Account to ensure there are resources available to support continued disaster operations. State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. States, Tribal and Territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration. The emergency declaration will reimburse for eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies. More **here [fema.gov]**.

Department of Homeland Security Releases Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. Thursday, March 19, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency released guidance on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.

President Trump Announces Approval of Existing Drugs to Test Treatments for Coronavirus
Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced that the FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients. The drugs will be used in a clinical trial. "We have to remove every barrier or a lot of barriers that were

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unnecessary and they've done that to get the rapid deployment of safe, effective treatments and we think we have some good answers," the President said. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [fda.gov]**. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Trump Signs Legislative Package Providing Extensive Assistance to Americans Impacted by the Coronavirus
Wednesday, March 18, President Trump signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need (more **here** [whitehouse.gov]). The President and Administration worked tirelessly with Congress to secure the legislative package, which includes the following:

- Provides free coronavirus diagnostic testing for the American people, regardless of their economic circumstances or health coverage;
- Establishes tax credits to provide paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related employment interruptions;
- Incentivizes States to ease access to unemployment benefits, assisting Americans who may be unemployed due to the impact of the virus;
- Provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

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President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19
The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (**President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]**). On Friday, March 13, President Trump **declared [whitehouse.gov]** a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") (***Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act [whitehouse.gov]***). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance

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available to individuals.. ***Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance.*** You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov** [coronavirus.gov] **and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html [cdc.gov]**
- Guidance
    - CMS released two **telehealth toolkits** today to help practitioners understand the broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Under this new waiver, Medicare can pay for office, hospital, and other visits furnished via telehealth across the country and including in patient's places of residence starting March 6, 2020. A range of providers, such as doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers, will be able to offer telehealth to their patients. The toolkit for General Practitioners can be found **here [cms.gov]** and for ESRD providers **here [cms.gov]**.
    - CDC released interim guidance to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19. The guidance can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
    - FDA issued a new policy that allows for expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely. The devices include those that measure body temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure. The guidance can be found **here [fda.gov]**.
    - CMS released recommendations to delay non-essential procedures in an effort to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), beds, and ventilators for facilities as well as to free up health care workers to treat patients with COVID-19. The recommendations provide a framework for hospitals and clinicians to implement immediately to determine and identify non-essential and elective procedures. The recommendations and guidelines can be found **here [cms.gov]**
    - CDC released PPE guidance that will provide guidance in PPE shortages, particularly for long-term care facilities, dialysis, and home health providers. The strategies include information specific to eye protection, isolation gowns, facemasks, and N95 respirators. The information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**
    - CDC's Prepare to Care for COVID-19 is a resource with practical tools clinicians can use to care for patients with COVID-19, and will be regularly updated to help clinicians adapt as the outbreak unfolds. More information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- The President's emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state

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and local communities' ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.

- *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies*: The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. To date, two states, Florida and Washington, have **received approval [medicaid.gov]** for their waivers. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit **here** [medicaid.gov].
- *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities*: CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit **here** [cms.gov].
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance*: CMS released updated FAQs that address issues raised by states over the prior few days. The document includes answers to questions related to the flexibilities CMS is affording to states in managed care, benefits, financing, 1115 demonstrations, and leveraging "1135" waivers offered as part of the President's declaration of a national emergency. States may submit questions to CMS through their state leads. The FAQs can be found **here [medicaid.gov]**.
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance*: As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found **here** [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found **here** [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].
- *Expanded Telehealth Coverage* (3/17): The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More **here** [cms.gov].

- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced** [hhs.gov] the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here** [hhs.gov].
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here** [cdc.gov]. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019** [emergency.cdc.gov], as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories** [cdc.gov] to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about

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Commissioned Corps activities **here** [protect2.fireeye.com].

- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available **statewide** to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at **SBA.gov/Disaster**.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see **a letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- On Friday, March 20, the Department of Education announced the suspension of federal student loan payments and waiving interest during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. More **here [ed.gov]**.
- The Department has provided additional information for families and communities

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including:

- Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;" (more **here**)
- Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more **here**)
- A **fact sheet** from the Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short **webinar** on Online Education and Website Accessibility;
- Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more **here**);
- Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities Provided to Coronavirus Impacted Institutions or Accrediting Agencies (more **here [ed.gov]**).

- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more **here [fmcsa.dot.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace

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settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.

- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement **guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.
- The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) issued a **National Interest Exemption Memorandum [dol.gov]** to further facilitate response efforts for COVID-19. OFCCP will grant a limited, three-month exemption and waiver from some requirements of the laws administered by the agency.
- The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has developed frequently asked questions documents highlighting application of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Family and Medical Leave Act during a public health emergency. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, Secretary Carson, in consultation with the Coronavirus Task Force, **announced [hud.gov]** the suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortages for 60 days. The guidance applies to homewoekrs with FHA-insured Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion (reverse) mortgages, and directs mortgage servicers to:
    - Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and
    - Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking

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any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found **here [files.hudexchange.info]**.

- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
    - USDA and President Trump have been in communication with Food and Grocery Stakeholders and Executives to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
    - USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
    - Businesses or groups interested in helping should email: **feedingkids@usda.gov**.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis.
- The food supply chain remains strong. Critical services, including Food Safety Inspections Services (FSIS), Animal Plan Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), continue to serve the American people. More **here [usda.gov]**.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus. These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.

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- Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. You can find the closest VA facility **here [va.gov]**. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting. Veterans can sign into **My HealtheVet [myhealth.va.gov]** to send a secure message to VA or use **telehealth options [telehealth.va.gov]** to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.
- The VA has setup a website for veterans here: **https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/ [publichealth.va.gov]**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.
    - On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation*.
    - In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a **Notice of Arrival Restrictions** [dhs.gov] requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More **here [dhs.gov]**.
- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with DHS Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

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State and Local Elected Officials –

Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Jerome Adams (*Surgeon General of the United States*), Peter Navarro (*Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Justice (DOJ), and Department of State (DOS). Below, please find important resources related to COVID-19, as well as a readout from the call. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 and recognize the important role you play in keeping Americans safe and healthy.



Important Resources

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: The White House Coronavirus Task Force

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issued guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**)– to help protect all Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk—and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health. Find the guidelines here:

- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**.
- **Disaster Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Social Media Resources**: Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of the Interior (**DOI [doi.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our

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office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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- Visit **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]** for all up-to-date information and guidance from the Federal government. Review and follow CDC's social distancing guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread** [whitehouse.gov] (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**).
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is leading the Federal government's response to COVID-19 on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels. Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. Learn more here: **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**.
    - All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories and four tribes are working directly with FEMA under the nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19. States, tribal and territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration.
    - President Trump has approved major disaster declarations for California, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, and Texas to

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assist with additional needs identified in these states.

- Federal officials and the U.S. Public Health Service are working closely with state, local and private sector partners to bolster testing capabilities and supplies. The Federal government is working to make testing more easily accessible to high risk populations: healthcare facility workers, and first responders. There are currently 91 sites open in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. The United States has now done over 300,000 tests in state and local public health and commercial laboratories averaging 50,000 to 70,000 tests per day (more **here [thehill.com]**).
- Federal agencies are working to meet demands for personal protective equipment (PPE) through new acquisition, DOD allocation and the Strategic National Stockpile. The Administration is also working closely with the private sector to increase capacity.
    - Over 9 million N95 respirators, 14 million surgical masks, 3.1 million face shields, 2.6 million surgical gowns, 14.6 million gloves, and almost 6,000 ventilators have been delivered to the areas of greatest needs.
    - On March 22, the FDA issued **guidance [fda.gov]** that will help expand the availability of ventilators and accessories, as well as other respiratory devices, during the COVID-19 pandemic. This guidance will help increase availability by providing the maximum regulatory flexibility. The new guidance will also assist health care personnel on how to use other ventilators like CPAP devices for sleep apnea, with COVID-19 patients in respiratory distress, as well as on shelf life of existing ventilators.
- People are encouraged to donate blood. Many blood drives have been cancelled, impacting the supply. Blood donation centers have the highest standards of safety and infection control. To find where you can donate blood, visit **redcross.org**.

White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy

- The President, Task Force, and Administration have and continue to engage with and marshal the resources of the private sector in this all-of-America approach to addressing COVID-19. I would also like to flag this recent op-ed from Peter Navarro (Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy) regarding the Administration's coordination with the private sector: **Coronavirus – How businesses are stepping up, collaborating with Trump administration [foxnews.com]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this. The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- Find federal tax guidance for Distilled Spirits permittees and Industrial Alcohol user permittees from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau **here [ttb.gov]**.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now leads Federal operations on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, which oversees the whole-of-government response to the pandemic. Private sector partners that are interested in supporting this effort can find more, including contact information, on FEMA's website **here [fema.gov]** Also see pertinent points of contact below.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Sunday, March 22, President Trump signed an Executive Order providing the authority to address, if necessary, hoarding that threatens the supply of necessary health and medical resources. The Department of Justice will work with the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce anti-hoarding provisions of the order in cases where

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hoarding may be impeding the supply of health and medical resources needed to combat the spread of coronavirus. Additionally, DOJ is prioritizing the detection, investigation, and prosecution of fraudulent activity and price gouging related to medical resources needed to respond to the coronavirus.
    - DOJ announced its first action in federal court to combat fraud related to the coronavirus pandemic. The enforcement action was filed on March 22 in Austin, TX against operators of a fraudulent website. More **here [justice.gov]**, including recommended precautionary measures for Americans to protect themselves from known and emerging scams related to COVID-19.
- On March 16, the Attorney General issued a **memo** directing U.S. Attorneys to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of coronavirus-related fraud schemes. In a follow-up memorandum issued on March 19, Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen further directed each U.S. Attorney to appoint a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator to serve as the legal counsel for the federal judicial district on matters relating to the coronavirus, direct the prosecution of coronavirus-related crimes, and to conduct outreach and awareness. Read more **here [justice.gov]**.
- The public is encouraged to report suspected fraud schemed related to coronavirus by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) hotline (866-720-5721) or by emailing the NCDF at **disaster@leo.gov**.
- For more information, visit **www.justice.gov/coronavirus [justice.gov]**.

Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- HUD published a list of **resources [hud.gov]** for communities on homelessness.
    - FEMA and other federal agencies are working with officials from several states to support requests for non-congregate sheltering for at-risk homeless population as an emergency protective measure to address the public health emergency and prevent further spread.
- HUD issued a **moratorium [hud.gov]** on foreclosures and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortgages for the next 60 days.
- HUD published a community development block grant (CDBG) **quick guide [hudexchange.info]** to provide grantees with information on implementing CDBG funds in a coordinated effort with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response.
    - On a case-by-case basis, HUD is providing 60-day extensions for the submission of materials necessary for financial certification, and the Department is prepared to provide an additional 30 days if necessary. Upon request, similar extensions are also available for the submission of Action Plans for CDBG-DR
    - HUD is expediting processing of all consolidated plan and annual action plan submissions.
    - In the event of a Major Disaster Declaration for a State, or if Congress allows HUD to do so in the legislation currently under consideration, HUD will provide relief from the public hearings requirement. Further, HUD has already provided guidance regarding allowing virtual hearings rather than in-person, which can be found on the HUD website.
    - HUD is suspending enforcement action for the regular CDBG program for those who miss expenditure and commitment deadline for the duration of the crisis, in favor of technical assistance to help expend funds
- For HUD's Home Investment Partnerships Program:
    - Waiving the requirement that state and local HOME grantees conduct periodic on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental projects.
    - Congress has suspended the 24-month commitment deadline through 2022 and

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HUD has eliminated the 5-year expenditure requirement from HOME regulations

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued **guidance [cisa.gov]** and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, the CISA guidance is intended to help prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.
- On March 21, President Trump announced agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. "Non-essential" travel includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature. The measures were implemented on March 21 and will be in place for 30 days, at which point they will be reviewed. More information and a fact sheet can be found **here [dhs.gov]**.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus. In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which ban the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, on March 17, the Department of Homeland Security issued **updated guidance [dhs.gov]** requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
- Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Read more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. These flexibilities are available during this emergency time period. Flexibility may be reassessed upon issuance of new guidance by the Office of Management and Budget post the emergency time period. Read more **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- For additional information, please visit SAMHSA's coronavirus website here: **https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus [samhsa.gov]**

Department of State (DOS)

- The State Department advises U.S. citizens to **avoid all international travel**

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[travel.state.gov] at this time due to the global impact of COVID-19. Many areas throughout the world are now experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and taking action that may limit traveler mobility, including quarantines and border restrictions. Even countries, jurisdictions, or areas where cases have not been reported may restrict travel without notice.

- As of Tuesday, March 24, the State Department has repatriated more than 9,000 Americans from 28 countries.
- U.S. citizens traveling overseas should immediately enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP [step.state.gov]**).
- U.S. Embassies are an important resource for U.S. citizens overseas, including those looking to return to the United States. COVID-19 county specific information can be found **here [travel.state.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*), Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT), White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), White House Office of American Innovation (OAI), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Labor, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to #StopTheSpread and #BendTheCurve of COVID-19 and recognize the important role you have in keeping Americans safe and healthy. Below, please find a recap of the call as well important resources and guidance for State-Local-Tribal officials. We hope that you will share the updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America*** broadly on social media and directly with your colleagues.



COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

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- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
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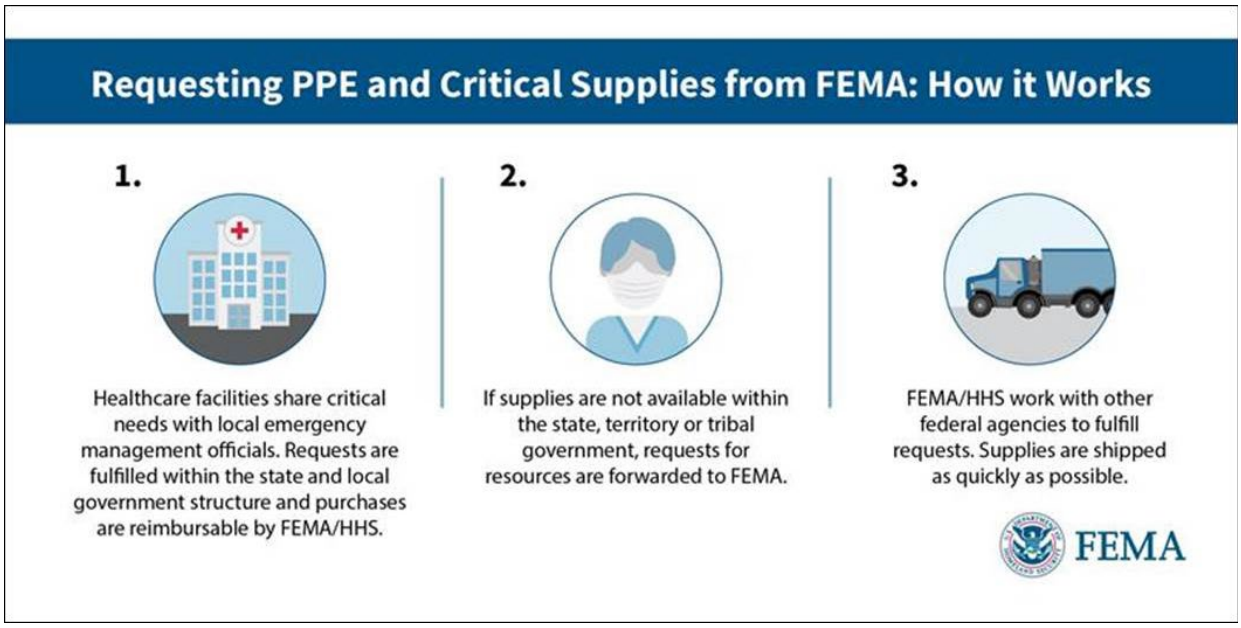

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The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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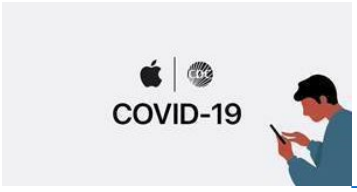

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White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call Readout
April 1, 2020

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Topline - What You Need To Know

- Reponses and recovery are *locally executed, state managed, and federally supported* (**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**). Solutions are coming from all levels of government to this shared challenge. To quote Ambassador Deborah Birx, "As we started and — we will end with it's communities that will do this. There's no magic bullet. There's no magic vaccine or therapy. It's just behaviors. Each of our behaviors translating into something that changes the course of this viral pandemic over the next 30 days."
- On March 27, President Trump signed the CARES Act into law. The CARES Act allocates over $2 trillion to COVID-19 response efforts.
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories and eighteen tribes are working directly with FEMA under the **nationwide emergency declaration [whitehouse.gov]** for COVID-19. In addition, President Trump has approved 3 major disaster declarations for State COVID-19 response. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**. It is important that mayors and county commissioners work closely with their local emergency management officials who in turn work closely with state emergency management officials to follow long-established emergency management protocol to track and work key priorities.
- FEMA and DOD have released guidance for States and territories seeking approval from the President on National Guard Title 32 Status. Pursuant to this approval, the Federal government will fund 100% of the cost share during approved timeframe. The Administration will continue to work with States approved for 100% cost share to assess whether an extension of this level of support is needed. To date, 14 States have received approval (**March 22 [whitehouse.gov]**, **March 28 [whitehouse.gov]**, **March 30 [whitehouse.gov]**) More information **here [fema.gov]**.
- As of March 31, at least 1.2 million tests have been completed around the country with an average of 100,000 samples per day (and climbing). As of today, FDA has approved 20 different emergency testing options. For additional information on testing, the Food & Drug Administration has setup a testing **website [fda.gov]**. The website offers frequently asked questions relating to the development and performance of diagnostic tests for COVID-19, including information on what commercial laboratories are offering testing, utilizing alternative swab supplies/methods (flexibilities in the types of swabs your healthcare professionals can use), diversification on the types of reagents that can be used, etc.
- Federal agencies are working to increase supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) through new acquisition, DOD allocation, increasing production, and ensuring effective strategies to appropriately manage important resources . The Administration – led by FEMA – is also marshalling resources from the private sector – and the response from the private sector has been tremendous. (*See* Op-Ed from Peter Navarro – ***How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with***

Trump Administration [foxnews.com]; Washington Examiner – ***Team USA: 50 Companies Join Trump's War on Coronavirus [washingtonexaminer.com]***).

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an unprecedented array of temporary regulatory waivers and new rules to equip the American healthcare system with maximum flexibility to respond to COVID-19. Made possible by President Trump's recent emergency declaration and emergency rule making, these temporary changes will apply immediately across the entire U.S. healthcare system for the duration of the emergency declaration. More information **here [cms.gov]**.
- On Sunday, March 29, Vice President Mike Pence wrote a **letter [whitehouse.gov]** to America's hospital administrators thanking them for their tireless efforts to provide healthcare to Americans during this unprecedented pandemic and outlined the Administration request that hospitals provide information on daily testing, daily counts of patients, availability of hospital beds, and availability mechanical ventilators.

COVID-19 Update and Overview - Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases)*

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- States, Tribes, and localities must continue to do their part to implement the guidelines and proper mitigation efforts.
- Over the next two weeks, we need to be prepared for things to get worse before they get better. There are early indications that mitigation efforts are making a difference, so now is the right time to double-down and not let up to keep bending the curve down.
- Models are based on assumptions. We can "anticipate" but "do not need to accept" the forecasting of these models. Everyone needs to do their part and intensively adhere to the guidelines.
- We must continue to take proper precautions even after the number of new cases begins to stabilize and the curve begins to move in the right direction.
- "We are an extraordinary nation…[and response] will require the American people to pull together."

Economic Update and Overview - Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy & Director, National Economic Council)*

- The first priority of the President and Administration is the health and safety of the American people. The economy returning back to normal depends on how quickly the country can flatten the curve.
- Key components of fiscal relief are unemployment insurance, unpaid leave support, and small business payroll retention.
- The CARES Act provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time (*See* **White House Fact Sheet [whitehouse.gov]**; *See* Op-Ed from Ivanka Trump – ***Emergency Relief Bill Will Help America's Small Businesses* [kansascity.com]**). The $2.2 trillion economic relief package includes:
    - $1,200 tax free payments (treated as refundable tax credits) to Americans;
    - $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments;
    - $340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
    - $500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19;
    - $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19;
    - $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- "When we get to the other side, the economy will resume its upward course."

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CARES Act Implementation - State, Local, and Tribal Government Assistance

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury has setup a **website [home.treasury.gov]** with up-to-date guidance on CARES Act implementation.
- States, territories, eligible units of local government, and Tribal governments will receive funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury expects that the $150 billion provided to the Fund will be distributed no later than April 24.
- Distributions will generally be based on population, with a floor of $1.25 billion for the 50 states. Population data will be drawn from the latest vintage of the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.
- Treasury is developing a website portal for units of local government to apply for direct funding equal to 45% of its pro rata share of the state's allocation. Guidance will be provided regarding what jurisdictions are eligible.
- Funds distributed are an advance against eligible COVID-19 expenditures above budgeted amounts. Guidance on eligible expenditures is expected to be provided in the coming weeks; Treasury understands that recipients of funds need this guidance before disbursements are made.
- Treasury sees no prohibition on states providing funds to sub-grantees, but the use of funds by sub-grantees must meet statutory use provisions
- Treasury is partnering with the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior in conducting Tribal Consultations. The first Consultation will be held on Thursday, April 2.
- Treasury welcomes the partnership with state and local leaders in the implementation of this fund.

Individual, Small Business and Unemployment Assistance Update

- The Internal Revenue Service has setup a **website [irs.gov]** with up-to-date guidance to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus.
- Distribution of economic impact payments to individuals will begin in the next three weeks and will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. Social security recipients, who are not typically required to file a tax return, **will automatically [home.treasury.gov]** receive economic impact payments. For guidance, see **Economic Impact Payments: What You Need To Know [irs.gov]**).
- The Small Business Administration is offering low interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations all U.S. States and territories. Learn more **here [sba.gov]**.
- The CARES Act's *Paycheck Protection Program* authorizes up to $349 billion for small businesses to be applies towards job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible non-profit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.
    - For a top-line overview of the program: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
    - If you are a lender: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
    - If you are a borrower: **Click Here [home.treasury.gov]**
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- March 28, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) published more guidance to provide information to employees and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) when it goes into effect on April 1, 2020. More information **here [dol.gov]**.
- The Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020 authorizes the U.S. Department of Labor to disburse $1 billion in grant funding to states for the administration of unemployment insurance programs. The funding is available to states in two allocations. 23 states have applied for the first round of funding, and DOL is working with the Department of Treasury to certify the funds.
    - Each state administers a separate unemployment insurance program, but all states follow the same guidelines established by federal law. For more information regarding rules in your state, contact with your state's **unemployment insurance program** [careeronestop.org].
    - The FFCRA also authorized emergency paid sick leave and an expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act. On April 1, 2020, DOL issued a **temporary rule [dol.gov]** codifying in

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regulation previously issued guidance [dol.gov] regarding the implementation of the new leave benefits.

- The CARES Act, in part, creates the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program which provides unemployment compensation benefits for employees traditionally not eligible for these programs (self-employed, independent contractors, and those with limited work history). DOL anticipates additional guidance on the implementation of the CARES Act in the near future.
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidance Update

- Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The list and guidance were initially published on March 16th in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.
- The guidance and accompanying list [cisa.gov] are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors [cisa.gov] and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. Notable additions to the guidance/list from the March 16 release include:
    - Clarification that mining and related critical mineral activity is essential;
    - Clarification that construction activity necessary for infrastructure resilience is essential;
    - Clarification on essential retail activity, particularly as it relates to distribution centers necessary for ecommerce and customer service activity for telecommunications vendors;
    - Clearer recognition of the cross-sector importance of hygiene products and sanitation services;
    - Enhanced detail on enabling functions for critical infrastructure, to include the commodity, services, and logistics supply chains; and
    - The addition of firearm and ammunition manufacturing and distribution as essential
- State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance.

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Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders on April 15. To date, the White House has coordinated 165 briefings that have helped inform over 74,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders. And we look forward to continuing the partnership and robust coordination and outreach with you. Below, please find a recap of the briefing call. We also want to highlight the recently announced ***Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!***

Today, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the ***Guidelines for Opening Up America Again! [whitehouse.gov]*** (***slide deck [whitehouse.gov]***). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window. They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild). Additionally, where appropriate, the guidelines recommend Governors working on a regional basis to satisfy outlined criteria and to progress through the tiered phases. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country. Find a Fact Sheet here: **President Donald J. Trump Is Beginning the Next Phase In Our Fight Against Coronavirus – Guidelines for Opening Up America Again [whitehouse.gov]**.

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
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- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a resource guide for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders, which can be found here: **COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide [rd.usda.gov]**.
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Recovery and Response Update

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- FEMA, HHS, and federal partners work with state, local, tribal and territorial governments to execute a whole-of-America response to COVID-19 pandemic and protect the health and safety of the American people.
- FEMA has all 10 emergency response regions activated. President Trump has approved major disaster declarations for every State in the country. The President has also

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approved 43 Title 32 requests for the National Guard providing 100 percent federal cost-share for States. These actions have opened up unprecedented resources and capabilities for States to respond to COVID-19.

- Wednesday, FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor issued a **letter [fema.gov]** to the nation's emergency managers outlining lessons learned from the first 30 days of FEMA leading the "Whole-of-America" response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- FEMA continues to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (PPE) across the country through **Project Air Bridge [fema.gov]**. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. From March 29 to April 15, Project Air Bridge has completed 52 flights with an additional 50 scheduled. Total supplies delivered to the U.S. and into the private sector supply chains include more than 530,000 N95 masks, 451 million gloves, 25 million surgical masks, 5 million gowns, 74,000 face shields, and 80,000 thermometers. Project Air Bridge deliveries are in addition to the PPE that has been distributed from the Strategic National Stockpile.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- **Topline**: As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 3.5 million COVID-19 tests. In order to strengthen and expand our testing across the U.S., the White House Coronavirus Task Force is coordinating a major interagency initiative to strengthen our national diagnostic infrastructure. This effort includes working with the States, Territories and Tribal communities and test manufacturers to expand our ability to maximize available testing platforms and increase our diagnostic assay inventory.
- **CDC International Reagent Resource (IRR)**
    - The **CDC IRR [internationalreagentresource.org]** is distributing COVID-19 diagnostic tests, reagents and associated supplies to state and county public health laboratories. This has provided states with the flexibility to obtain diagnostic materials, specifically items needed for diagnostic sample collection, extraction and then diagnostic testing, through the IRR first, and while simultaneously retaining the option to procure needed supplies through the commercial marketplace.
    - HHS is working to stand up the CDC IRR for this purpose by ensuring adequate inventory of diagnostic materials to support the needs of state and public health laboratories and working with manufacturers of diagnostic supplies (equipment and reagents) to bolster the supply chain to meet the needs for U.S. testing.
    - Commercial and academic/hospital diagnostic laboratories not registered with the IRR currently can and should procure through their normal mechanisms via the commercial market.
- **Abbott ID NOW Diagnostic Instruments**
    - As part of the federal government's response to COVID-19, HHS provided 6,000 ID NOW instruments and tests for distribution to Public Health Laboratories (PHLs), the Indian Health Service (IHS) and other key partners. In April, PHLs began to receive their instruments and test kits.
    - 250 Abbott ID Now machines and kits for 10,000 tests were provided to the Indian Health Service, for dissemination to Indian Country.
    - PHLs can obtain additional ID NOW COVID-19 test kits through the CDC IRR.
- **Serological Diagnostic Testing**

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- Serological diagnostic testing, or evaluating sera through blood collection or finger sticks for evidence of an immune response to COVID-19 infection, provides an exciting opportunity to broaden the diagnostic testing capacity in the United States.
- As of April 15th, The FDA has issued three EUA's for serological tests for COVID-19 as of April 15. Serological testing will be an important part of testing strategies for COVID-19 moving forward.

Indian Health Service (IHS)

- The Indian Health Service has distributed a total of $734 million from COVID-19 supplemental appropriations. On April 3, IHS began distributing $600 million of CARES Act funding to IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organizations. On March 27, the IHS distributed $134 million in the first round of Coronavirus response funding, this includes the full $64 million provided in the second supplemental appropriation for COVID-19 testing. 95% of the funds allocated to tribal and urban Indian organization health programs have been obligated. More **here [ihs.gov]**.
- The IHS received 250 Abbott ID Now analyzers, and has distributed them through area offices to federal and tribal health care facilities throughout Indian Country. This test allows for medical diagnostic testing at the time and place of patient care, provides COVID-19 results in under 13 minutes and expands the capacity for coronavirus testing for individuals exhibiting symptoms as well as for healthcare professionals and the first responder community. More **here [hhs.gov]**.
- The IHS has **expanded [hhs.gov]** telehealth across the agency. Telehealth services means patients can stay home and reduce their risk of infection and also keep healthcare workers and others in waiting rooms and emergency departments safe from COVID-19.
- Find a recent Public Service Announcement from Rear Admiral and HIS Director Michael Weahkee here – A Message to Indigenous Peoples (**Youtube [youtube.com]** / **Twitter [twitter.com]**); Thanks to HIS (**Youtube [youtube.com]** / **Twitter [twitter.com]**)
- For more, visit the HIS Coronavirus website here: **www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/ [ihs.gov]**

Economy/CARES Act Update

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- **Economic Impact Payments**
  - Economic Impact Payments have gone out to upwards of 80 million Americans. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - On April 15, Treasury and the IRS launched the "**Get My Payment [sa.www4.irs.gov]**" web application. The app allows individuals to track the status of their payment. It also allows taxpayers who filed their tax return in 2018 or 2019, but did not provide their banking information on their return, to submit direct deposit information.
  - Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - Treasury is also investigating ways to effectively get Economic Impact Payment funds into the hands of the unbanked.
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund**

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- The Coronavirus Relief Fund provides $150 billion to States, Localities, and Tribal Governments. $8 billion is dedicated for Tribal Governments.
- On April 13, Treasury released **eligibility guidance [home.treasury.gov]** for CARES Act funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments. Treasury also launched a **distribution web portal [forms.treasury.gov]** for States, Tribes, and **eligible units of local government [home.treasury.gov]**. States, Tribes, and eligible local governments are encouraged to provide payment information and required supporting documentation via Treasury's portal [forms.treasury.gov] not later than April 17, 2020.
- Treasury is developing guidance in advance of funding release regarding reimbursable expenses.

- **Main Street Business Lending Program and Municipal Liquidity Facility**
  - Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
  - The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) launched on Friday, April 3. The PPP program, which provides forgivable loans to small businesses with under 500 employees. As of Wednesday, April 15, more than 1.2 million loans totaling over $268 billion across nearly 4,800 lenders have been approved. In total, the SBA has processed more than 14 years' worth of loans in less than 14 days.
  - In order to ensure that every business is able to take advantage of the PPP, the Administration has requested an increase in PPP commitments to $600 billion—a $250 billion increase – and is waiting Congressional action. Read more here: **Statement by Secretary Mnuchin and Administrator Carranza on the Paycheck Protection program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program [prnewswire.com]**.
  - The Employee Retention Credit is available for businesses not eligible for the PPP. This is a refundable credit of up to $5,000 per employee, who is retained instead of being laid off. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - Updated guidance and frequently asked questions can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**. A new lender application form can be found **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
  - More information on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [home.treasury.gov]**.
- **SBA Regional Offices**: SBA maintains district, regional, and field offices throughout the country. Individuals with questions about the PPP, disaster loans, and other SBA programs are encouraged to contact one of **these offices [sba.gov]**.

Wraparound Services Update

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):

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- The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component within the Executive Office of the President which works to reduce drug use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy. ONDCP coordinates the federal government's antidrug efforts by developing a comprehensive **National Drug Control Strategy [whitehouse.gov]** which aims to reduce substance use through public health and public safety measures.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19.
- ONDCP released a fact sheet that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas. More **here [files.constantcontact.com]**.
- For additional information, please visit ONDCP's website **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Office of the Administration of Children and Families (OCC)

- The Administration for Children and Families' Office of Child Care (OCC) administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is the largest dedicated federal funding source for child care in the country ($8.7 billion federal funds, $11.7 billion total if counting matching and maintenance of effort funds, and funds transferred from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program). This funding goes out as a block grant to state, territory, and tribal governments, and is allocated by formula.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided $3.5 billion in supplemental CCDF funds to State, Territory, and Tribal governments to help address COVID-19 impacts. The funding was distributed to State, Territory, and Tribal government grantees on April 13, 20. The funds have two main purposes: 1) First, provide child care to emergency/essential workers across the income range, and 2) Second, invest in the retention of child care workers and businesses so they will be there when the health crisis is over. More **here [acf.hhs.gov]**.
- ACF worked closely with CDC to develop specific guidance for child care settings on policies and practices to better address safety and virus spread concerns. The CDC child care supplemental guidance can be accessed **here [cdc.gov]**.
- ACF developed and released a State-by-State **guide [acf.hhs.gov]** to help emergency/essential workers find child care.

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- The Administration for Community Living brings together various components for increasing access to community supports while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided $955 million in supplemental funding to support these populations. Funding will be distributed across various programs, including:
    - $480m to expand home delivered meals
    - $100m to support family caregiver training, education and respite
    - $85m to support independent living and community transitions for people with disabilities
    - $20m to support services for Native Americans
    - $50m to expand information systems to help families and individuals access

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services
    - $200m to expand home and community based services to assist with supply acquisition, transportation, chore service and other needed activities to support living at home.
    - $20m for the Ombudsman program which oversees care quality in nursing homes
- ACL developed **guidance [eldercare.acl.gov]** for older adults and caregivers on COVID-19. ACL also published a list of **frequently asked questions [acl.gov]** to provide guidance to the ACL recipient community.
- ACL maintains the Eldercare Locator, a public service connecting elder Americans to services for older adults and their families. The Eldercare Locator can be accessed **here [eldercare.acl.gov]** and via phone at 1-800-677-1116.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
- The White House and Administration are committed to providing Americans with vital mental health resources and services, especially through expanding telehealth services. Under the President's leadership and at the direction of the White House Task Force, the Trump Administration has taken historic steps to expand Americans' access to telehealth so that patients, particularly our Medicare beneficiaries, can receive a wider range of services without having to travel to a healthcare facility (*read more from Surgeon General Jerome Adams and CMS Administrator Seema Verma – **Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure [orlandosentinel.com]***). States are also examining their own policies to determine if there are undue barriers to maximizing telehealth service delivery for their residents in this time of national emergency. States have broad authority to deliver and reimburse Medicaid covered services through telehealth modalities, and additional federal approval is often not required to do so. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance on telehealth reimbursement and coverage options in the Medicaid program **here [medicaid.gov]**.
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- SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. These flexibilities are available during this emergency time period. Flexibility may be reassessed upon issuance of new guidance by the Office of Management and Budget post the emergency time period. Read more **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- On April 3, SAMHSA announced $110 million in emergency grants to provide treatment for substance use disorders/serious mental illness during the coronavirus pandemic. The grants were available to State governments, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. More details **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- For additional information, please visit SAMHSA's coronavirus website here:

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining President Donald J. Trump and Senior Administration Officials for the White House briefing call on the Administration's commitment to empower State, local, and Tribal leaders to effectively respond to COVID-19 and provide updates on CARES Act implementation. As President Trump stated, we are deeply grateful for your partnership and close coordination with the Administration in our campaign to vanquish the virus. While there are signs that our collective strategy to slow the spread is working, we are in a crucial phase, and it is important for State, Local, and Tribal leaders to remain committed to the distancing guidelines. Below, please find a recap of the call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**: On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

- **CDC Provides Interim Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to COVID-19**: On Wednesday, April 8, the CDC released new guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. The guidelines advise that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More **here [cdc.gov]**. Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the DHS CISA website **here [cisa.gov]**.

- **The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide Up To $2.3 Trillion in Financing**: On Thursday, April 9, Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of

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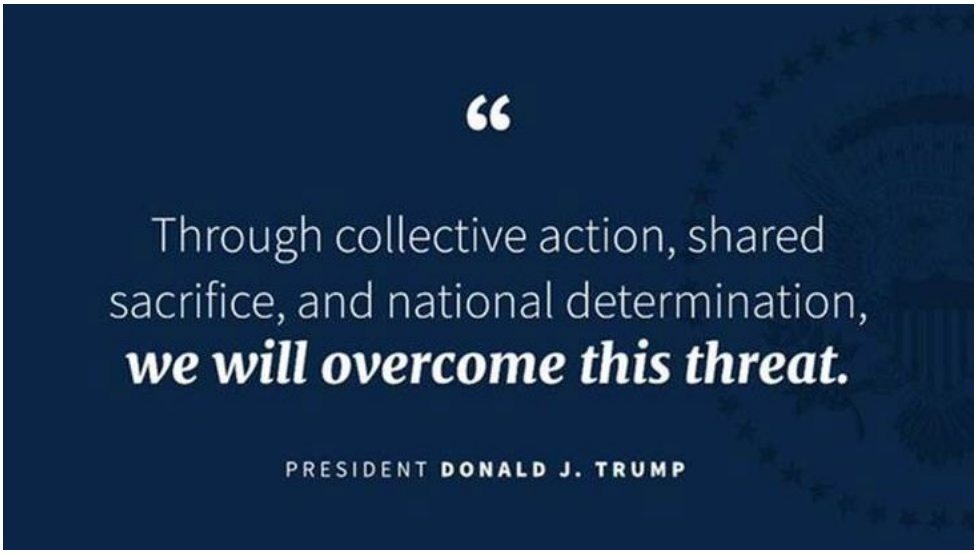
- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether**: On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.



COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going to #StopTheSpread and #BendtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – **30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**) – to extend the guidance for an additional 30 days. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

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- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th *(see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
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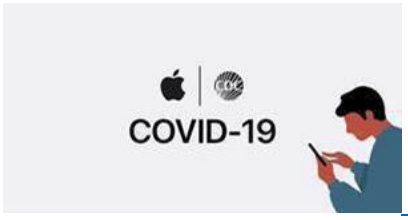

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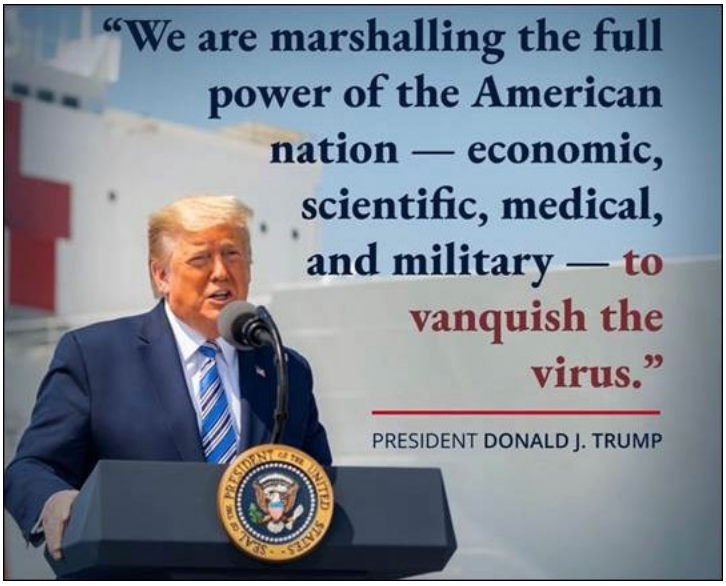

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- Last week, the White House announced updated "**Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]**" – extending efforts through April 30 – the best way you all can help is to utilize your leadership platform to echo the "30 Days to Stop the Spread." There are initial signs that these efforts are paying dividends and it is critical that everyone continues to follow this guidance, even as we see a leveling out of cases in some areas of the country.
- The President has approved major disaster declaration requests quickly as the governors have requested – 51 governors have had their requests approved as of last night – meaning that requests from 23 states/territories were approved since the April 1 national update call. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**
- As of Tuesday, April 7, for 37 states that have requested, the President has approved 100% of National Guard deployment costs under Title 32 to assist w/ response & logistics support, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- Through Project Air Bridge, FEMA has continued to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (or PPE) across the country. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. Learn more about Project Air Bridge and FEMA's supply chain efforts **here [fema.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **Topline:** The CARES Act makes vital investments in the key elements of our public health response to the virus, with more than $100 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers and $27 billion in funds for vaccines, therapeutics, and personal protective equipment.
- **Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund**: On Wednesday, April 8, HHS announced new steps on the $100 billion provided by the CARES Act to support healthcare providers directly.
    - HHS will begin the initial distribution of these payments to hospitals and

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healthcare providers across the nation distributed based on how much relative revenue they receive from Medicare.
    - HHS has endeavored to make this process extremely simple and is expecting 500,000 providers will receive funding this week.
    - The next allocation of funds will prioritize those providers that do not typically serve the Medicare population or where Medicare is not a dominant payor, like nursing homes and certain types of hospitals.
- **CDC State and Local Preparedness Grants**: CDC is working to distribute $1.5 billion in state and local preparedness grants, which, combined with the first supplemental, amount to a total of about $2.5 billion provided for state, tribal, territorial, and local needs.
    - HHS distributed $186 million in CDC funds from the first supplemental earlier this week to assist with testing and surveillance activities.
    - There is a set-aside in the CDC's grant program for tribal health needs, and the CARES Act also includes more than $1 billion provided for critical response needs in Indian Country, including supplies, staffing, and increased telehealth capacity. More **here [cdc.gov]**.
- **Mental Health**: Recognizing that mental health is going to be a challenge, the CARES Act provides $250 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, $50 million in new money for suicide prevention, and $100 million in flexible emergency funding for states and tribes to use to address mental health needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has now posted the funding opportunity announcement for that flexible emergency funding. More **here [bphc.hrsa.gov]**.
- **Administration for Children & Families**: HHS's Administration for Children and Families is receiving $6.3 billion in funding under the CARES Act, which it is working to operationalize expeditiously with a focus on supporting Head Start providers and augmenting LIHEAP, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant funds. This funding will help human service providers whether they serve vulnerable youth, families, or older Americans, are under strain. More **here**.
- **Administration for Community Living**: The Administration for Community Living also received $955 million to support aging and disability services programs, like getting meals to seniors. HHS has already disbursed some new money from the earlier economic relief legislation. More **here [acl.gov]**.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

- **Topline**: The CARES Act provides $9.5 billion provided for relief to farmers and ranchers. The Act enables support of agricultural producers who experience market losses due to COVID-19. USDA is actively monitoring all food and agriculture commodity markets and the supply chain of food from farm to table during the COVID 19 outbreak. USDA will provide more information regarding program delivery later this Spring. More information about USDA resources in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

    - On Thursday, April 9, USDA announced the first state, Michigan, has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act. The is a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals

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that would have otherwise been consumed at school. More **here** [usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Development**

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. USDA extended the open application window through April 15th and will use the CARES Act funding to augment grant awards to qualified applicants. More information about the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program can be found here **https://www.usda.gov/reconnect** [usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $1 billion provided for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program USDA will administer the increase in program level concurrent with the traditional program, a Notice of Funding Availability announcing the increased program level will issue in April/May. More information about the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees** [rd.usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $25 million provided for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. USDA announced a new award window for FY2020 will open from April 14th through July 13th. More information about the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Relief**

    - The CARES Act provides foreclosure and eviction relief provided for rural renters and homeowners. Effective March 19th, the Rural Housing Service is providing 60-day relief from eviction and foreclosure to all USDA multi-family housing tenants and single-family home mortgage borrowers. More information about USDA Rural Development's actions in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Nutrition**

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    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service distributes food and administrative funds to Indian Tribal Organizations

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and state agencies to support nutritional needs of Native American families.

- The CARES Act provides $8.8 billion provided for the Child Nutrition Program. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program.

- The CARES Act provides $450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**.** The Food and Nutrition Service's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food and administrative funds to food banks to support the nutrition of vulnerable populations. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program. More information about Food and Nutrition Service actions to respond to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19 [fns.usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor

- **Topline**: On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The legislation, in part, created three new programs designed to provide unemployment benefits to American workers: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

    - These programs are administered by each state workforce agency or equivalent. Depending on the state technology infrastructure and other factors, states may vary in the implementation and timing of first benefit payments to eligible individuals. Benefits are retroactive to dates as specified in guidance from the Department. This and future guidance is and will be available at **https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/ [wdr.doleta.gov]**.

- The following is a brief summary of each newly established program pursuant to the CARES Act:

    - **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation:** The FPUC program allows states to provide an additional $600 per week in benefits to individuals collecting regular Unemployment Compensation or certain other benefits. The CARES Act specifies that FPUC benefit payments will end after payments for the last week of unemployment before July 31, 2020.

    - **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:** States are permitted to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. To qualify for PUA benefits, you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits and be

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unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of certain health or economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:** The program covers most individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under state or federal law and who are able to work, available for work, and actively seeking work as defined by state law. Importantly, the CARES Act gives states flexibility in determining whether you are "actively seeking work" if you are unable to search for work because of COVID-19, including because of illness, quarantine, or movement restrictions.

- For more information on unemployment compensation, and links to your State Unemployment Insurance Office, please click **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Education

- **Elementary and Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $13.2 billion in K-12 formula grants to States (Economic Stabilization Fund). This grant is distributed to states based on their share of ESEA Title I-A funds. State education agencies will then distribute at least 90% of funds to school districts and public charter schools based on their share of Title I-A funds.

  - Under the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education has **streamlined the waiver application process** [ed.gov] for states to gain flexibilities to allow schools to repurpose existing K-12 education funds for technology infrastructure and teacher training on distance learning, among other flexibilities to move resources to areas of highest need during the national emergency.

  - This action follows the Department's **announcement** [ed.gov] of a turnkey waiver process allowing states to cancel federally-mandated standardized testing. The Department has approved waivers for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- **Post-Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $12.2 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund to help institutions of higher education weather the costs associated with COVID-19. Funds will be available through September 30, 2021. More **here [ed.gov]**.

  - The Department has also provided **additional flexibilities and**

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regulatory relief [ed.gov] for institutions of higher education, their students, and others effective through June 30, 2020, including waiving requirements relating to academic terms, approved leaves of absence, distance education, and student aid verification. Additional flexibilities provided under the CARES Act will expire on September 30, 2020.

- The Department also announced that any aid provided to students in the form of Emergency Grants to Students under the CARES Act will not be included in future determinations of a student's eligibility for Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, institutions do not need to make adjustments to a student's current financial aid award, even if these emergency grants result in an over-award.

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.

U.S. Department of Commerce

- The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** will distribute $300 million in fisheries assistance to states, Tribes, and territories in coordination with Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions.
    - These funds will support commercial fishing, charter fishing, dealers, processors, aquaculture, and Tribal as well as subsistence sectors that have been directly or indirectly negatively impacted by covid-19.
    - NOAA Fisheries is collecting information from fishermen, seafood farmers, and other seafood processing/distribution companies, as well as from the recreational fishing sector, on disruptions to supply and demand resulting from COVID-19.
    - NOAA is assessing immediate and long term needs to secure and enhance the resilience of the US seafood and fisheries industries.
    - For more on CARES and other NOAA COVID-19 related activities, visit **here [fisheries.noaa.gov]**.
- The **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** received $1.5 billion to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
    - EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance.
    - EDA grants will support a wide range of economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation.

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    - The majority of the funding will be distributed out of EDA's six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications through a competitive process.

    - For more information on EDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [eda.gov]**.

- The **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)** will utilize $10 million to educate, train, and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19.

    - These grants are available to minority business centers and minority chambers of commerce.

    - For more information on MBDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [mbda.gov]**.

- The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has released a series of FAQs for patent and trademark filers regarding USPTO's previously announced extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the CARES Act. More **here [uspto.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Topline**: The CARES Act includes over $12 billion in new funding for HUD programs to provide additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

- **Primary Allocations**

    - **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**: The CARES Act provides $5 billion to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. More **here [hud.gov]**.

    - **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**: The CARES Act provides $4 billion to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. More on homelessness assistance programs **here [hudexchange.info]**.

    - **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**: The CARES Act provides $1.25 billion for additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary action during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19, in addition to administrative expenses and other expenses for

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Section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers. More information here (**COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies [hud.gov]**).

- **Public Housing Operating Fund:** $685 million for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19; funds are to be combined with FY20 funds and awarded using the Operating Fund formula and may be used for both capital and operating expenses.

- **Native American Programs**: $200 million for activities and assistance under title I of NAHASDA and under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, including Native American Housing Block Grants, to be distributed using the FY20 formula. More **here [hud.gov]**.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPSA)**: The CARES Act provides $65 million for additional HOPWA funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services and other necessary actions. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- The CARES Act also includes the following general provisions that affect HUD and HUD programs:

  - Rescinds and appropriates funds for a youth homelessness demonstration under the "Homeless Assistance Grants" demonstration in the FY18 appropriations act;

  - Allows for temporary hiring flexibility for HUD to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19;

  - Provides a foreclosure moratorium for borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19;

  - Provides the opportunity for multifamily borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardship to request a forbearance; and

  - Enables a temporary moratorium on eviction filings.

U.S. Department of Justice

- The CARES Act provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to COVID-19. Specifically, the Act includes $850 million for the **Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Bryne-JAG)**. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and

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crisis intervention teams. More **here [bja.ojp.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you for joining President Donald J. Trump and Senior Administration Officials for the White House briefing call on the Administration's commitment to empower State, local, and Tribal leaders to effectively respond to COVID-19 and provide updates on CARES Act implementation. As President Trump stated, we are deeply grateful for your partnership and close coordination with the Administration in our campaign to vanquish the virus. While there are signs that our collective strategy to slow the spread is working, we are in a crucial phase, and it is important for State, Local, and Tribal leaders to remain committed to the distancing guidelines. Below, please find a recap of the call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**: On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

- **CDC Provides Interim Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to COVID-19**: On Wednesday, April 8, the CDC released new guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. The guidelines advise that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More **here [cdc.gov]**. Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the DHS CISA website **here [cisa.gov]**.

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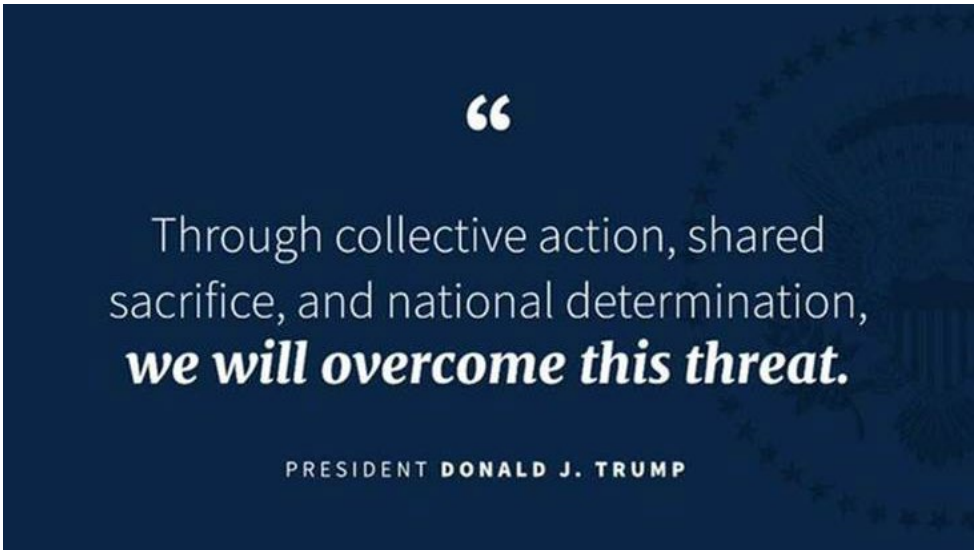
- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether**: On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.



COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going to #StopTheSpread and #BendtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – **30 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**) – to extend the guidance for an additional 30 days. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

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- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th *(see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The **guidance [cisa.gov]**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**),

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Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Internal Revenue Service (**IRS [irs.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), Army Corps of Engineers (**USACE [usace.army.mil]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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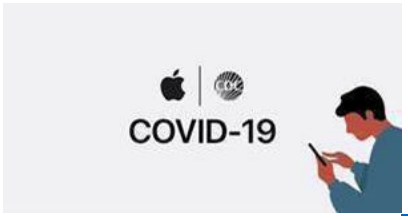

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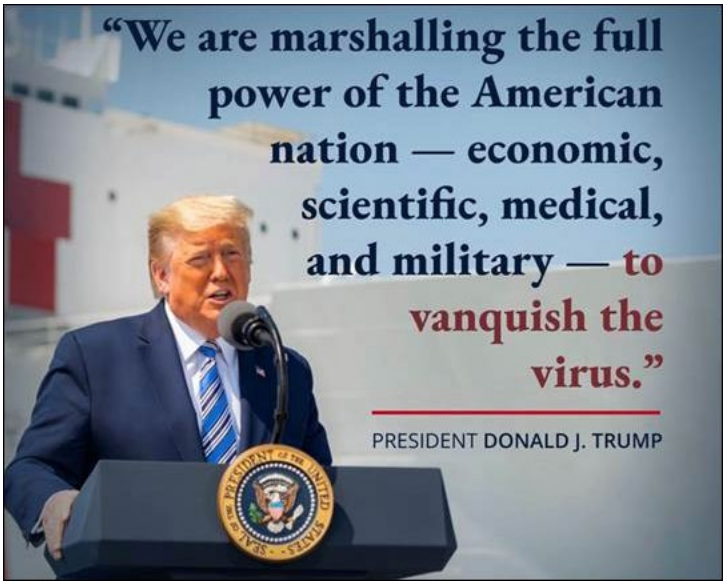

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- The President has approved major disaster declaration requests quickly as the governors have requested – 51 governors have had their requests approved as of last night – meaning that requests from 23 states/territories were approved since the April 1 national update call. Approved declarations can be found **here [fema.gov]**
- As of Tuesday, April 7, for 37 states that have requested, the President has approved 100% of National Guard deployment costs under Title 32 to assist w/ response & logistics support, while ensuring governors remain in command.
- Through Project Air Bridge, FEMA has continued to coordinate the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (or PPE) across the country. The air bridge is helping reduce the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to receive PPE and other critical supplies into the country for health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement. Learn more about Project Air Bridge and FEMA's supply chain efforts **here [fema.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **Topline:** The CARES Act makes vital investments in the key elements of our public health response to the virus, with more than $100 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers and $27 billion in funds for vaccines, therapeutics, and personal protective equipment.
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healthcare providers across the nation distributed based on how much relative revenue they receive from Medicare.
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- **Mental Health**: Recognizing that mental health is going to be a challenge, the CARES Act provides $250 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, $50 million in new money for suicide prevention, and $100 million in flexible emergency funding for states and tribes to use to address mental health needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has now posted the funding opportunity announcement for that flexible emergency funding. More **here [bphc.hrsa.gov]**.
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    - Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- **Topline**: The CARES Act provides $9.5 billion provided for relief to farmers and ranchers. The Act enables support of agricultural producers who experience market losses due to COVID-19. USDA is actively monitoring all food and agriculture commodity markets and the supply chain of food from farm to table during the COVID 19 outbreak. USDA will provide more information regarding program delivery later this Spring. More information about USDA resources in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

    - On Thursday, April 9, USDA announced the first state, Michigan, has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act. The is a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals

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that would have otherwise been consumed at school. More **here** [usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Development**

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. USDA extended the open application window through April 15th and will use the CARES Act funding to augment grant awards to qualified applicants. More information about the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program can be found here **https://www.usda.gov/reconnect** [usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $1 billion provided for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program USDA will administer the increase in program level concurrent with the traditional program, a Notice of Funding Availability announcing the increased program level will issue in April/May. More information about the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees** [rd.usda.gov].

    - The CARES Act provides $25 million provided for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. USDA announced a new award window for FY2020 will open from April 14th through July 13th. More information about the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Rural Economic Relief**

    - The CARES Act provides foreclosure and eviction relief provided for rural renters and homeowners. Effective March 19th, the Rural Housing Service is providing 60-day relief from eviction and foreclosure to all USDA multi-family housing tenants and single-family home mortgage borrowers. More information about USDA Rural Development's actions in response to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus** [rd.usda.gov].

- **Nutrition**

    - The CARES Act provides $15.5 billion in contingency funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service intends to use all available flexibilities to service program participants, including exercising newly authorized waivers ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

    - The CARES Act provides $100 million for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program**.** The Food and Nutrition Service distributes food and administrative funds to Indian Tribal Organizations

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and state agencies to support nutritional needs of Native American families.

- The CARES Act provides $8.8 billion provided for the Child Nutrition Program. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program.

- The CARES Act provides $450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**.** The Food and Nutrition Service's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food and administrative funds to food banks to support the nutrition of vulnerable populations. Funding supports ongoing activities under the existing program. More information about Food and Nutrition Service actions to respond to COVID-19 can be found here: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19 [fns.usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor

- **Topline**: On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The legislation, in part, created three new programs designed to provide unemployment benefits to American workers: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

    - These programs are administered by each state workforce agency or equivalent. Depending on the state technology infrastructure and other factors, states may vary in the implementation and timing of first benefit payments to eligible individuals. Benefits are retroactive to dates as specified in guidance from the Department. This and future guidance is and will be available at **https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/ [wdr.doleta.gov]**.

- The following is a brief summary of each newly established program pursuant to the CARES Act:

    - **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation:** The FPUC program allows states to provide an additional $600 per week in benefits to individuals collecting regular Unemployment Compensation or certain other benefits. The CARES Act specifies that FPUC benefit payments will end after payments for the last week of unemployment before July 31, 2020.

    - **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:** States are permitted to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. To qualify for PUA benefits, you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits and be

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unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of certain health or economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:** The program covers most individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under state or federal law and who are able to work, available for work, and actively seeking work as defined by state law. Importantly, the CARES Act gives states flexibility in determining whether you are "actively seeking work" if you are unable to search for work because of COVID-19, including because of illness, quarantine, or movement restrictions.

- For more information on unemployment compensation, and links to your State Unemployment Insurance Office, please click **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Education

- **Elementary and Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $13.2 billion in K-12 formula grants to States (Economic Stabilization Fund). This grant is distributed to states based on their share of ESEA Title I-A funds. State education agencies will then distribute at least 90% of funds to school districts and public charter schools based on their share of Title I-A funds.

  - Under the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education has **streamlined the waiver application process** [ed.gov] for states to gain flexibilities to allow schools to repurpose existing K-12 education funds for technology infrastructure and teacher training on distance learning, among other flexibilities to move resources to areas of highest need during the national emergency.

  - This action follows the Department's **announcement** [ed.gov] of a turnkey waiver process allowing states to cancel federally-mandated standardized testing. The Department has approved waivers for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- **Post-Secondary Education**

  - The CARES Act includes $12.2 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund to help institutions of higher education weather the costs associated with COVID-19. Funds will be available through September 30, 2021. More **here [ed.gov]**.

  - The Department has also provided **additional flexibilities and**

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regulatory relief [ed.gov] for institutions of higher education, their students, and others effective through June 30, 2020, including waiving requirements relating to academic terms, approved leaves of absence, distance education, and student aid verification. Additional flexibilities provided under the CARES Act will expire on September 30, 2020.

- The Department also announced that any aid provided to students in the form of Emergency Grants to Students under the CARES Act will not be included in future determinations of a student's eligibility for Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, institutions do not need to make adjustments to a student's current financial aid award, even if these emergency grants result in an over-award.

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.

U.S. Department of Commerce

- The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** will distribute $300 million in fisheries assistance to states, Tribes, and territories in coordination with Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions.
    - These funds will support commercial fishing, charter fishing, dealers, processors, aquaculture, and Tribal as well as subsistence sectors that have been directly or indirectly negatively impacted by covid-19.
    - NOAA Fisheries is collecting information from fishermen, seafood farmers, and other seafood processing/distribution companies, as well as from the recreational fishing sector, on disruptions to supply and demand resulting from COVID-19.
    - NOAA is assessing immediate and long term needs to secure and enhance the resilience of the US seafood and fisheries industries.
    - For more on CARES and other NOAA COVID-19 related activities, visit **here [fisheries.noaa.gov]**.
- The **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** received $1.5 billion to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
    - EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance.
    - EDA grants will support a wide range of economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation.

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    - The majority of the funding will be distributed out of EDA's six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications through a competitive process.
    - For more information on EDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [eda.gov]**.
- The **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)** will utilize $10 million to educate, train, and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19.
    - These grants are available to minority business centers and minority chambers of commerce.
    - For more information on MBDA and Disaster Recovery, visit **here [mbda.gov]**.
- The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has released a series of FAQs for patent and trademark filers regarding USPTO's previously announced extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the CARES Act. More **here [uspto.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Topline**: The CARES Act includes over $12 billion in new funding for HUD programs to provide additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
- **Primary Allocations**
    - **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**: The CARES Act provides $5 billion to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. More **here [hud.gov]**.
    - **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**: The CARES Act provides $4 billion to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. More on homelessness assistance programs **here [hudexchange.info]**.
    - **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**: The CARES Act provides $1.25 billion for additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary action during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19, in addition to administrative expenses and other expenses for

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Section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers. More information here (**COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies [hud.gov]**).

- **Public Housing Operating Fund:** $685 million for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19; funds are to be combined with FY20 funds and awarded using the Operating Fund formula and may be used for both capital and operating expenses.

- **Native American Programs**: $200 million for activities and assistance under title I of NAHASDA and under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, including Native American Housing Block Grants, to be distributed using the FY20 formula. More **here [hud.gov]**.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPSA)**: The CARES Act provides $65 million for additional HOPWA funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services and other necessary actions. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- The CARES Act also includes the following general provisions that affect HUD and HUD programs:

  - Rescinds and appropriates funds for a youth homelessness demonstration under the "Homeless Assistance Grants" demonstration in the FY18 appropriations act;

  - Allows for temporary hiring flexibility for HUD to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19;

  - Provides a foreclosure moratorium for borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19;

  - Provides the opportunity for multifamily borrowers with Federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardship to request a forbearance; and

  - Enables a temporary moratorium on eviction filings.

U.S. Department of Justice

- The CARES Act provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to COVID-19. Specifically, the Act includes $850 million for the **Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Bryne-JAG)**. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and

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crisis intervention teams. More **here [bja.ojp.gov]**.

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you to everyone that joined the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders on April 22. As of April 24, the White House has coordinated 196 COVID-19 briefings that have helped inform over 95,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders. And we look forward to continuing the partnership and robust coordination and outreach with you. Below, please find a recap of the briefing call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**: Friday, April 24, President Trump **signed the new legislation [whitehouse.gov]** into law to further assist American businesses, workers and healthcare providers. The legislation provides $310 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), $60 billion more for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, $75 billion in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion to support our Nation's testing efforts. Read more from the SBA **here [sba.gov]**. Find more on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [sba.gov]**.
- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the **White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council [opportunityzones.hud.gov]** led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.
- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance**: Wednesday, April 22, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act. As stated by the **legislation [congress.gov]** signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds "are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease

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2019 (COVID–19).” The guidance document (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) and frequently asked questions (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

- **Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments**: The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly $158 billion in the program's first three weeks. As of April 17, the IRS issued 88.1 million payments to taxpayers across the nation. More payments are continuing to be delivered each week. More than 150 million payments will be sent out, and millions of people who do not typically file a tax return are eligible to receive these payments. Payments are automatic for people who filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits (SSDI), Railroad Retirement benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries who didn't file a tax return in the last two years. More **here [irs.gov]**.
- **HHS Award Nearly $165 Million to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Communities**: Wednesday, April 22, the Department of Health and human Services awarded nearly $165 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities. These investments will support nearly 1,800 small rural hospitals and provide additional funding to 14 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funding Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) to provide technical assistance on telehealth to help rural and underserved areas combat COVID-19. More **here [hhs.gov]**. HHS also announced additional allocations of CARES Act Provider Relief fund. More information can be found **here [hhs.gov]**.
- **Administration Releases COVID-19 Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid and CHIP**: Thursday, April 23, the Trump Administration released a new toolkit [medicaid.gov]for states to help accelerate adoption of broader telehealth coverage policies in the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This release builds on the agency’s swift actions to provide states with a wide range of tools and guidance to support their ability to care for their Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries during this public health emergency. More **here [cms.gov]**.
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announce New Nursing Home COVID-19 Transparency Effort**: On Sunday, April 19, CDC **announced [cms.gov]** new regulatory requirements that will require nursing homes to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Finally, CMS will also require nursing homes to fully cooperate with CDC surveillance efforts around COVID-19 spread.
- **U.S. Department of Education Makes Available Over $13 Billion to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students**: Thursday, April 23, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced more than $13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are available to State and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. Read more **here [ed.gov]**. Find more COVID-19 resources from the Department of Education **here [ed.gov]**.

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and**

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Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated **critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]**. Follow the White House on **Twitter [twitter.com]** and **Facebook [facebook.com]**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) and CDC (**Twitter [twitter.com]**/**Facebook [facebook.com]**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube [youtube.com]** page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here [samhsa.gov]**.
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a **fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com]** that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging

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all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here [usa.gov]**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS [cdc.gov]**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS [cms.gov]**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA [fda.gov]**), Department of Education (**DoED [ed.gov]**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA [usda.gov]**), Small Business Administration (**SBA [sba.gov]**), Department of Labor (**DOL [osha.gov]**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS [dhs.gov]**), Department of State (**DOS [travel.state.gov]**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA [publichealth.va.gov]**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA [epa.gov]**), Department of Energy (**DOE [energy.gov]**), Department of Commerce (**DOC [commerce.gov]**), Department of Justice (**DOJ [justice.gov]**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD [hud.gov]**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT [home.treasury.gov]**), Internal Revenue Service (**IRS [irs.gov]**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI [dni.gov]**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC [eac.gov]**).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and Local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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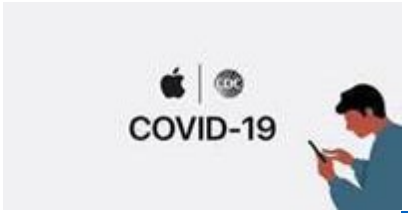

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Recovery and Response Update

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- As of April 24, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 70.5 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.8 million surgical gowns, 779.1 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
- FEMA and HHS have obligated $51.1 billion to support COVID-19 response efforts from the first three emergency supplemental appropriations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- On Thursday, April 16, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again! [whitehouse.gov]** (**slide deck [whitehouse.gov]**). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response.
- The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported

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over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window.

- They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild).
- The guidelines also outline state responsibilities to have in place before moving into a reopening plan: protecting workers in critical industry, particularly protecting the most vulnerable, those who live and work in senior care facilities, and having a plan for testing symptomatic individuals with a focus on vulnerable populations.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- **Topline**: As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 4.9 million COVID-19 tests. This is more total tests than those performed in Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom combined. The Administration continues to take actions to scale and expand testing options – on April 16, FDA **announced [fda.gov]** an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs to test patients. 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.
- **Food and Drug Administration Approves First COVID-19 Home Collection Kit**: FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn announced that the FDA **approved [fda.gov]** the first COVID-19 home collection kit. The FDA continues to facilitate test development to ensure access to accurate diagnostics working with over 350 test developers and authorizing 63 types of tests to date.
- **Recommendations for State and Local Elected Officials**
    - Work with your State and Local Public health departments to optimize the testing ecosystem within your State.
    - Each State will have very different requirements for testing. Optimize your testing strategy to include each type of platform and use them in the appropriate situations.
    - At present the commercial laboratories are operating at 50% capacity. Remember to factor these into your testing ecosystem.

Economy/CARES Act Update

U.S. Department of the Treasury – Coronavirus Relief Fund
See above

- U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance [home.treasury.gov]
- Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments [irs.gov]
- President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act [whitehouse.gov]

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Support and Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

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- On Friday, April 17 Secretary Perdue **announced [usda.gov]** the Corona Virus Food Assistance Program. President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to expedite assistance to our farmers, ranchers and consumers. CFAP will use the funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and current CCC funds. The programs announced spend approximately $19 billion to support farmers, ranchers, and consumers through $16 billion in direct payments to farmers and $3 billion in a new innovative Food Box Distribution Program.
- USDA is working to be as flexible as possible to get food out to the people who need it during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Most recently, USDA announced Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) benefits, providing assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures to repurpose their school lunch money to SNAP benefits. States are continuing to apply for this program and USDA is approving plans on an ongoing basis. USDA has extended its innovative SNAP online pilot program to a number of states to allow the online purchasing of food through authorized SNAP retailers.
- USDA is working to ensure children are fed in the event of school closures, and we continue to waive restrictions and expand flexibilities across our programs. USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. These boxes will contain five days' worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, individually packaged foods that meet USDA's summer food requirements. The use of this innovative delivery system will ensure rural children receive nutritious food while limiting exposure to COVID-19. USDA has also partnered with Panera who will work with the Children's Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio to provide meals at library meal sites.

DHS – Critical Workers Infrastructure Guidance

- On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers **guidance [cisa.gov]** to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19.
- Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers.
- Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to "employees" or "contractors" have been changed to "workers."

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: Follow-Up: President Donald J. Trump Addresses the National Association of Counties (March 3)
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:30:40 PM
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Local Elected Officials and Leaders –

Thank you to everyone that joined for President Donald J. Trump's remarks to the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference on Tuesday, March 3 (transcript [whitehouse.gov]; video [youtube.com]). President Trump's remarks reflect a commitment by this Administration to engage leaders at all levels of government and development meaningful partnerships around bipartisan, shared priorities. From negotiating new trade agreements (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement [whitehouse.gov]; China Phase One Trade Agreement [whitehouse.gov]), to removing burdensome regulatory barriers (President Trump's Historic Deregulation is Benefitting All Americans [whitehouse.gov]; National Environmental Policy Act Modernization [whitehouse.gov]; The Navigable Waters Protection Rule [epa.gov]), to combatting the opioid – and larger drug – crisis (New Tool Empowers Local Leaders to Take Action Against Rural Drug Addiction [whitehouse.gov]), to advancing opportunity zones and other infrastructure programs (OpportunityZones [opportunityzones.gov]; Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation Success [transportation.gov]), President Trump and this Administration are empowering local leaders and communities with unique tools and strategies to drive urban revitalization and rural prosperity and ensure that no American is left behind. Below, please find additional information on the White House *Opportunity Now* Initiative as well as the White House *Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*. We hope that you will join us in these efforts!

We also want to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The Administration is taking a whole-of-government approach and driving collaboration between Federal-State-Tribal-Local stakeholders to protect the health and safety of the American people. **The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. Also see recently**

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released guidance for families, businesses, schools and others: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information. Additional information is below.



President Donald J. Trump: It was my great honor to address the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference where 1,2000 County Leaders, whose incredible devotion, talent, and drive directly and profoundly improve the lives of millions of Americans each and every day. [twitter.com]

The White House: President @realDonaldTrump to county legislators – "We realize how important you are – incredible job." [twitter.com]

The White House: No one understands the needs of local communities better than local leadership – which is why engaging with all levels of government is a priority for President @realDonaldTrump. [twitter.com]

The White House: "My administration will always be your friend, and partner, and ally, and resource." [twitter.com]

The White House: Our county health officials play a frontline role in battling public health threats – and President @realDonaldTrump is working closely with Congress to deliver all the help they need. [twitter.com]

The White House: Commissioner Rebecca Long, "Lea County, NM, is the second-largest oil and gas producer in the United States, and soon we will be first. And thank you so much for all you do for us. Energy independence is so important and we appreciate that you know where we are and who we are. [twitter.com]

The White House: "Under our massive tax cuts, governors across the country have designated nearly 9,000 distressed communities as Opportunity Zones, and

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neighborhoods are being revitalized every single day." [twitter.com]

This is not a "check-the-box" exercise but rather a continued commitment by the President and Administration to build and foster the relationship with state and local leaders around the country. Nowhere is this commitment more evident than the *White House State Leadership Days Initiative* in which many of you participated. Across 45 events from 2017-19, more than 5,000 local leaders, including over 3,000 county officials, and invited guests joined Senior Administration Officials at the White House for briefings and discussion on pertinent issues and shared priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly, or our Intergovernmental Affairs team members across the federal family, if we can be helpful on issues pertinent and/or unique to your respective communities. We are your primary points of contact in the Administration and look forward to working with you individually to advance your goals and our shared priorities. We also encourage you to share information with us on challenges and opportunities you see within your communities – as local elected officials, how are you promoting deregulation/smart regulation, addressing affordable housing challenges and homelessness, proactively advancing opportunity zones, combatting the drug/opioid crisis, providing support services to veterans, etc.

Sincerely,

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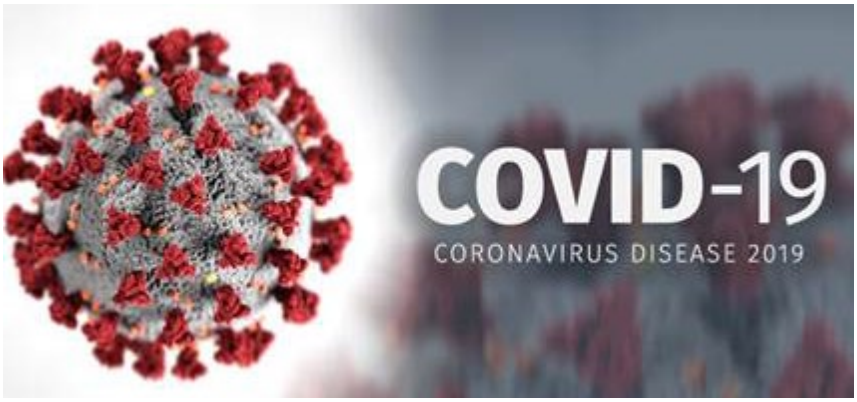
COVID 19: Background & Additional Information



Background: Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given State and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice

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President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have worked and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk for the average American remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed***.

Up-To-Date Information: The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. Also see recently released guidance for families, businesses, schools and others: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

- What You Should Know (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Agency Resources and Contact Information: Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
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- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Local Preparedness Tips: Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

President Donald J. Trump Is Committed To Creating Opportunity For All

OPPORTUNITY NOW

Every day, we are helping our forgotten communities and Americans achieve their full potential and live the American dream.
President Donald J. Trump

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: The booming economy is lifting millions of Americans out of poverty and providing all people with the opportunity for a brighter future.
Since President Trump was elected, 7 million jobs have been added to our economy,

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and the unemployment rate remains near its lowest level in half a century.
The unemployment rates for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans have all reached record lows under President Trump.
Wages are rising, with low-income workers seeing the fastest growth.
Nearly 2.5 million Americans, including nearly 1.4 million children, have been lifted out of poverty under President Trump.
The poverty rates for African Americans and Hispanics reached historic lows in 2018.

INVESTING IN FORGOTTEN COMMUNITIES: President Trump's policies are spurring investment to revitalize hurting communities and unleash their economic potential.
President Trump's historic tax cuts established Opportunity Zones to incentivize long-term investments in low-income communities nationwide.
There are 8,760 designated Opportunity Zones, home to nearly 35 million Americans in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories.
Opportunity Zones are projected to spur $100 billion in private investment in these communities.
Opportunity Zones are a powerful vehicle for bringing economic growth and job creation to the American communities that need them the most.
The median family income in these communities is 37 percent below the State median.
The average poverty rate in an Opportunity Zone is more than 32 percent.
President Trump launched the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council – which has already identified more than 180 regulatory reforms to encourage investment.

HELPING AMERICAN WORKERS EXCEL: President Trump is making sure American workers have the education and training they need to excel in family-sustaining careers.
President Trump's Pledge to America's Workers has prompted more than 400 companies to pledge jobs and education opportunities for nearly 15 million American students and workers.
Americans are coming off the sidelines thanks to President Trump's efforts.
In the fourth quarter of 2019, a record 74.2 percent of workers entering employment came from out of the labor force, rather than from unemployment.
The number of prime-age Americans in the workforce has grown by 2.2 million.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: President Trump's policies are helping forgotten Americans across the country prosper.
President Trump signed the FIRST STEP Act to reduce recidivism and strengthen our communities and economy.
These reforms championed by President Trump are offering prisoners a second chance through rehabilitative programs, fair sentencing, and smart confinement.
President Trump has promoted second chance hiring to build on the reforms of the FIRST STEP Act and make sure all Americans have the opportunity to succeed.

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Initiative on Regulatory Innovation



Cut Regulations & Costs



Advance Occupational Licensing Reform



Better Align Local, State, & Federal Regulations

Background: Since 2017, the Trump Administration has cut 7 ½ regulations for every new significant rule. This has exceeded the President Trump's 2-for-1 promise. These reforms have contributed to more than two million Americans rising out of poverty, seven million Americans liberated from food stamps, the highest median income in our Nation's history, the lowest poverty rates, rising incomes, and the lowest unemployment rates in half a century. On October 21, President Trump announced the ***Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*** to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to every level of government. The Initiative is led by Vice President Mike Pence and incorporates Senior Officials from across the Administration. For more, see ***Council of Economic Advisers: Deregulation Continues to Benefit American Consumers, Driving Economic Growth*** (here [whitehouse.gov]) and **President Trump's Historic Deregulation Is Benefitting All Americans** (here [whitehouse.gov]).

What It Means to be a Champion: There is no financial or time commitment to being a champion other than being publicly supportive of the Initiative. Over the next year, Administration leaders will participate in a series of events and programming with state, local, and tribal leaders to drive further deregulatory momentum at every level of government. The Initiative provides a great conduit for identifying shared challenges and promoting best practices.

Initiative Purpose: To drive economic growth, improve government responsiveness, empower state, local and tribal leaders, and liberate the forgotten men and women of America from burdensome regulations. The initiative aims to cut regulations and costs, better align state-federal regulations and permitting, and ease burdens on hardworking Americans. Initiative workstreams include:

Putting People Over Paperwork
Scope Statement: Reducing the number and costs of regulations, streamlining paperwork burdens for small businesses, improving transparency for healthcare consumers, two-for-one legislation or executive orders, mechanisms to prevent bureaucratic bloat over time, etc.
Recent Examples: Gov. Brad Little (R, ID) recently announced cutting and simplifying 75 percent of Idaho's Administrative Code becoming one the one of the least regulated states in the Nation. Ohio legislators and Gov. DeWine enacted a 2-for-1 requirement into the State's most recent budget agreement.

Advancing Workforce Freedom and Mobility

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Scope Statement: Passing occupational licensure reciprocity across states, eliminating unnecessary licensure, reducing licensure fees, etc.
Recent Examples: Gov. Doug Ducey (R, AZ) signed occupational licensure reciprocity into law in 2018. Ohio legislators are currently advancing occupational licensure reciprocity from other states.

Unleashing American Energy Dominance
Scope Statement: Eliminate duplicative regulatory reviews, ensure more efficient coordination of reviews at the Federal, State, and Local levels of government, reform National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules to improve review efficiency, etc.
Recent Examples: Chairman Sage, Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, is working with Department of Interior Secretary Bernhardt to eliminate bureaucratic layers for the Southern Ute Tribe to independently develop their robust natural resources more expeditiously. Governor Jim Justice (R, WV) issued an executive order expediting permitting processes.

Transforming America's Communities
Scope Statement: Reducing regulatory burdens in opportunity zones, eliminating burdens to broadband deployment, reducing reentry burdens for individuals leaving the criminal justice system, reducing regulatory burdens that decrease healthcare competition in communities (i.e. certification of need requirements), etc.
Recent Examples: Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA) vetoed a regulation requiring housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid dis-incentivizing development. Governor Ron DeSantis (R, FL) signed legislation eliminating the certificate of need requirement for general hospitals, complex medical rehabilitation beds, and tertiary hospital services, allowing choice and competition to thrive. Mayor Paul TenHaken (Sioux Falls, SD) created a licensing system allowing telecommunications to equip light poles with cellular antennas, which incentivized 5G deployment.

Help advance these goals at the State, local, and tribal level! BECOME A CHAMPION!

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From: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate)
To: David Bernhardt
Subject: FW: Air Force One Arrival Friday, January 31st
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:52:32 AM
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From: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Edward.W.Cowling@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Cowling, Ed W. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Edward.W.Cowling@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Air Force One Arrival Friday, January 31st

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This email serves as confirmation of your attendance to view President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival at the Palm Beach International Airport on Friday, January 31, 2020.

Please have a valid unexpired Government-Issued Photo ID with you. Names and IDs will be checked against the Invite List for entry to the Airport Arrival Event. Only those people on the Invite List will be allowed to attend.

LOCATION:
Palm Beach International Airport
Atlantic Aviation
3800 Southern Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

PARKING INFORMATION:
Please park in the Atlantic Aviation parking lot. Overflow parking will be on Perimeter Road at the direction of local law enforcement personnel.

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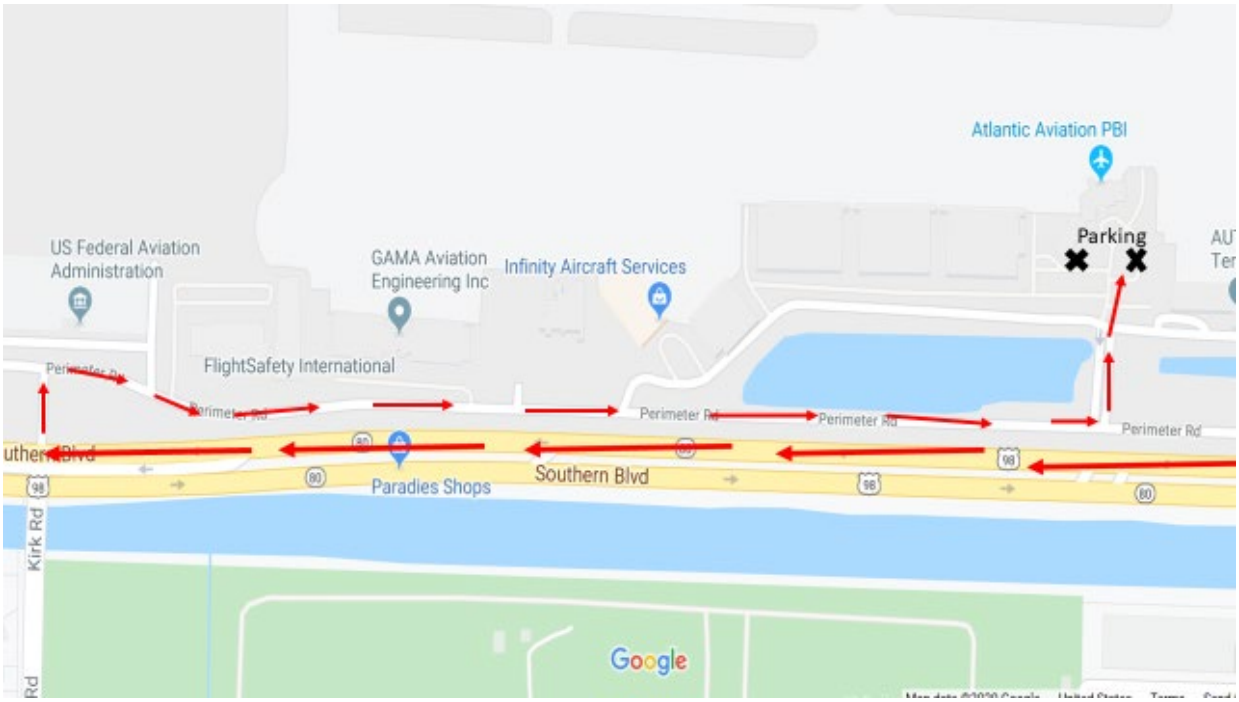
GUEST ARRIVAL INFORMATION:
Please plan to arrive at Atlantic Aviation at 4:30 pm to go through security screening. You must arrive by 5:15 pm to be admitted. Once through screening, guests will be escorted onto the airport ramp where Air Force One will land. The expected landing time is approximately 6:20 pm. Please note that for security reasons, late arrivals may not be allowed access. There will be a restroom available in the Atlantic Aviation building. Once on the ramp, there will be no restrooms available.

SECURITY INFORMATION:
A valid unexpired government-issued ID is required for entry (not required for minors). In order to expedite security screening, please limit items you bring with you to only items you while need and please do not bring large purses or any other large bags. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, knives of any size, aerosol spray, e-cigarette devices, selfie sticks, large bags or backpacks, outside food or beverages (specifically packaged goods), umbrellas, liquids, and any other items deemed prohibited by U.S. Secret Service. No signs will be allowed into the event and please do not bring items to be autographed. Cell phones and cameras are allowed but no tripods or detachable lenses.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE:
Business or Casual Attire is fine but please remember you are viewing the arrival of the President of the United States.

DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Once the President departs, you will be escorted off the ramp. You will proceed through the gate and exit to the parking lot.

Please follow all of the above so that you have an excellent experience and we look forward to a great welcome for the President to Palm Beach.



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From: DeAne Urban
To: Dave Kerner M.; Donald J. Trump
Subject: Fwd: Checking at passengers arriving at airport
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:21:32 PM

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Noticling PBCounty has the highest death rate of any county in Florida, I am wondereing if there is checking of passengers getting off of planes at our airport. A comissioner I talked to did not know. BUT SAID 170 FLIGHTS CAME IN TO PBC AIRPORT YESTERDAY!
It seem, hard to understand why passengers getting off the planes are not checked in any way, for fever, symptoms, and quarantining if they are.
It seemed that is one way China reduced their numbers of Covid-19 virus.
Yes, there are older folks, but there are older folks everywhere in FLorida.
This could be one of the reasons for the tremendous spread and deaths in Palm Beach County, Fl
ALSO, JUST CHECKED THE AVERAGE AGE OF THOSE IN PB COUNTY IS 57, SO THE EXCUSE GIVEN ME BY A COMMISIONER THAT THEY HAVE THE OLDEST FOLKS IN FL DOES NOT RING TRUE.
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS THERE HAS BEEN NEGLIGENCE IN CHECKING PASSENGERS FROM OTHER STATES COMING INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY AIRPORT, . AND WHY SO MANY FLIGHTS IN, MAKES ONE WONDER WHY.!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: INVITATION: Briefing Call on COVID-19 (TODAY, March 13, 7:30 PM ET)
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:18:05 PM
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State and Local Leaders,

Please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 preparedness, response, and mitigation efforts **TONIGHT (Friday, March 13) at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Important Note: Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: TODAY, Friday, March 13
Time: 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.

Below, please find additional information.

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Additional Background

Press Advisory – President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 (**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION HERE** [whitehouse.gov])

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The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority. Today, President Trump declared [whitehouse.gov] a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today's declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

Presidential Message to the Congress on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak (March 13, 2020) (**PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE HERE [whitehouse.gov]**)
"Pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621), I hereby report that I have exercised my authority to declare that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States constitutes a national emergency. This declaration invokes section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320b–5, to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise the authority under that section to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule throughout the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

Memorandum on Expanding State-Approved Diagnostic Tests (**FULL MEMORANDUM HERE [whitehouse.gov]**)
"By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows: It is the policy of the United States to take proactive measures to prepare for and respond to public health threats, including the public health emergency involving Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which was declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d). Our response must include heightened coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, and we must offer States the flexibility they need to care for their citizens. In accordance with this principle, the Food and Drug Administration, in coordination with the State of New York, allowed the State flexibility in expediting State-approved COVID-19 testing. Should additional States request flexibility to authorize laboratories within the State to develop and perform tests used to detect COVID-19, the Secretary shall take appropriate action, consistent with law, to facilitate the request."

Below, please find additional information. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available.

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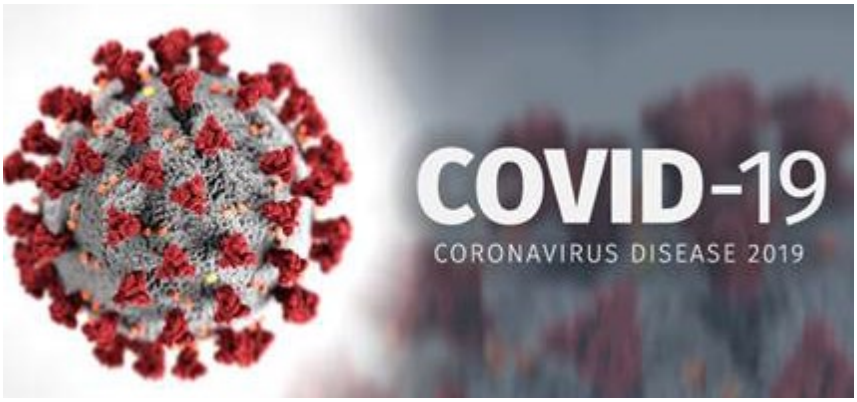
Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance.

COVID-19: Background & Additional Information



Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed***.

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**).
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

What You Need To Know

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)

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- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
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- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Health Departments (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Laboratories (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Communication Resources (**here [cdc.gov]**)

Recent Announcements

Presidential Proclamation To Protect the Homeland from Travel-Related Coronavirus Spread
On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.*

SBA To Provide Disaster Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)
On Thursday, March 12, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza issued the following statement: "The President took bold, decisive action to make our 30 million small businesses more resilient to Coronavirus-related economic disruptions. Small businesses are vital economic engines in every community and state, and they have helped make our economy the strongest in the world. Our Agency will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses that have been severely impacted by the situation. Additionally, the SBA continues to assist small businesses with counseling and navigating their own preparedness plans through our network of 68 District Offices and numerous Resource Partners located around the country. The SBA will continue to provide every small business with the most effective and customer-focused response possible during these times of uncertainty." SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to $2 million in assistance for a small business. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. More information can be found **here [sba.gov]**.

CDC to Award Over $560 Million to State & Local Jurisdictions in Support of COVID-19 Response
The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The $8.3 billion dollar Supplemental passed by Congress included **statutory language** [congress.gov] which prescribed the exact formula for disbursing the money: states will receive 90% of their **2019 CDC PHEP grants** [cdc.gov]. This marks the first tranche of funding to states from the $8.3 billion supplemental. Your state health officers are receiving a letter today from CDC outlining what is needed to receive the funding, essentially they need to submit a spend plan and they will receive guidance on what that spend plan should contain. More **here [hhs.gov]**.

CDC Releases Mitigation Framework for States, Localities, and Communities
Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease 2019. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy. CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the United States. CDC's all of community approach is focused to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts. Framework includes: (i) Local Factors to Consider for Determining Mitigation Strategies, (ii) Community mitigation strategies by setting and by level of community transmission or impact of COVID-19, and (iii) Potential mitigation strategies for public health functions. More **here [cdc.gov]**.

White House Coronavirus Task Force Announces Community Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish C, WA Santa Clara, CA and New Rochelle, NY
The White House Coronavirus Task Force has recommended community mitigation strategies for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara County, California due to widespread transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These mitigation activities are designed to address the effects of COVID-19 on areas that are experiencing community spread. You can find the guidance for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara, California **here [whitehouse.gov]**. The Task Force also announced community mitigation strategies for New Rochelle, New York, which can be viewed **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance
As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found here [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found here [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].

Agency Resources and Contact Information

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Resources *– Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.*

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration (**here [fda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
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- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Federal Agency Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**.
- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced [hhs.gov]** the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here [hhs.gov]**.
- CDC released their "**Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission [cdc.gov]**." This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission. Community mitigation strategies are often the most available interventions to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 in communities.
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here [cdc.gov]**. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 [emergency.cdc.gov]**, as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories [cdc.gov]** to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities **here [dcp.psc.gov]**.
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your

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health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

- CDC released updated **guidance [cdc.gov]** on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are fighting this outbreak on the front lines, and this guidance is intended to provide assistance to healthcare settings that are handling suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to all U.S. healthcare settings.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to $2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental expanded the disaster definition for the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to include COVID-19. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are SBA loans that are available to eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most non-profits that have experienced substantial economic injury as a result of a disaster.
    - EIDLs are available in areas that are declared a disaster area by the SBA.
    - There has to be an SBA Disaster Declaration in an area for EIDL loans to be made available, which originates from a request made by the Governor.
    - To assist in the efforts, the SBA engages with States' Emergency Response Teams to help them comply with the requirements before a request is made.
- EIDL Loan Details
    - Entities that can apply for EIDL loans are eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most private nonprofit organizations.
    - EIDL Loans are up to $2million and have terms as long as 30 years.
- State and local officials who have been contacted by Small Businesses that may have been affected should share that information with their Governor or the State's Emergency Response Officials. More information on SBA's disaster loans, including eligibility and how to apply for loans, can be found here: **www.SBA.gov/disaster [sba.gov]**

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see a **letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- The Department is working on additional information for families and communities including:
    - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;"

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    - Information regarding services to children with disabilities;
    - A fact sheet from our Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and
    - Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students.
- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance [osha.gov]** for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), an independent agency that serves as the chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager for the Federal Government, issued **guidance [opm.gov]** for Federal Agencies regarding COVID-19 and human resources policies.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal alw

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in

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shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.

- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis. As of today, USDA has been asked to waive congregate feeding requirements in Washington, California, Maryland, Alaska, Utah, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Maine, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia and USDA has granted those requests.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- While the overall risk to the American public remains low, actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus:

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Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.

- FEMA has rostered 56 four-person Incident Management Assistance Teams.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with our Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

Local Preparedness Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information such as HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools [cdc.gov]**.
- Reviewing Federal guidance such as the HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework [cdc.gov]**.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Recent Task Force Actions

Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**)
  - March 10: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 9: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 6: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 4: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 2: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - February 29: **Video [youtube.com]**
- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Coronavirus Briefing with Health Insurers (March 10) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (March 9) (**readout [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Coronavirus Briefing with Cruise Line Executives and Port Directors (March 7) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Remarks by President Trump After Tour of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 5) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)

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- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more **here [cms.gov]**)
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (**readout [whitehouse.gov]**)

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State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, March 25, at 1:00 PM ET**, please join the U.S. Surgeon General – Jerome Adams – and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions. Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team.

We would also like to flag a recent op-ed from Peter Navarro, Assistant to the President for Trade and Manufacturing Policy, on President Trump and the Administration's whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to addressing COVID-19. You can find that op-ed here: ***Coronavirus – How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with Trump Administration*** [foxnews.com]. In addition, please find a Fact Sheet on actions the Administration has taken to support the Nation's small businesses and owners – ***President Trump Is Committed to Supporting Small Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***.

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Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, March 25
Time: 1:00 PM ET (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: ***Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information*.**

Below, please find additional information that we continue to update. It includes helpful information and videos around community mitigation (Up-To-Date Information), resources for sharing verified and trusted information (Local Preparedness & Response Tips), and an outline of important federal agency actions important to your communities (Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview). The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information

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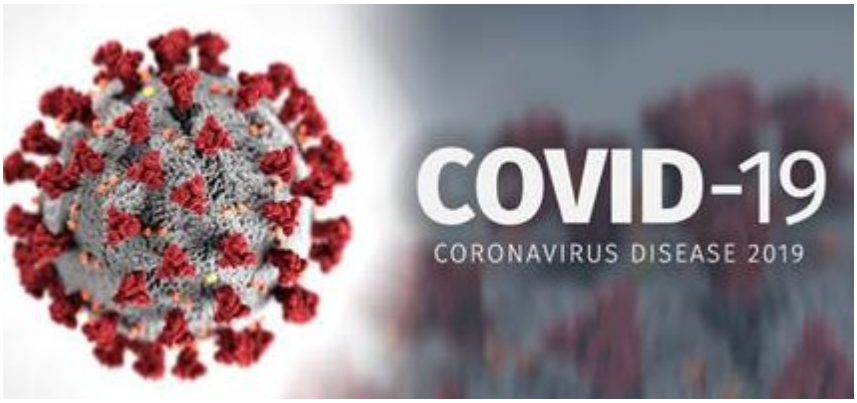

Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response (**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans [whitehouse.gov]**). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that the threat of serious illness to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website (**here [cdc.gov]**). You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Community Guidance
    - The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
    - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others (**here [cdc.gov]**)
    - What is Social Distancing (**video [youtube.com]**)
    - CDC Print Resources and Fact Sheets (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Informational Videos
    - President Donald J. Trump: Strong & United, We Will Prevail (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - First Lady Melania Trump: A Message from First Lady Melania Trump (**here [youtube.com]**)
    - U.S. Surgeon General: Urgent Need – Health Americans Should Continue

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Donating Blood (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can Millennials Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Is It Still Safe to Donate Blood? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Engage in Social Distancing? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: How Can You Keep the Most Vulnerable Safe from Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Message to Young People (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: How Can Millennials Fight the Coronavirus (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: What Should Schools Do About (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Where Can the Coronavirus Live? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Who Needs to be Tested for Coronavirus? (**here [youtube.com]**)
- Dr. Deborah Birx: Protect the People Around You (**here [youtube.com]**)

What You Need To Know (https://www.coronavirus.gov/ [coronavirus.gov])

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Situation Summary (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**) – State Department: International Travel (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- Avoid Scams (**here [consumer.ftc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
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Local Preparedness & Response Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. Local officials should coordinate requests through their State Emergency Management Agencies.
    - A list of State emergency management agencies can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
    - FEMA guidance on public assistance for States, local governments, tribal governments, and eligible non-profits can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
    - FEMA guidance on public assistance for tribal governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information through social media, newsletters, and other avenues:
    - CDC Mitigation Guidance – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**
    - HHS/CDC **guidance for families, businesses, and schools [cdc.gov]**
    - HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework [cdc.gov]**
    - FEMA **Coronavirus Rumor Control Website [fema.gov]**
    - FTC **Coronavirus Scams Resource Website [consumer.ftc.gov]**

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- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Inventorying resources and proactively coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing and implementing local preparedness plans and strategies.

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- U.S. Department of Education (**here [ed.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (**here [usda.gov]**)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (**here [sba.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Energy (**here [energy.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Commerce (**here [commerce.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Justice (**here [justice.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**here [hud.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Treasury (**here [home.treasury.gov]**)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**here [dni.gov]**)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**here [eac.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Response to COVID-19 is locally executed, stated managed, and federally supported. Local elected officials should collaborate with and work through their local emergency management office up through the State Emergency Management Agency, which works in collaboration with FEMA and HHS. Should particular issues arise outside of these appropriate channels, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

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Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found **here** [whitehouse.gov]. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

FEMA Releases Guidance On Public Assistance for States, Local Governments, and Eligible Non-Profits
The Administration continues to place its full weight and resources behind the response to COVID-19. FEMA currently has over $500 million in available balances in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) Base to support all 56 States and Territories for COVID-19 response efforts, including for direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs. State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. States, Tribal and Territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration. The emergency declaration will reimburse for eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies. More **here [fema.gov]**.

Department of Homeland Security Releases Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. Thursday, March 19, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency released guidance on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

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More **here [cisa.gov]**.

President Donald J. Trump Outlines Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19
Sunday, March 22, President Donald J. trump announced federal actions to ensure that the National Guard can effectively respond to the COVID-19 crisis. President Trump issued a memorandum providing for 100 percent federal funding through FEMA for the cost of Governors deploying National Guard units in their States to carry out approved missions. Governors remain fully in command of their National Guard units. The Presidential Memorandum can be found here [whitehouse.gov].

President Trump Announces Approval of Existing Drugs to Test Treatments for Coronavirus
Thursday, March 19, President Donald J. Trump announced that the FDA is evaluating existing drugs that could serve as potential therapeutics for coronavirus patients. The drugs will be used in a clinical trial. "We have to remove every barrier or a lot of barriers that were unnecessary and they've done that to get the rapid deployment of safe, effective treatments and we think we have some good answers," the President said. The FDA continues to expand its work regarding therapeutic options and has a vaccine trial underway. More **here [fda.gov]**. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Trump Signs Legislative Package Providing Extensive Assistance to Americans Impacted by the Coronavirus
Wednesday, March 18, President Trump signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, ensuring that American families and businesses impacted by the virus receive the strong support they need (more **here** [whitehouse.gov]). The President and Administration worked tirelessly with Congress to secure the legislative package, which includes the following:

- Provides free coronavirus diagnostic testing for the American people, regardless of their economic circumstances or health coverage;
- Establishes tax credits to provide paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related employment interruptions;
- Incentivizes States to ease access to unemployment benefits, assisting Americans who may be unemployed due to the impact of the virus;
- Provides funding and flexibility for emergency nutritional aid for senior citizens, women, children, and low-income families.

President Trump Issues Executive Order Invoking the Defense Production Act
Wednesday, March 18, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act. Under the Defense Production Act, the President has the authority to determine that certain supplies are essential for the national defense during challenges like this The President's action allows the Administration, if it becomes necessary, to order the distribution of health and medical supplies to where they are most needed. You can find the Executive Order **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19
The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (**President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]**). On Friday, March 13, President Trump **declared [whitehouse.gov]** a nationwide emergency pursuant to

Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") (***Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act [whitehouse.gov]***). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.**. *Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance.*** You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

White House Announces New Partnership to Unleash U.S. Supercomputing Resources to Fight COVID-19

The White House announced the launch of the **COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium [covid19-hpc-consortium.org]** to provide COVID-19 researchers worldwide with access to the world's most powerful high performance computing resources that can significantly advance the pace of scientific discovery in the fight to stop the virus. This unique public-private consortium, spearheaded by The White House, the U.S. Department of Energy, and IBM, includes government, industry, and academic leaders who have volunteered free compute time and resources on their machines.

Federal Agency Programs & Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at **www.coronavirus.gov** [coronavirus.gov] **and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html [cdc.gov]**
- Guidance
    - CMS released two **telehealth toolkits** today to help practitioners understand the broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Under this new waiver, Medicare can pay for office, hospital, and other visits furnished via telehealth across the country and including in patient's places of residence starting March 6, 2020. A range of providers, such as doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers, will be able to offer telehealth to their patients. The toolkit for General

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Practitioners can be found **here [cms.gov]** and for ESRD providers **here [cms.gov]**.

- CDC released interim guidance to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19. The guidance can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- FDA issued a new policy that allows for expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely. The devices include those that measure body temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure. The guidance can be found **here [fda.gov]**.
- CMS released recommendations to delay non-essential procedures in an effort to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), beds, and ventilators for facilities as well as to free up health care workers to treat patients with COVID-19. The recommendations provide a framework for hospitals and clinicians to implement immediately to determine and identify non-essential and elective procedures. The recommendations and guidelines can be found **here [cms.gov]**
- CDC released PPE guidance that will provide guidance in PPE shortages, particularly for long-term care facilities, dialysis, and home health providers. The strategies include information specific to eye protection, isolation gowns, facemasks, and N95 respirators. The information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**
- CDC's Prepare to Care for COVID-19 is a resource with practical tools clinicians can use to care for patients with COVID-19, and will be regularly updated to help clinicians adapt as the outbreak unfolds. More information can be found **here [cdc.gov]**.
- CDC released guidance for responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) among people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (more **here [cdc.gov]**).

- The President's emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state and local communities' ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.
  - *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies*: The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. To date, two states, Florida and Washington, have **received approval [medicaid.gov]** for their waivers. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit **here** [medicaid.gov].
  - *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities*: CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit **here** [cms.gov].
  - *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance*: CMS released updated FAQs that address issues raised by states over the prior few days. The

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document includes answers to questions related to the flexibilities CMS is affording to states in managed care, benefits, financing, 1115 demonstrations, and leveraging "1135" waivers offered as part of the President's declaration of a national emergency. States may submit questions to CMS through their state leads. The FAQs can be found **here [medicaid.gov]**.

- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance*: As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found **here** [cms.gov] (3/9). The Press Release can be found **here** [cms.gov] and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found **here** [cms.gov].
- *Expanded Telehealth Coverage* (3/17): The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More **here** [cms.gov].

- Wednesday, March 12, CDC **announced** [hhs.gov] the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are **here** [hhs.gov].
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing **here** [cdc.gov]. We encourage review of the **Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019** [emergency.cdc.gov], as well as the recently updated the **FAQ website for laboratories** [cdc.gov] to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America's Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities **here** [protect2.fireeye.com].
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved **all** states and territories for low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available **statewide** to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each

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borrower's ability to repay.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- SBA announced the option to defer payment on previous disaster loans until December 2020.
- For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at **SBA.gov/Disaster**.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus **webpage**, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
    - The website includes **guidance** for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see **a letter from the Office for Civil Rights** that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- On Friday, March 20, the Department of Education announced the suspension of federal student loan payments and waiving interest during the national emergency. All borrowers with federally held student loans will automatically have their interest rates set to 0% for a period of at least 60 days. In addition, each of these borrowers will have the option to suspend their payments for at least two months to allow them greater flexibility during the national emergency. More **here [ed.gov]**.
- The Department has provided additional information for families and communities including:
    - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or "ESSA;" (more **here**)
    - Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more **here**)
    - A **fact sheet** from the Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short **webinar** on Online Education and Website Accessibility;
    - Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or "FERPA," as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more **here**);
    - Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities Provided to Coronavirus Impacted Institutions or Accrediting Agencies (more **here [ed.gov]**);
    - Guidance and resources for educating students with disabilities (more **here [ed.gov]**).
- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to **COVID-19@ed.gov**.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- The U.S. government's travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective 'first layer' of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the

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virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.

- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more **here [fmcsa.dot.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 **planning guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement **guidance** [gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more **here** [dol.gov].
- On March 18, DOL announced availability of up to $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) in response to COVID-19. The DWGs are intended to provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment training services. These participants can include dislocated workers, workers who were laid-off as a result of the disaster, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the disaster, and long-term unemployed

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individuals. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

- The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) issued a **National Interest Exemption Memorandum [dol.gov]** to further facilitate response efforts for COVID-19. OFCCP will grant a limited, three-month exemption and waiver from some requirements of the laws administered by the agency.
- The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has developed frequently asked questions documents highlighting application of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Family and Medical Leave Act during a public health emergency. Learn more **here [dol.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More **here [hudexchange.info]**.
- On Wednesday, March 18, Secretary Carson, in consultation with the Coronavirus Task Force, **announced [hud.gov]** the suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortages for 60 days. The guidance applies to homewoekrs with FHA-insured Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion (reverse) mortgages, and directs mortgage servicers to:
    - Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and
    - Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: **Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers [hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found **here [files.hudexchange.info]**.
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
    - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
    - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue **announced proactive flexibilities [usda.gov]** to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to

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students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.

- USDA and President Trump have been in communication with Food and Grocery Stakeholders and Executives to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
- USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. *More* **here** [usda.gov].
- Businesses or groups interested in helping should email: **feedingkids@usda.gov**.

- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis.
- The food supply chain remains strong. Critical services, including Food Safety Inspections Services (FSIS), Animal Plan Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), continue to serve the American people. More **here [usda.gov]**.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: **www.usda.gov/coronavirus [usda.gov]**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus. These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.
- Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. You can find the closest VA facility **here [va.gov]**. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting. Veterans can sign into **My HealtheVet [myhealth.va.gov]** to send a secure message to VA or use **telehealth options [telehealth.va.gov]** to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.
- On March 22, the VA announced Veterans' GI Bill benefits will continue during COVID-19 pandemic.
- The VA has setup a website for veterans here: **https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/ [publichealth.va.gov]**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S.

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through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.

  - On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a **Presidential Proclamation [whitehouse.gov]**, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation*.
  - In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations **9984 [federalregister.gov]**, **9992 [federalregister.gov]**, **9993 [federalregister.gov]**, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a **Notice of Arrival Restrictions** [dhs.gov] requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More **here [dhs.gov]**.
  - On March 21, President Trump announced agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. More information is **here [dhs.gov]**.
- The Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance and an accompanying list intended to support State, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. More **here [cisa.gov]**.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with DHS Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

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State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30 PM ET**, please join Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*), Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Please note that Administration call participants are subject to change. The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions. Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, April 1
Time: 1:30 PM ET (please note time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: ***Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line (where appropriate and with proper social distancing) to maximize the number of people who can join. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.***

Recent Actions

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President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, on Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to

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qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Releases Updated Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for States and Localities

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 [cisa.gov] emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce [cisa.gov]** (*see* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response [cisa.gov]**). The guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. ***State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance***.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Issue Travel Advisor for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

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the Department of Homeland Security (**here [cisa.gov]**) have a special responsibility to maintain normal work schedule. The Governors of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will have full discretion to implement this Domestic Travel Advisory. Learn more **here [cdc.gov]**.

President Trump Invokes Defense Production Act (DPA) Requiring General Motors to Produce Ventilators

Statement from the President: President Trump signed a **Presidential Memorandum [whitehouse.gov]** directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use any and all authority available under the Defense Production Act to require General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators. Our negotiations with GM regarding its ability to supply ventilators have been productive, but our fight against the virus is too urgent to allow the give-and-take of the contracting process to continue to run its normal course. GM was wasting time. Today's action will help ensure the quick production of ventilators that will save American lives.

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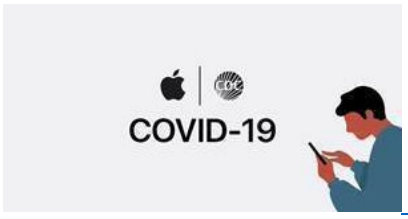

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State and Local Leaders –

On **Wednesday, March 11, at 1:00 PM ET**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). If you would like to join, registration instructions and additional background information are below. Please feel free to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials.

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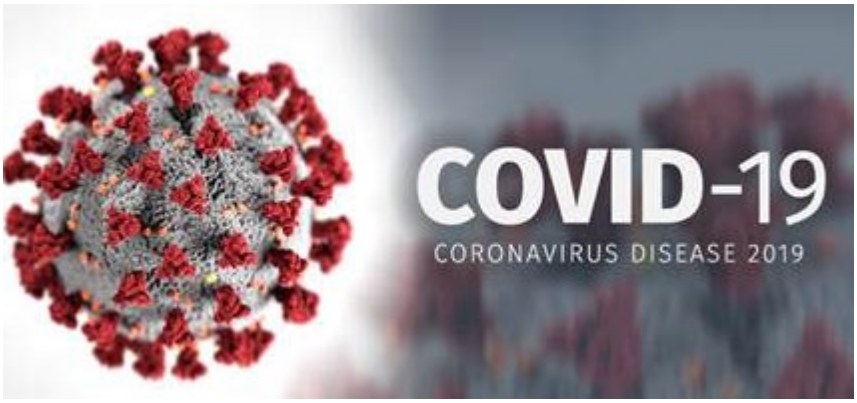

Background: Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given State and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have worked and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk for the average American remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed***.

Up-To-Date Information: The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live: HERE [whitehouse.gov]. You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

- What You Should Know (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Travel Information (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Higher Risk & Special Populations (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Healthcare Professionals (**here [cdc.gov]**)
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities (**here [cdc.gov]**)
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- U.S. Department of Labor (**here [osha.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (**here [dhs.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of State (**here [travel.state.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**here [publichealth.va.gov]**)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**here [epa.gov]**)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (**here [doi.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (**here [cms.gov]**)

Contact Information *– Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.*

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email – susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email - lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Local Preparedness Tips: Responses locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.

- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

What You Need To Know: President Trump and the Administration Are Taking a Whole-Of-Government Approach to Protecting the American People

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Top Line

- The risk to the American public remains low.
- The Coronavirus Task Force is marshalling a whole-of government response to COVID-19 and driving collaboration between Federal-State-Tribal-Local stakeholders.
- The Federal Government has been able to provide tests to all the state jurisdictions and labs that have requested it. In addition, all state labs have the test and are empowered to conduct the test themselves. Complementing these efforts, leading commercial laboratories in the country will soon have tests available for local doctors, pharmacies, and broadly to the American public.

President Trump has made the safety, security and health of the American people his top priority from day one.

- There is no higher priority for President Trump than protecting the health and safety of Americans.
- In 2018, President Trump signed the **National Biodefense Strategy [whitehouse.gov]**, which improves speed of action in situations such as this.
- While additional cases are expected, the general risk to the average American remains low, and the Administration is taking measures to keep the threat low.

Since the very beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the President has taken an unprecedented whole-of-government approach to protect the American people.

- President Trump took unprecedented action and suspended all travel into the United States from China and has issued subsequent screening measures and guidance on travel from other impacted areas across the globe.
- Issuing a public health emergency declaration on January 31.
- Establishing the White House task force to combat the coronavirus spread. The Task Force is coordinating and marshalling the full resources and capabilities of the Federal government to respond to the coronavirus.
- Forging relationships and collaboration between the public and private sectors.
- Remained in close contact with our Nation’s governors and other key stakeholders.
- *The Washington Times: **Thanks to Trump Administration, the United States has a Coronavirus Plan of Action [washingtontimes.com]**.*

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- *Dr. Marc Siegel:* ***Coronavirus Public Health Response Has Been Handled Well [foxnews.com]***

While the overall threat to the American public remains low, the President has directed the White House Task Force to take all steps to ensure the health and well-being of the American people and we are well-prepared.

- Americans do not need to change their day-to-day lives but should stay informed and practice good hygiene.
- There are good tried and true hygiene practices which can be very effective to reduce the chance of getting sick.
- Travelers are encouraged to always exercise healthy travel habits when traveling and to follow appropriate guidance (*see* **here [wwwnc.cdc.gov]**). At this time, there are no domestic travel restrictions in the United States.
- We are working rapidly on therapeutics and vaccines and have launched the first U.S. clinical trial for an investigational antiviral.
- The Federal Government has been able to provide tests to all the state jurisdictions and labs that have requested it. Between March 2nd and 5th, more than 900,000 tests were distributed across the country.
- The United States has the finest public health system in the world and knows the playbook to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

Local, State, tribal, & Federal coordinated preparedness & response efforts.

- Federal officials have been working diligently to communicate with State, local, and tribal officials on the Federal government's efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-1.
- Our Nation's Governors have participated in-person and on conference call briefings with Federal partners on January 30, February 9, February 20 and March 2. These communications remain ongoing.
- White House, OMB, HHS, DHS, DOT, and State Department Officials met with over 40 State, county, and city health officials from over 30 States and territories to thank them for their leadership and to continue discussions on the Federal-State-Local partnership to prepare and respond to COVID-19 (February 25).
- HHS, CDC, DHS, and Federal partners have held numerous national briefing calls with State, local, tribal, private-sector, and community leaders.
- The Trump Administration is partnering with State, local, and tribal elected and appointed leaders' associations.

Recent Actions: Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**)
  - March 6: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 4: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - March 2: **Video [youtube.com]**
  - February 29: **Video [youtube.com]**
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**/**video [youtube.com]**)

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- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more **here [cms.gov]**)
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) (**transcript [whitehouse.gov]**)
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Briefing Call Background: President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, on Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

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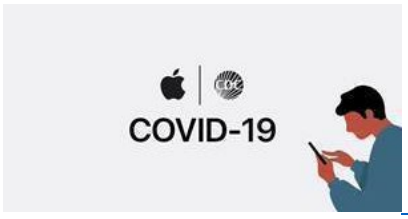

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

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- **The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide Up To $2.3 Trillion in Financing**: On Thursday, April 9, Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to $500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More **here [home.treasury.gov]**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here [federalreserve.gov]**.

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- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether**: On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.

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- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the **White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council [opportunityzones.hud.gov]** led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.

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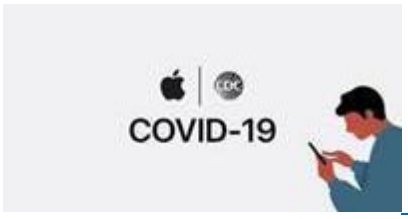

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- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a **fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com]** that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with

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- **USDA Announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program**: On Friday, April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (**CFAP** [usda.gov]) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in response to COVID-19. This $19 billion relief program will provide $16 billion in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and $3 billion in purchases of fresh produce, dairy and meat.

- **DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Releases Revised Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance**: On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers **guidance [cisa.gov]** to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19. Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers. Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to "employees" or "contractors" have been changed to "workers."

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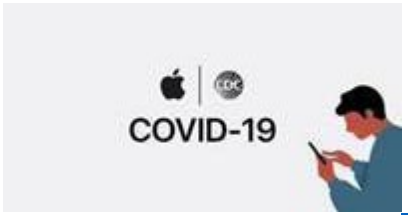

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 29, 4:00 PM Eastern Time)
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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

On **Wednesday, April 29, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). We will be joined by officials from the White House Office of American Innovation (OAI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT), and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), among others. Topics of discussion will include a response and recovery update as well as ***recent announcements* (see below)**. Registration instructions are below.

Briefing Call Registration
Date: Wednesday, April 29
Time: 4:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)
Call-In Registration: **CLICK HERE [ems9.intellor.com]**
Note: Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
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- Registration closes once the call reaches capacity or two hours prior to call start time.

Recent Announcements

- **President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and**

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Health Care Enhancement Act: Friday, April 24, President Trump **signed the new legislation [whitehouse.gov]** into law to further assist American businesses, workers and healthcare providers. The legislation provides $310 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), $60 billion more for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, $75 billion in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion to support our Nation's testing efforts. Read more from the SBA **here [sba.gov]**. Find more on the Paycheck Protection Program **here [sba.gov]**.

- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the **White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council [opportunityzones.hud.gov]** led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance**: Wednesday, April 22, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act. As stated by the **legislation [congress.gov]** signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds "are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19)." The guidance document (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) and frequently asked questions (**here [home.treasury.gov]**) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments **here [home.treasury.gov]**.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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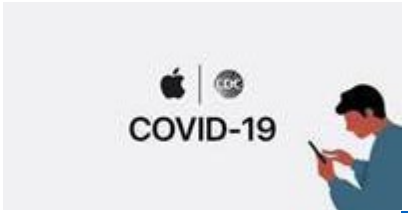

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Download the COVID-19 App

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



[whitehouse.gov]

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests

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for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated **critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website [justice.gov]**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website [consumer.ftc.gov]** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
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Cc: Lucia Bonavita
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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:03:20 AM

I have continued to lobby for the restoration of recreational activities. You will note the PB Post called me out for those efforts:

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www.palmbeachpost.com/opinion/20200421/coronavirus-florida-editorial-donrsquot-put-publicrsquos-health-at-risk-for-handful-of-selfish-protesters

I will continue to speak out notwithstanding these mischaracterizations of my efforts.

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State and Local Leaders,

President Donald J. Trump is committed to providing Americans with the unprecedented mental health resources they need during this challenging time. On Thursday, April 9, President. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, First Lady Melania Trump, and Second Lady Karen Pence spoke by telephone with hundreds of American mental health professionals, leaders, and advocates to discuss the effects COVID-19 is having on the American people. This COVID-19 call was the first to bring these four influential leaders together on one issue. The President recognized that a great number of Americans are enduring hardships – including loneliness from social distancing, despair from being out of work, anxiety from the danger of the virus, and grief from the loss of a loved one. President Trump thanked the doctors, counselors, and many other mental health professionals for providing vital mental health services during this time through tele-health.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams PSA – Mental Health



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[youtube.com]

The White House and Administration are committed to providing Americans with vital mental health resources and services especially through expanding telehealth services, continuing the Administration's efforts to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis. Below, please find additional information and resources. Attached, also find a helpful Fact Sheet from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) outlining efforts and resources to ensure that prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and safe and effective pain management remain available nationwide. We also want to share examples of State and Local leaders addressing mental health needs in their communities and welcome awareness and engagement around your efforts.

Sincerely,

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STATE AND LOCAL COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Below are examples of State and Local leaders promoting mental health awareness and resources aid the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcome awareness over your own respective initiatives.

Ohio Governor DeWine urged support groups [twitter.com] to check in with people with serious mental illness or addiction and highlighted the need to get the suicide hotline sent out to more people.

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo offered resources [twitter.com] to those struggling with mental health during this time.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee addressed [wmcactionnews5.com] the collateral impact on mental health that COVID-19 takes and highlighted the state's crisis hotline while working with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to expand telehealth access.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb said [twitter.com] that mental health crisis calls are increasing and will issue guidance for Hoosiers on the tools available to help them out with mental health issues and will increase staffing at these centers.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed [bringmethenews.com] an Executive order expanding mental health counseling options for Minnesotans. Specifically, the Executive Order authorized out-of-state mental health providers to treat Minnesota patients via telehealth services

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker announced [nbcchicago.com] the launch of a new

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Remote Patient Monitoring Program and mental health support line. Call4Calm, operated by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division, is a free-of-charge emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services **launched [michigan.gov]** a warmline to help Michiganders with persistent mental health issues amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The peer-operated warmline is intended to act as a resource for people experiencing depression, anxiety, or other mental illnesses.

The Texas Health & Human Services Commission **established [twitter.com]** a hotline and texting service on Mental Health.

San Diego, California Mayor Kevin Faulconer and **San Diego County Supervisors** **announced [timesofsandiego.com]** a $25 Million partnership for a Behavioral Health Fund dedicated to assessment, treatment, detoxification, crisis stabilization, residential treatment and supportive housing.

San Jose, California Mayor Sam Liccardo hosted a **Facebook Live [nbcbayarea.com]** session on mental health during the coronavirus crisis.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), the largest county mental health department in the United States, has scaled resources and provided coronavirus-specific guidance for individuals during the pandemic. More **here [dmh.lacounty.gov]**.

In **Coconino County, Arizona**, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Liaisons **distributed [tgcaz.org]** Mental Health resource listing (including crisis line) to numerous.

Pima County, Arizona worked with SoAZ NAMI (**National Alliance for Mental Illness [nami.org]**) to put their "Ending the Silence" online, and to market it to local schools, public (traditional and charter) and private. Ending the Silence is a National Program, usually taught in person to Middle and High School Students

In **Arapahoe County, Colorado**, Aurora Mental Health continues to **provide [aumhc.org]** all core services. Crisis, withdrawal management (detox), and residential services are face-to-face, and all other services have transitioned to phone (allowed in Colorado for indigent and Medicaid clients) and telehealth.

In **Tennessee, Shelby County** is **offering [shelbycountytn.gov]** free teletherapy services to all county employees.

In **Indiana, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen** held a **Facebook Live** [twitter.com] with a licensed therapist in his city to discuss tips on how families and individuals can care for their mental health.

In **Georgia, Athens-Clarke County Mayor Kelly Girtz** gave a brief **video update [twitter.com]** on the County's response to COVID-19 and highlighted mental health considerations & shelter-in-place orders.

In **Georgia, the DeKalb Community Service Board (CSB)** has gone to telehealth services for clients that wish to maintain social isolation while accessing mental health

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services. The CSB pharmacy services have arranged for same-day delivery of medication refill to their homes for all clients using telehealth access. More information **here [dekcsb.org]**.

In **Florida, Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey** **led a discussion [tallahassee.com]** about anxiety and new routines citizens can take to keep up on their mental health.

DuPage County, Illinois **established [dupagehealth.org]** an on-site 12 bed crisis residential program that remains open and available to community members who are having a mental health crisis and not in need of an inpatient level of care as well as implementation of a health screening for anyone in need.

FEDERAL RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE



Resources and Initiatives

- **Telehealth**: Under the President's leadership and at the direction of the White House Task Force, the Trump Administration has taken historic steps to expand Americans' access to telehealth, so that patients, particularly our Medicare beneficiaries, can receive a wider range of services without having to travel to a healthcare facility (*read more from Surgeon General Jerome Adams and CMS Administrator Seema Verma – **Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure [orlandosentinel.com]***). States are also examining their own policies to determine if there are undue barriers to maximizing telehealth service delivery for their residents in this time of national emergency. States have broad authority to deliver and reimburse Medicaid covered services through telehealth modalities, and additional federal approval is often not required to do so. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance on telehealth reimbursement and coverage options in the Medicaid program **here [medicaid.gov]**.
- **Supplemental Grant Funding:** On April 3, SAMHSA announced it will fund $110 million in emergency grants to provide treatment for substance use disorders/serious mental illness during the coronavirus pandemic. The grants are available to State

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governments, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. As the Trump administration responds to meet the needs of Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing emergency grants to help Americans dealing with substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness. The agency has announced it is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 (Short Title: Emergency COVID-19). The grants total $110 million and will provide up to $2 million for successful state applicants and up to $500,000 for successful territory and tribal applicants for 16 months. More details **here [samhsa.gov]**.

- **Move Your Way Campaign**: *Move Your Way* is a physical activity campaign from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote the recommendations from the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. The Move Your Way tools, videos, and fact sheets on this page have tips that make it easier to get a little more active. And small changes can add up to big health benefits! Learn more **here [health.gov]**.
- **Office of National Drug Control Policy – COVID-19 Fact Sheet**: During the COVID-19 crisis, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is leading efforts to ensure that prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and safe and effective pain management remain available nationwide. The Trump Administration is mobilizing the Federal Government to ensure the approximately 20 million Americans who struggle with the disease of addiction can access and continue to receive treatment and recovery support services, while keeping themselves and healthcare professionals safe from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19. *See attached.*
- **The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS)**: On Friday, April 3, Second Lady Karen Pence announced her new role as lead ambassador for PREVENTS on behalf of the White House Coronavirus Task Force (*see* **Second Lady Karen Pence Taking Lead Role in Suicide Prevention Initiative During Coronavirus Outbreak [usatoday.com]**). PREVENTS focuses on a holistic public health approach to ending Veteran suicide. The Initiative seeks to change the culture surrounding mental health and suicide prevention through enhanced community integration, prioritized research activities, and implementation strategies that emphasize improved overall health and well-being. The goal of PREVENTS is to prevent suicide — among not just Veterans but all Americans. By adopting a holistic public health approach, PREVENTS is acting on the knowledge that suicide prevention is everyone's business, and that by working together, locally and nationally, we can prevent suicide. Learn more **here [va.gov]**.

Guidance

- **Managing & Recognizing Stress**: The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger. **Sharing the facts [cdc.gov]** about COVID-19 and understanding the actual risk to yourself and people you care about can make an outbreak less stressful. When you share accurate information about COVID-19 you can help make people feel less stressed and allow you to connect with them. Learn more about **taking care of your emotional health [emergency.cdc.gov]**. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)

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- **Guidance for Parents and Caregivers**: Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. There are many things you can do to support your child: Take time to talk with your child or teen about the COVID-19 outbreak. Answer questions and **share facts [cdc.gov]** about COVID-19 in a way that your child or teen can understand. Learn more about **helping children cope [cdc.gov]**.
- **Guidance for Responders and Providers**: Responding to COVID-19 can take an emotional toll on you. There are things you can do to reduce secondary traumatic stress (STS) reactions: Acknowledge that STS can impact anyone helping families after a traumatic event; and learn the symptoms including physical (fatigue, illness) and mental (fear, withdrawal, guilt) Learn more **tips for taking care of yourself [emergency.cdc.gov]** during emergency response.
- **Guidance for Persons Released from Quarantine**: Being separated from others if a healthcare provider thinks you may have been exposed to COVID-19 can be stressful, even if you do not get sick. Everyone feels differently after coming out of quarantine. Some feelings include: Sadness, anger, or frustration because friends or loved ones have unfounded fears of contracting the disease from contact with you, even though you have been determined not to be contagious; and guilt about not being able to perform normal work or parenting duties during quarantine. Children may also feel upset or have other strong emotions if they, or someone they know, has been released from quarantine. **You can help your child cope [cdc.gov]**.
- **Digital Mental Health – Innovating in a Time of High Anxiety**: In this time of **increased anxiety and physical distancing [nimh.nih.gov]**due to the **coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic [coronavirus.gov]**, many people are looking for digital technology solutions to help them manage their mental health. Mental health apps are one of the fastest-growing sectors of the digital marketplace, with more than 10,000 apps available. These apps claim to, among other things, boost your mood, increase your sleep, and even help you manage your addiction. The National Institute of Mental Health takes a look **here [weforum.org]**.
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resource – How To Manage Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak**: Taking care of your well-being, including your mental health, is essential during this time. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Many people may experience stress, fear, anxiety, or feelings of depression. This is normal. There are things that you can do to manage your stress and anxiety. VA has provided resources **here [mentalhealth.va.gov]**.

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
COVID-19 FACT SHEET

President Donald J. Trump is committed to taking any and all necessary steps to protect the lives, health, and safety of the American people.

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"The threat posed by COVID-19, along with the mitigation measures in place across the country to prevent its spread, makes accessing treatment and maintaining recovery especially challenging. We must act boldly and creatively to ensure people get the treatment they need."
ONDCP Director Jim Carroll

PRIORITIES

HELPING AMERICANS WHO STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION: The Trump Administration is taking action to support Americans who struggle with drug addiction.

- SAMHSA issued guidance to facilitate outpatient treatment for withdrawal from alcohol and benzodiazepines to ensure help is available in the event of a shortage of hospital beds during the pandemic.
- Numerous States and addiction treatment organizations have followed up on Federal actions to ensure that care is not disrupted by releasing guidance for substance use disorder treatment programs to keep patients and providers safe.

EXPANDING USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING: The Trump Administration is expanding the use of technology to provide care related to substance use disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- DEA is allowing its registrants to prescribe outside of a State where they are registered, allowing them to work with patients across state lines through telemedicine.
- DEA and SAMHSA are permitting practitioners with a DATA 2000 waiver to prescribe buprenorphine to new and existing patients with opioid use disorder through telehealth or telephone.
- CMS expanded Medicare coverage of telehealth services and released guidance to States on tools to treat substance use disorder through telehealth.
- CMS released telemedicine guidance for providers in Medicare and Medicaid that contains guidance and links to reliable sources of information on telehealth practices.
- CMS issued a new rule permitting opioid treatment programs to provide therapy and counseling using audio-only telephone calls rather than via two-way interactive audio-video during the public health emergency.

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- HHS announced it will not issue penalties for non-HIPAA compliant technology used to conduct a telehealth session during the public health emergency, so long as the covered entity acts in good faith.
- VA announced it will start providing most of its care through telehealth and increasingly use mobile services to help screen veterans and provide follow-up care.

INCREASING FLEXIBILITY FOR TREATMENT WITH METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE: The Trump Administration is increasing flexibility for opioid use disorder treatment.

- SAMHSA announced increased flexibility for methadone treatment, including blanket exceptions for all stable patients in an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) to receive 28 days of take-home doses, and an option for States to request 14 days of take-home doses for patients in the early stages of their recovery. SAMHSA has also clarified that certain midlevel providers may dispense and administer medication in an OTP if their supervisor becomes unavailable because of COVID-19.
- SAMHSA issued a FAQ document outlining provisions to ensure ongoing access to medications for opioid use disorder in both OTPs and among practitioners with a DATA 2000 waiver not providing care through an OTP.
- DEA issued an exception to allow methadone transport to patients who cannot make in-person visits to a clinic.

ENSURING ACCESS TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: The Trump Administration is ensuring patients and providers have continued access to Schedule II controlled substances.

- To reduce the need for in-person visits, DEA posted guidance allowing providers to order Schedule II prescriptions by telephone to pharmacies under certain conditions.
- DEA granted an exception to the quantity of raw material a bulk manufacturer may hold to ensure Schedule II and III controlled substance manufacturers will not experience raw materials shortages during the pandemic.

SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES: The Trump Administration is supporting the needs of rural Americans and their families who are impacted by addiction.

- SAMHSA released a list of virtual support recovery resources which are critical in maintaining recovery.
- FCC announced waivers to its Rural Health Care and E-Rate programs, allowing for improved internet capacity, Wi-Fi hotspots, networking gear, and other equipment enhancement services for telemedicine during the pandemic.
- USDA is using all available program flexibilities and contingencies to feed children and help families in need, including families who are impacted by substance use disorder.
- FTA announced an expansion of assistance under its Emergency Relief Program for transit agencies, including assistance for transportation in rural areas.

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COVID-19 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- White House Guidance (here)
- CDC COVID-19 Guidance (here)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services COVID-19 Resources (here)
- DEA COVID-19 Guidance (here)
- Report COVID-19 fraud to DOJ (here)
- FDA's COVID-19 Resources (here)
- Indian Health Service FAQs on the Federal Response in Indian Country (here)
- NIH: COVID-19: Potential Implications for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (here)
- NHTSA's Office of EMS COVID-19 Resources (here)
- The Notification of Enforcement Discretion on Telehealth Remote Communications (here)
- SAMHSA's Resources (here)
- Single State Substance Use Authorities (here)
- State Opioid Treatment Authorities (here)
- USDA COVID-19 Resources (here)

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To: Robert Weinroth S.
Subject: Miami-Dade beaches won't reopen soon. Park rules likely to ease | Miami Herald
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:54:52 PM

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This was the article that made me aware of today's live stream.

Miami was always way worse than PBC! How can they now be ahead of us?

Your counterparts are asleep at the wheel!

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From:	Rod Trump
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This was provided to me by some folks in Miami regarding the re-opening of golf...

It can be done SAFELY!!!

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MAYOR GIMENEZ´S GOLF TASK FORCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-OPENING MIAMI-DADE GOLF COURSES

(Incorporated below are the recommendations provided by the National Golf Course Owners Association, PGA of America, and USGA, as to how best to provide a safe environment on
South Florida´s Golf Courses due to COVID-19)

ON-COURSE FACILITY

- Players will be responsible for bringing their golf equipment to a designated area. No clubs or other equipment will be transported by golf course staff.
- Designated signage will be placed outside the pro-shop and clubhouse outlining the required social distancing guidelines with masks.
- Designated signage will be placed on carts and around the club-house with the phone number to call for food orders and an explanation of how to pay.
- All guidelines will be followed to not exceed gathering limits established by local and state authorities.
- No indoor events will be conducted.
- Pro-Shop entrances, where possible, will be closed.
    - Payment will be made at front door following proper social distancing guidelines.
    - Glass/plastic screen between pro-shop staff and customers will be installed.
    - Staff will wear masks and gloves at all times.
    - Where applicable, separate entry and exit doors will be designated.
- No locker room usage and no bag storage usage.
- For all pro-shop lines, markers will be placed on the floor at six feet intervals to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes will be provided in bathrooms/payment areas.
- Bathrooms will have disinfectant wipes for golfers to wipe down everything they touched before exiting.
- Encourage only one person in each bathroom at any time (signage placed).
- After sanitizing cart, if able to be sourced, provide disinfectant wipes in each cart when available.
- Each cart and any rental equipment will be cleaned and disinfected prior to players use.
    - All sand containers, scorecards, pencils, tees, towels, coolers or other shared materials will be removed from golf carts.
- Disinfect all bathrooms and touch-point areas every two hours.

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- Driving-range hitting areas will be spaced at least 10-feet apart.
- Scorecard, pencil and tees will only be issued to individuals when requested from starter, but then discarded after their initial use.

GOLF-COURSE PREPARATION

- Cup Modifications:
  - A noodle will be used to fill the hole or the cup will be raised an inch above ground to prevent the ball from going in the hole (prevents flagpole touching).
  - EZ lift touchless golf ball retrieval system or similar touchless system.
- Rakes in all Bunkers will be Removed:
  - USGA suggestions will be followed to use different approaches on how to treat bunker play depending on the course and its resources.
  - USGA suggests golfers play preferred lie and players to “rake” with their feet.
- All water stations will be removed.
- All ball wash units will be removal or locked down.
- All practice facility bag stands, chairs and PVC pipes for picking up balls will be removed.
- All range-balls will be cleaned, with water and soap, after every pick-up prior to making them available for golfers.
- Where possible, 60 and older clientele will be separated from younger clientele.

PLAYING

- Players will be informed not to touch or remove flagstick from the cups at all times (any putts that hit the cup or noodle will be considered holed).
- All players must stay at least six feet apart at all times, and a course ranger or other staff member will monitor player compliance on the course.
- One player per cart, no exceptions.
- Walking is allowed while maintaining social distancing requirements.
- All golfers are required to leave the golf course immediately after playing to eliminate congestion and gathering on the property or in the parking lot.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Local governmental entity guidelines will be followed.

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- Restaurant entry will be remained closed.
    - Payment for take-out food will be made at the restaurant front door following social distancing requirements.
    - No sit down-areas will be allowed for eating.
    - Staff will be required to wear a facemask and gloves.
- Beverage Carts on the Golf Course:
    - Beverage cart staff will wear facemask and gloves at all times.
    - Signage will be placed on beverage carts stating that no player will be allowed to touch anything on the beverage cart.
    - Only cart attendant will distribute items from the cart.
        - Beverage cart attendant will place purchased items on opposite side of the players golf cart, to comply with social distancing requirements.
        - For players that are walking, the beverage cart attendant will place the purchased items on the ground and the players will pick it up, to comply with social distancing requirements.
    - Players will be encouraged to pay with credit card and cart attendant will wipe down the credit card machine after each use.

PREPARING YOUR STAFF

- Staff will be trained on proper hygiene, sanitation and food handling / Covid-19 prevention and control procedures will be emphasized during training.
- Staff will be trained to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and follow CDC guidelines.
- Face masks and gloves will be worn by all staff at all times.
- Staff will be trained there are no handshakes and will remind golfers of this necessity.

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(Signage on-Display)

NAME OF GOLF COURSE

- You are required to maintain a social distance of at least 6-feet between yourself and the next person in front and behind you.
- No direct contact is permitted with any golf course personnel.
- After conducting your transaction, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap & water for at least 20-seconds.
- Exit the pro-shop through the separate exit to avoid 2-way traffic at the entrance door used to enter, and do not touch barrier between shop personnel and player.
- No handshakes or other forms of touching is permitted before, during, or after play with any other persons on the golf course.
- If you brought your own water bottle or towel do not share either with any others on the golf course.
- All persons are not permitted to congregate in any areas, and will be required to leave the golf course after their play to eliminate gatherings.
- Management reserves the right at any moment to limit play or close-off sections of the golf course, including the short-game area or driving range, should players not comply with social distancing guidelines described above and/or other recommendations noted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.
- Always cover coughing or sneezing with a tissue then throw such in the trash and wash your hands, if no tissue is available then cough into your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you are feeling ill depart the premises immediately, and if you are having difficulty breathing seek medical care.

Thank you for your cooperation

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREVENTION



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Individuals in Miami-Dade County who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19, should call the Florida Department of Health at **305-324-2400**. If you have a medical provider, call them. If traveling to a medical office or facility, call ahead.
For questions about COVID-19 in Florida, please call the Florida Department of Health at **1-866-779-6121.**

For more information, visit miamidade.gov/coronavirus

FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911

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From: Rod Trump
To: BCC-All Commissioners; Robert Weinroth S.; Dave Kerner M.
Subject: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:18:04 PM

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Subject: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:35:12 PM

Can't find anything on it — send me a link.

Robert S Weinroth
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To: Rod Trump
Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: New York Times
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:23:34 AM

I think we're very close to announcing to timetable for relaxing restrictions. ~ rsw

palmbeachpost.com/opinion/20200423/point-of-view-palm-beach-county-must-begin-planning-now-for-new-normal

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Subject: President Trump To Address County Leaders at NACo"s 2020 Legislative Conference (Tuesday, March 3)
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THE WHITE HOUSE

County Leaders –

We are excited to announce that **President Donald J. Trump will join the National Association of Counties 2020 Legislative Conference for remarks on Tuesday, March 3rd**. If you are not already registered for the 2020 Legislative Conference, there is an opportunity to join for President Trump's remarks during the General Session on Tuesday, March 3 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You can find additional information and a registration link **here [naco.org]**. *Please note that you do not need to RSVP if you are already registered for the Conference.*



As many of you know, the White House and Administration have engaged in unprecedented, bipartisan outreach to the Nation's county officials and leaders. Nowhere is this more evident than with the State Leadership Days Initiative. From 2017-19, every county commissioner/supervisor (or similar position) has been invited to the White House for briefings and discussion with Senior Administration Officials on issues pertinent to their communities and on shared priorities. You can find feedback from the State Leadership Days **here [whitehouse.gov]** (2017-18) and **here [whitehouse.gov]** (2019). County leaders have also participated in dozens of events with the President and Senior Administration Officials at the White House. This engagement underlies President Trump and the Administration's commitment to engaging the Nation's local leaders and empowering local communities.

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We hope to see you on Tuesday, March 3rd!

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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As many of you know, the White House and Administration have engaged in unprecedented, bipartisan outreach to the Nation's county officials and leaders. Nowhere is this more evident than with the State Leadership Days Initiative. From 2017-19, every county commissioner/supervisor (or similar position) has been invited to the White House for briefings and discussion with Senior Administration Officials on issues pertinent to their communities and on shared priorities. You can find feedback from the State Leadership Days **here [whitehouse.gov]** (2017-18) and **here [whitehouse.gov]** (2019). County leaders have also participated in dozens of events with the President and Senior

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Administration Officials at the White House. This engagement underlies President Trump and the Administration's commitment to engaging the Nation's local leaders and empowering local communities.

We hope to see you on Tuesday, March 3rd!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: President"s Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:05:36 PM
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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Donald. J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19. Below, please find additional information on ***The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread***. Please feel free to share broadly.

As a reminder, the CDC's official Coronavirus website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]** – is the best source for up-to-date information and guidance.

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The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

1) Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.

2) If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

3) If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

4) If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

5) If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.

6) If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

7) Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
   a. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
   b. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

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c. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
d. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
e. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
f. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

8) Practice good hygiene:
   a. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
   b. Avoid touching your face.
   c. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
   d. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

* School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

** Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

*** In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.



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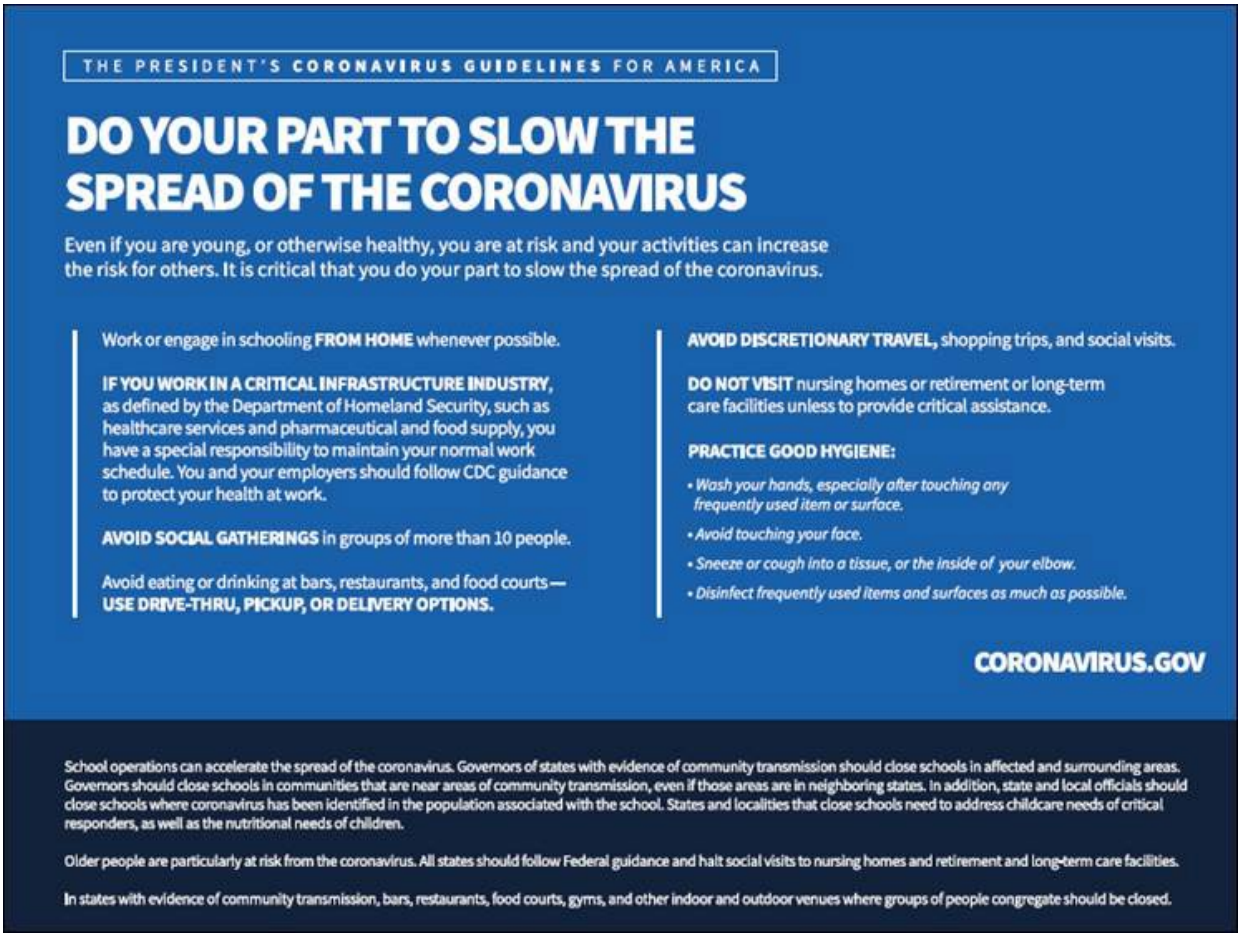

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From: Rod Trump
To: Robert Weinroth S.
Cc: Lucia Bonavita
Subject: Re: Essential Activities
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:06:41 PM

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Saturday, April 18, 2020

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From: David Bernhardt
To: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate)
Subject: RE: Arrival Event Today CANCELLED
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 9:45:00 AM

Thank you Sir….

From: Webb, Samuel L. EOP/WHO (Associate) <Samuel.L.Webb@who.eop.gov>
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Please disregard the previous email with instructions for attending the event today.

We appreciate your efforts to be a part of President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One arrival to West Palm Beach.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sam Webb
Presidential Office of Advance

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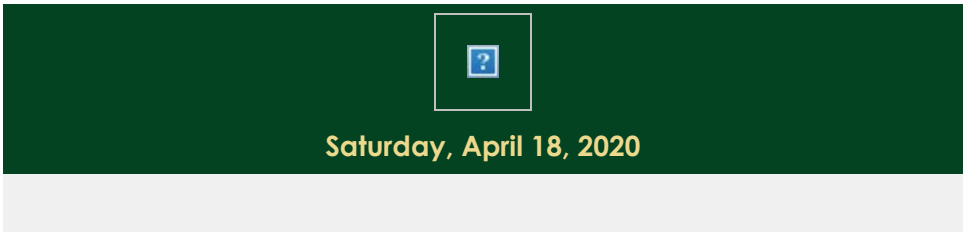

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Cc: Robert Weinroth S.; Dave Kerner M.; BCC-All Commissioners; Gregg Weiss
Subject: Re: Mayor has plan to reopen parks, marinas, golf in Miami-Dade | Miami Herald
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:19:40 AM

Good Morning,

I understand the dramatic effect the necessary closures has had on our local businesses and their employees, and recreational enthusiasts in our efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Kerner is working with the Governor's Reopen Florida Task Force while locally, working groups are meeting to plan the phased reopening of businesses and other public places. We are also collaborating with our neighboring counties to the south, which together account for roughly 60% of the infections in the State. Recommendations will be forthcoming very soon.

I strongly support a measured and responsible approach to reopening businesses, getting people back to work, and making recreational venues - including golf courses - available using appropriate distancing guidelines and other protective measures in the overall best interest of the public.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Hal Valeche

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From: Robert Weinroth S.
To: Rod Trump
Subject: RE: Miami-Dade beaches won't reopen soon. Park rules likely to ease | Miami Herald
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:17:00 PM

Rod - can you give me a call when you have a minute? Thanks. Lucia

Lucia Bonavita
Senior Aide to Comm. Weinroth
Palm Beach County Commission
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This was the article that made me aware of today's live stream.

Miami was always way worse than PBC! How can they now be ahead of us?

Your counterparts are asleep at the wheel!

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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:02:02 AM

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https://www.timeout.com/miami/news/miami-dade-county-just-announced-it-will-reopen-public-parks-marinas-and-golf-courses-042020 [timeout.com]

Three sources tell me parks, golf and boat ramps open this weekend... in Florida's epicenter Miami-Dade...

What are we going to do in PBC?

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To:	Rod Trump
Cc:	Robert Weinroth S.; BCC-All Commissioners; Dave Kerner M.
Subject:	Re: Miami-Dade opening parks, golf, tennis & boat ramps... where are we PBC?
Date:	Monday, April 20, 2020 5:59:15 PM

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There was a virtual town hall hosted by the Mayor via Twitter. I watched it live.

As soon as I see the published order or media coverage, I'll forward it via the same email.

He mentioned he had been working with officials in Broward and PBC and he was lessening these restrictions but NOT opening the beaches yet.

Separately, we have nearly 6,000 signatures on the golf specific petition. As you know, these people vote and some have money to contribute to political campaigns. It's amazing you are the only one to respond to me. I'll be just as aggressive come election time.

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And now over 6,300 signatures on the petition...

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A few questions (confidentially.... perhaps we should discuss in a call)

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To:	Danna Ackerman-White; Dave Kerner M.; Robert Weinroth S.; Verdenia Baker; Hal Valeche; Gregg Weiss; MaryLou Berger; Mack Bernard; Melissa McKinlay
Subject:	SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY KILLS COVID-19 - US CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:41:13 PM

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ACCORDING TO THE CORONA VIRUS TASK FORCE (4/23)
SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY KILLS COVID-19

GOLF IS PLAYED IN SUNLIGHT AND HUMIDITY.

WHY ARE OUR GOLF COURSES STILL CLOSED?

Most clubs prior to being forced to closed had already implemented all of the best practices now outlined by Miami-Dade which seems to be the template also for Broward & Palm Beach re-opening.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PERMIT GOLF

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CLUBS & COURSES TO RE-OPEN!

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida To Combat the Coronavirus
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:45:46 PM
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The Trump Administration Supporting the People of Florida.pdf

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Florida State and Local Partners,

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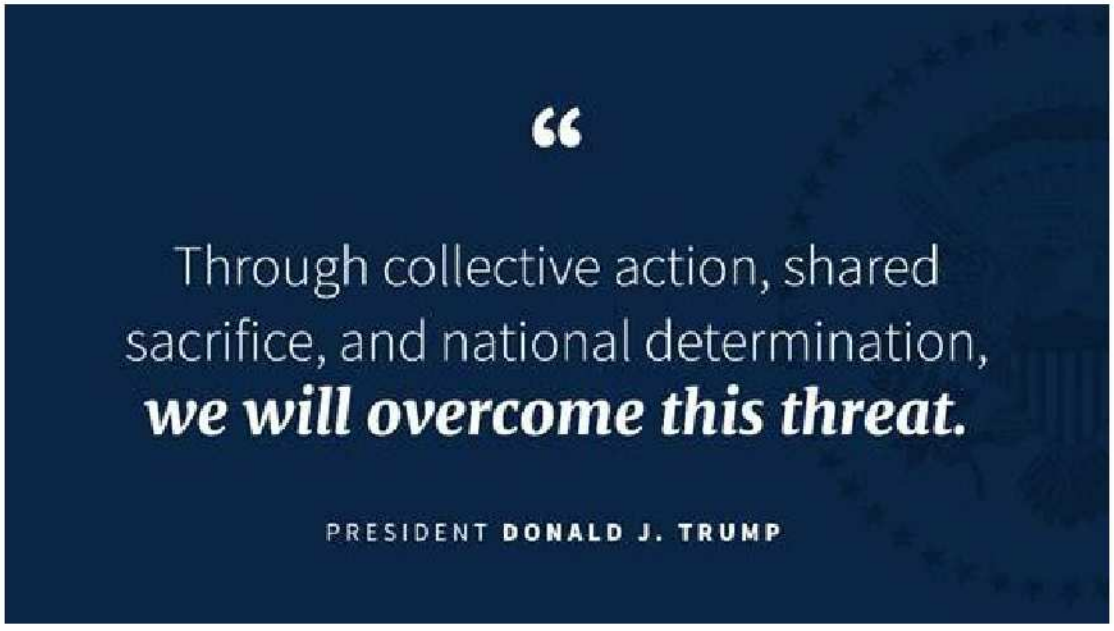

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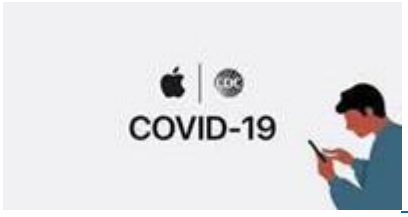
Attached, please find a fact sheet (***The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida***) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of Florida and the people of Florida to combat the coronavirus. The attached information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Florida in partnership with State and local leaders. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



[apple.com]

Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



[whitehouse.gov]

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 16, President Trump and the

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White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled **new guidelines** [whitehouse.gov] (*download* **here [whitehouse.gov]**) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On March 31, the White House announced updated ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America [whitehouse.gov]*** (**Español [whitehouse.gov]**), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued **guidance [cdc.gov]** recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided **guidelines [cdc.gov]** regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here [whitehouse.gov]**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here [fema.gov]**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here [fema.gov]**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated **critical infrastructure guidance [cisa.gov]** in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a **resource guide [rd.usda.gov]** for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website [fema.gov]** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how

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you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention website [justice.gov]. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a website [consumer.ftc.gov] with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources**: Download the Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]. Follow the White House on Twitter [twitter.com] and Facebook [facebook.com]. Also follow HHS (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) and CDC (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's YouTube [youtube.com] page.
- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline here [samhsa.gov].
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a fact sheet [files.constantcontact.com] that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions here [usa.gov]. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS [cdc.gov]), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS [cms.gov]), Food and Drug Administration (FDA [fda.gov]), Department of Education (DoED [ed.gov]), Department of Agriculture (USDA [usda.gov]), Small Business Administration (SBA [sba.gov]), Department of Labor (DOL [osha.gov]), Department of Homeland Security (DHS [dhs.gov]), Department of State (DOS [travel.state.gov]), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA [publichealth.va.gov]), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [epa.gov]), Department of Energy (DOE [energy.gov]), Department of Commerce (DOC [commerce.gov]), Department of Justice (DOJ [justice.gov]), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD [hud.gov]), Department of the Treasury (USDT [home.treasury.gov]), Internal Revenue Service (IRS [irs.gov]), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI [dni.gov]), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC [eac.gov]).

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida

"We have the best doctors, the best military leaders, and the best logistics professionals anywhere in the world. And we're orchestrating a massive Federal response unlike anything our country has ever seen."
– President Donald J. Trump

Overview: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, State managed, and Federally supported. Successful emergency management requires nationwide cooperation and unity of effort, combining the strength and ingenuity of our citizens and private sector with a sweeping, all-inclusive, and whole-of-government response. The below is a partial overview of Federal assistance provided to the State of Florida and the people of Florida to combat the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Florida. Implementation of the CARES Act is ongoing and will also bring additional support to Florida. President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have appreciated the strong State-Federal partnership with Governor Ron DeSantis.

Supportive Actions by President Donald J. Trump:

- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency**: On March 13, President Trump **declared** a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all States, including Florida, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

- **Florida's Major Disaster Declaration**: On March 23, Governor DeSantis submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 25, President Trump **approved** the request declaring a major disaster in the State of Florida and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, local, and tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation's history, every State and territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.

- **Historic Economic Relief**: On March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* into law. The law provides unprecedented economic relief to American citizens, small businesses, workers, healthcare providers, and State, local, and tribal governments and builds on the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*. More **here**. Additional Florida allocation information is found below.

- **National Guard Support**: On March 28, President Trump **directed** FEMA to fund 100% of the emergency assistance activities provided by Florida National Guard personnel in Title 32 duty status, per Governor DeSantis' request.

Testing, Resource & Logistics Support: FEMA is working with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), other Federal agencies, and private sector partners, to produce, allocate, and distribute key resources to Florida. Most notably, these include personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and the expedition of critical supplies from overseas to various U.S. locations.

- HHS, the Centers for Disaster Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are providing unprecedented regulatory flexibilities, resources, and guidance to expand the availability of testing and to assist Florida and States across the country in scaling testing. Learn more from the CDC **here** and FDA **here**. In addition, CARES Act and other supplemental disbursements, alongside FEMA resources, are important avenues for States to scale testing.

- The Federal government is supporting mobile testing efforts to increase testing capacity and availability in Florida.

- In support of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA and HHS are coordinating a whole-of-America approach to source personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other critical resources for States,

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Tribes, and Territories. The effort is led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For more on the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, read more **here.**

- The Trump Administration is coordinating **Project Air Bridge**, a coordinated public-private partnership designed to expedite the movement of critical supplies from other countries to the United States. The below table shows recently delivered supplies to Florida entities, including Project Air Bridge efforts to bolster private sector supply chains.

PPE	April 1 - 7	April 8 - 14	Total
N-95 Masks	258,400	264,300	**522,700**
Surgical & Procedural Masks	2,047,300	1,764,400	**3,811,700**
Eye & Face Shields	37,400	21,800	**59,200**
Isolation & Surgical Gowns	1,566,500	925,300	**2,491,800**
Surgical & Exam Gloves	58,594,400	36,855,500	**95,449,900**

- In addition to the Project Air Bridge efforts, as of April 22, FEMA delivered 200 ventilators, 482,000 N-95 masks, 1,100,000 surgical masks, 185,000 medical gowns, 4,200 coveralls, 226,000 face shields, and 844,000 gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile to Florida.

- As of April 22, FEMA obligated $94.4 M for Florida to respond to COVID-19 and will continue to obligate additional dollars per validated State requests.

- On April 9, FEMA announced the suspension of rent for disaster survivors living in FEMA-purchased temporary housing units in Florida. The temporary suspension means residents will not have to pay rent in April, May or June.

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) worked with Governor DeSantis to increase hospital capacity in in the State by retrofitting the Miami Beach Convention Center as an alternative care facility to accommodate 450 beds (as of April 23). More **here**.

Federal Agency Support: The Trump Administration continues to provide unprecedented resources, guidance, and regulatory flexibilities for State, local and tribal governments to develop and deploy innovative solutions for addressing COVID-19.

- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**
  - As of April 23, through the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act* and the CARES Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided over $71.5 M to the State of Florida. More **here**.
  - As of April 23, HHS has awarded over $63 M in CARES Act funding to 47 health centers across Florida to assist in combatting COVID-19. More **here**.
  - Medical providers in Florida were allocated more than $2.2 B for the first round of funding from the Provider Relief Fund, with most of that provided Friday, April 10.
  - As of April 23, the State of Florida has received a total of $2.5 B from HHS, through the Provider Relief Fund, CDC State and local funding, HRSA health centers, and other HHS grants.
  - The Indian Health Service (IHS) has distributed $926K in COVID-19 supplemental appropriations to the State of Florida, benefiting IHS and Tribal Health Programs within the IHS Nashville Area. More **here**.
  - On April 22, the Florida Department of Health was awarded more than $1.5 M to support small rural hospitals and promote telehealth in rural communities. More **here**.
  - On March 13, the State of Florida submitted an 1135 Medicaid Waiver request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS). On March 16, CMS **approved** Florida's waiver request offering new

flexibilities to focus resources on combatting the outbreak and providing the best possible care to Medicaid beneficiaries in Florida.
- HHS, CMS, and FDA have issued guidance on several topics to help inform decisions made by State and local health officials and private sector partners, including operational guidance for Florida nursing homes, telemedicine, elective surgery, and insurers. Learn more from CMS **here**, CDC **here**, and FDA **here**.

- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**
  - As a result of the CARES Act, the SBA created four **additional loan/funding programs** to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of April 16, the SBA issued over $17.8 B in loans to over 88,000 Florida small businesses. Nationally, SBA executed more loans in 14 days of the CARES Act implementation than the agency had done in the previous 14 years. More **here**.
  - On March 18, SBA **declared** an economic disaster in Florida at the request of Governor DeSantis. The disaster declaration creates access to low interest loans for small businesses across Florida. As of April 22, the SBA has approved 68,130 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances of up to $10,000 for Florida small businesses impacted by COVID-19; these funds, as authorized by the CARES Act, do not need to be repaid and have totaled more than $272.6 M in the State of Florida.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT)**
  - As of Monday, April 13, Economic Impact Payments authorized by the CARES Act have gone out to 80 million Americans across the country, including Florida. These payments are being automatically issued to eligible 2019 or 2018 Federal tax return filers who received a refund using direct deposit. More **here**. Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More **here**.
  - Treasury is operationalizing stimulus relief to States, Tribes, and eligible units of local government as authorized under the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund. The State of Florida, combined with eligible units of local government in the State that apply, will receive over $8.3 B. Governmental entities in the State of Florida have already received $6.2 B of this allocation. More **here**.
  - On April 9, the Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities in Florida and across the Nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MLF will provide up to $500 B, half a trillion, in direct financing to States, counties, and cities across the Nation to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More **here**. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found **here**.

- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
  - HUD made over $143.6 M in COVID-19 funding available to Florida via CARES Act authorizations. More **here**.
  - On April 1, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide up to one year of payment forbearance for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family borrowers in Florida and across the Nation who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. More **here**.
  - On April 10, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide FHA multifamily borrowers in Florida and across the Nation with forbearance for up to three months if they agree not to evict tenants during that period. More **here.**

- **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**
  - As a result of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, DOL **expanded paid sick, family, and medical leave**; the Department has offered flexibilities and emergency administrative capacity expansion grants for unemployment insurance that will help the people of Florida.
  - DOL has awarded over $29.7 M in emergency administrative unemployment insurance grants and $12 M in dislocated worker grants to the State of Florida.

- **U.S. Department of Education (DoED)**

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- On March 20, DoED **suspended** Federal student loan payments and waived interest during the Federal emergency, which could help up to 2.2 M direct loan borrowers in Florida.
- DoED has also provided unprecedented reporting flexibilities to Florida to allow the State to best meet the needs of students and teachers during the emergency. More **here** and **here**.
- In April, DoED announced allocations under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act totaling more than $740 M to support postsecondary education students and institutions of higher education in Florida. More **here** and **here**.
- On April 14, DoED announced an allocation in the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF), authorized by the CARES Act, of more than $173 M for Florida. This is an extraordinarily flexible "emergency block grant" designed to enable governors to decide how best to meet the needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations. More **here**.
- On April 23, DoED made more than $310 M available to Florida through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, authorized under section 18003 of the CARES Act to ensure learning continues for all students. More **here.**

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
  - On April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (**CFAP**) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in Florida and across the Nation in response to COVID-19. This $19 B relief program will provide $16 B in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and $3 B in purchases of fresh produce, dairy and meat, including producers in Florida.
  - On April 11, USDA approved Florida's request to provide online purchasing of food to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households. Florida's SNAP participation is nearly 3 M individuals, about 1.5 M households, and totals nearly $4 B annually in Federal funding. More **here**.
  - USDA has provided numerous flexibilities and resources to the State of Florida to ensure children and low income Americans have access to food during the national emergency. More **here**.
  - USDA published a **COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide** for rural residents, businesses, and communities in Florida and across the country to find information about federal funding and partnership opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**
  - DOT allocated more than $958.6 M in Federal Transit Administration funds to help the Florida public transportation systems respond to the challenges of COVID-19. More **here**.
  - DOT awarded more than $896.1 M from the Federal Aviation Administration to help fund continuing operations and lost revenue for airports in Florida. More **here**.

- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**
  - With the $19.6 B allocated under the CARES Act, the VA is hiring new staff and procuring additional resources to deal with the evolving needs of the pandemic. This includes expanding free or subsidized telehealth services and waiving a requirement that VA State homes maintain a 90 percent occupancy rate in order to receive Federal benefits for times when the Veteran is not in the home. More **here**.
  - The VA traditionally provides Veterans' healthcare, benefits and memorial affairs. In times of national crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, VA provides services to the Nation based on requests from States, while being clear that Veterans are our first priority. This is known as VA's **Fourth Mission**. The VA is providing staffing assistance to the hardest hit nursing homes across the State and is also assisting with infection control and direct care for patients.
  - The U.S. Department of the Treasury and VA **announced** that VA benefit recipients in Florida and across the Nation will automatically receive $1,200 in Economic Impact Payments provided for under the CARES Act.
  - On April 3, the VA announced a number of actions to provide Veterans in Florida and across the Nation with financial, benefits and claims help as part of the VA's COVID-19 response. The financial relief actions include – until further notice – (i) suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the

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jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and (ii) suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers. More **here**.

- **U.S. Department of State (DOS)**
  - The State Department launched an unprecedented global effort to bring home citizens from every corner of the globe and has repatriated thousands of Americans from multiple countries. As of April 17, DOS has coordinated the repatriation of nearly 70,000 Americans, including individuals from Florida. More **here**.

- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**
  - DOJ allocated $50.3 M in funds to Florida through the **Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program** to assist the State and local government response to COVID-19. This includes $31.7 M in funding to the State and $18.5 M to local governments. More **here**.

From: Stephens, Alexander W. EOP/OVP
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Alexander Stephens

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LOCATION: Atlantic Aviation
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Tonight, February 4 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, President Donald J. Trump will deliver his third **State of the Union Address**. Below, please find additional information, including a preview of the President's remarks and the Special Guests in attendance. You can view the SOTU live online by clicking **here [whitehouse.gov]**. We hope that you will tune in and also share your statements of support on social media (and other avenues) using the hashtag #SOTU.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF THE UNION 2020 PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Great American Comeback

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TOPLINE

President Trump is looking forward to delivering his third State of the Union Address and his fourth Address to a Joint Session of Congress on Tuesday. The theme of the State of the Union is the Great American Comeback. In his address, the President will lay out a vision of relentless optimism. He will encourage Congress to work with him to continue building an inclusive economy where the least well off are making some of the fastest gains and where people of every background are finding new opportunities. The President will expand on themes he developed in his Davos speech earlier this month, and put forward an agenda focused squarely on the needs of working families—addressing issues that affect Americans' quality of life and laying out solutions with can-do optimism in the face of the unjustified pessimism we are hearing from some in Congress.

TOP ISSUES

The Blue Collar Boom: The President will report on how the strong economy is lifting up Americans everywhere. The President will address the importance to the economy of the new Trade Agreement with China and the USMCA, explain the results we are seeing from Opportunity Zones, and celebrate America's energy revolution that has led to Energy Independence.

Supporting and Promoting Working Families: The President will address a range of issues facing working families—from ensuring that every child can get a great education, to supporting America's parents as they manage the demands of working jobs while raising children. He will call on Congress to empower parents with School Choice. The President will highlight his support for paid family leave, and expanding access to affordable childcare. He will celebrate the administration's workforce training initiatives, such as the Pledge to the American Worker.

Lowering the Cost of Healthcare for American Families: The President will call on Congress to support the Administration's many efforts to lower the costs of healthcare, while continuing to provide the highest standard of care in the world, with access to the most innovative cures and medical breakthroughs. He will contrast his vision with radical proposals being floated on the left. Clearly, socialism is a rising force in the Democrat party, with very specific designs on our healthcare system. The President will build on last year's address and present a sharp difference. The President will emphasize lowering the cost of prescription drugs. He will also address many of the everyday concerns that families face confronting the healthcare system: surprise medical billing, transparency, accountability, and flexibility to choose the plan and the doctor that is right for them.

Safe and Legal Immigration System: The President will talk about the incredible progress we have made in securing the Southern Border. He will also take head-on one of the most significant threats to public safety, Sanctuary Cities.

SPECIAL GUESTS

President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump are pleased to announce that the following individuals will be their special guests for the President's third State of the Union address:

Tony Rankins from Cincinnati, Ohio: After serving in the United States Army in Afghanistan, Tony Rankins suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and became addicted to drugs. He lost his job and his family, served several prison sentences, and

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ended up living out of his car. A company called "R Investments" helped train Tony in carpentry, painting, brick work, and other construction trades. Today, he works in an Opportunity Zone in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his new job has helped him overcome drug addiction and reunite with his family.

Deputy Chief Raul Ortiz from Del Rio, Texas: Deputy Chief Ortiz has helped protect America's homeland for nearly three decades. Prior to joining U.S. Border Patrol in 1991, Ortiz served in the United States Army. In 2019, he became Chief Patrol Agent of the Del Rio Sector, which made him responsible for all Border Patrol operations in 41 Texas counties—including 210 miles of border between the United States and Mexico. Recently, Ortiz was promoted to Deputy Chief of U.S. Border Patrol, the second in command for more than 20,000 agents and professional staff. His awards include the Superior Civilian Service Medal, among the Department of Defense's highest civilian honors.

Jody Jones from Farmersville, California: On December 17, 2018, Jody's brother, Rocky Jones, was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant in Tulare County, California. The criminal alien who committed this brutal murder had previously been arrested for violent crimes and had been deported twice. The criminal alien was arrested in December 2018 for the sixth time, but because of California's sanctuary state policy, he was released from jail. A few days later, the criminal alien went on a 24-hour "reign of terror," injuring several people, robbing a gas station, leading law enforcement on a high-speed chase, and killing 51-year old Rocky, who was known as a kind and gentle soul. Rocky leaves behind a precious daughter and 4 brothers who are still grieving the loss of their loved one.

Ellie and Robin Schneider from Kansas City, Missouri: Ellie was born at just 21 weeks and six days. She is one of the youngest babies to survive in the United States. With the help of an incredible medical team – and the prayers of her parents and their community -- Ellie kept beating the odds, exceeding milestones, and fighting for life. Today, Ellie is a happy, healthy two-year-old girl who brings endless joy to her mother, Robin, and her entire family.

Janiyah and Stephanie Davis from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Janiyah is a fourth grade student from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She loves art and math, but for too long she has been assigned to low-performing schools. Her mom, Stephanie, is a hard working single mother who is hoping for the expansion of school choice to be able to send Janiyah to a school that best serves her needs.

Kelli and Gage Hake from Stillwater, Oklahoma: Kelli Hake was at home with her one-year-old son, Gage, when she received the terrible news that her that her husband, Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hake, had been killed serving on his second tour of duty in Iraq. While on patrol, Sergeant Hake's Bradley fighting vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb supplied by the Iranian terrorist leader Qasem Soleimani. Kelli and Gage directly suffered from Soleimani's campaign to kill and maim U.S. service members. Last month, President Donald J. Trump ordered the killing of Soleimani as he was once again trying to initiate attacks on American service members.

Paul Morrow from Montgomery, Alabama: Paul is a United States Army veteran. After leaving the military, Morrow started a successful contracting business and today is building a new concrete plant in an Opportunity Zone in Montgomery, Alabama. This new plant will help support several brand new F-35 jets that are stationed in the region.

Ivan Simonovis from Caracas, Venezuela: Ivan was the Chief of Police in Venezuela's capitol city and esteemed as the nation's top cop. He was imprisoned in 2004 for protecting

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protesters and was held in captivity for nearly 15 years by the Chavez and Maduro regimes. He escaped from Venezuela in 2019 and was brought to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where immigration agents welcomed him to the United States.

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The Great American Comeback

Last night, February 4, President Donald J. Trump delivered his third State of the Union Address and his fourth Address to a Joint Session of Congress. Speaking to the theme of the *Great American Comeback*, the President addressed the importance to the economy of the new trade agreement with China and the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, highlighted the successes of Opportunity Zones, and celebrated America's energy revolution that has led to Energy Independence. The President outlined a vision of relentless optimism that celebrated America's unrivaled economic and military strength. He encouraged Congress to work with him to continue building an inclusive economy where the least well off are making some of the fastest gains and where people of every background are finding new opportunities. Expanding on themes he highlighted in his Davos speech, the President put forward an agenda focused squarely on the needs of working families—addressing issues that affect Americans' quality of life and laying out solutions with can-do optimism in the face of the unjustified pessimism we are hearing from some in Congress.

> ***A Middle-Class, Blue-Collar BOOM***: The unemployment rate is near a 50-year low. Record stock markets are boosting 401(k)s. Wages are up, and income inequality is down. It's about to get even better: President Trump's NAFTA-replacing USMCA is expected to add up to 600,000 jobs and $235 billion to the economy.
>
> ***Support for Working Families***: President Trump is focused on results. Last night, he called on Congress to support his efforts to lower healthcare

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costs without compromising America's world-leading standard of care. He also highlighted the Administration's support for paid family leave, school choice, and greater access to affordable childcare options.

A Stronger, Safer America*:* Defending the rule of law works. Since 2016, the violent crime rate in America has fallen nearly 5 percent after rising each of the two years before President Trump took office. At the U.S.-Mexico border, apprehensions and illegal crossings are down. Overseas, terrorist leaders such as Qasem Soleimani and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi are dead instead of causing chaos.

Below you will find additional information, including **Fact Sheets** [whitehouse.gov] outlining various policy priorities, including restoring American strength and prosperity, promoting fairer trade, rebuilding our military and protecting America's interest abroad, educational freedom, lowering healthcare costs, the President's unwavering commitment to American workers, immigration reform, and protecting and promoting American values. We welcome your feedback and engagement on these policy priorities and their impact on your cities, counties, and states.



[twitter.com]

State of the Union Recap

Full Video: You can find the full State of the Union video (**here** [whitehouse.gov])
Full Remarks: Full remarks from President Trump's Address can be found (**here** [whitehouse.gov])
Special Guests: Special Guests for President Trump's third State of the Union Address can be found (**here** [whitehouse.gov])

Fact Sheets

Great American Comeback Story (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Economy and Jobs (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Fair Trade (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
National Security and Defense (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Educational Choice (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Healthcare (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Commitment to American Workers (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Immigration (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)
Law and Justice (**here [whitehouse.gov]**)

President Donald J. Trump: "It was a great and triumphant evening for our Country.

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Thank you for all of the nice remarks and wonderful reviews of my State of the Union Speech. It was my great honor to have done it!" [twitter.com]

The White House: "I say to the people of our great country, and to the Members of Congress before me: The State of our Union is Stronger than ever before!" — President @realDonaldTrump at #SOTU [twitter.com]

The White House: America is the place where anything can happen! America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true! [twitter.com]

The White House: "Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American Adventure, has only just begun!" [twitter.com]

Secretary Sonny Perdue (U.S. Department of Agriculture): "@realDonaldTrump is delivering a brighter future for America's patriotic farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers." [twitter.com]

Secretary Betsy Devos (U.S. Department of Education): "Tonight, @realDonaldTrump delivered a strong message in support of America's students and their futures. Every student, parent, & teacher should be excited by this bold agenda to free them from a government system that limits their success." [twitter.com]

Secretary Wilbur Ross (U.S. Department of Commerce): "Because of @realDonaldTrump's leadership, we are experiencing a comeback like never before. Americans who need it the most are experiencing an incredible Blue Collar Boom that can be felt on manufacturing floors, at steel production facilities & construction sites across America." [twitter.com]

Secretary Gene Scalia (U.S. Department of Labor): "Three years ago, @POTUS entered the Oval Office with a promise to bring back jobs and prosperity for the American worker. Tonight, the President reminded us that he has delivered on that promise." [twitter.com]

Secretary Ben Carson (U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development): Tonight's address underscored a reality – Americans all across the country are experiencing greater opportunity under President Trump. There is a wise old saying: 'Fix the roof while the sun is shining.' Due to wise and practical management, the sun is currently shining brightly in America. [twitter.com]

Secretary Alex Azar (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services): @POTUS is empowering patients and providing access to quality, affordable healthcare options. He's working to drive down prescription drug prices for all Americans. And he's working to make sure American patients have access to high quality and innovative care. #SOTU [twitter.com]

Ambassador Robert Lighthizer (United States Trade Representative): President Trump has kept his promise to chart a new and better course for U.S. trade policy through fairer and more balanced agreements. This enormous success is only the beginning of what we will accomplish under his leadership. [twitter.com]

Administrator Jovita Carranza (U.S. Small Business Administration): President @realDonaldTrump's pro-growth policies are also driving upward mobility among historically underrepresented minority entrepreneurs. #SOTU [twitter.com]

Thank you.

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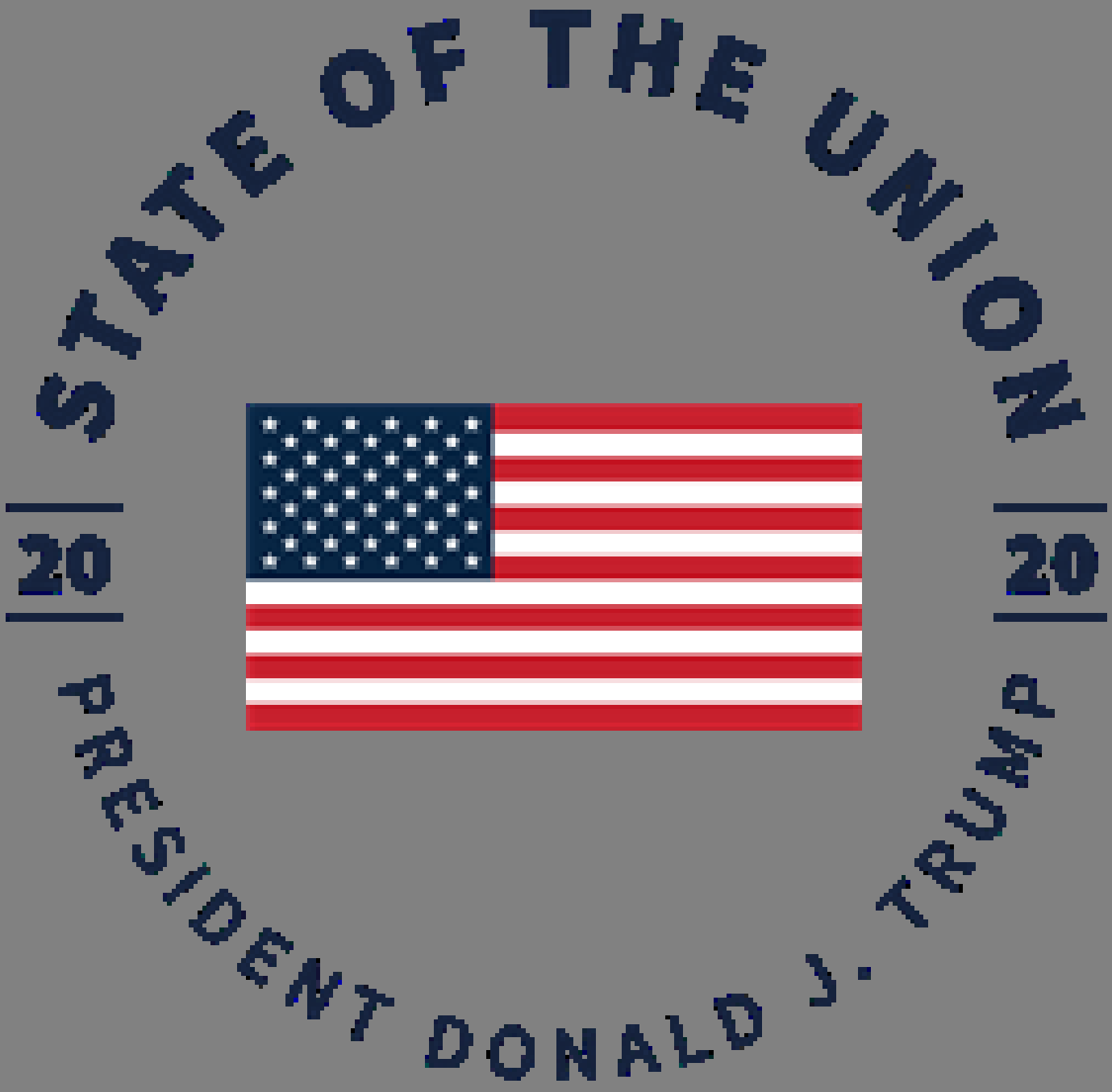

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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Trump took two significant actions to continue the Administration's whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to combatting COVID-19 (coronavirus). First, the President signed a $2.2 trillion stimulus package to provide relief to American families, healthcare workers, small businesses, and State/Tribal/Local governments. Second, President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum directing General Motors to produce ventilators to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Below, please find additional information and helpful resources.

President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)*. The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes $1,200 payments to qualifying Americans, $100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over $370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* $1.25 billion. $8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, enacted last week, which increased the federal share of Medicaid payments through the emergency period by 6.2 percentage points and provided reimbursements to States for the cost of expanding certain public assistance programs. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* $1.25 billion.
- $340 billion in emergency funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak, with

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$274 billion going to state and local governments for specific purposes. This is in addition to the $150 billion distributed to states to cover their own separate efforts and forms a major part of the federal government's plan to assist state efforts.

- $5 billion for the Community Development Block Grant program, including $2 billion to existing CDBG grantees that received funding in FY 2020. The bill also provides $1 billion for states and insular areas to respond to COVID-19, including activities within entitlement and non-entitlement communities and requires that those allocations. Any remaining funds will be distributed directly to states on a rolling basis.
- A $500 billion for loans and guarantees through an Economic Stabilization Fund that authorizes the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- Additional federal funding for joint federal-state programs like Medicaid and unemployment compensation, along with other expenditures which will reduce some of the need for states to undertake new COVID-19 spending on their own.
- Read more here: ***President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus [whitehouse.gov]***

President Trump Invokes Defense Production Act (DPA) Requiring General Motors to Produce Ventilators

Statement from the President: President Trump signed a **Presidential Memorandum [whitehouse.gov]** directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use any and all authority available under the Defense Production Act to require General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators. Our negotiations with GM regarding its ability to supply ventilators have been productive, but our fight against the virus is too urgent to allow the give-and-take of the contracting process to continue to run its normal course. GM was wasting time. Today's action will help ensure the quick production of ventilators that will save American lives.

Apple Announces COVID-19 Screening Tool in Partnership with the White House and Administration

As a direct result of President Donald J. Trump's all-of-America campaign to combat COVID-19, Apple Inc. has partnered with the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop an interactive COVID-19 Screening Tool, now available on Apple.com/COVID19 and as an app named COVID-19 in the App Store (learn more **here [apple.com]**). Users can also find links to these tools at Coronavirus.gov. This new tool guides users through a set of questions covering symptoms, risk factors, and potential exposure. The tool then generates recommendations provided by the CDC

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for users based on the inputs they provided. Those CDC recommendations will be updated regularly. In addition, the CDC will be open-sourcing the underlying recommendations and algorithms, allowing other private-sector entities to build additional innovative tools. The recommendations and algorithms will be published at open.cdc.gov. The White House commends companies like Apple Inc. for answering President Trump's call for a public-private alliance against this invisible enemy.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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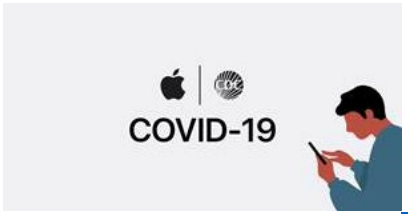

[apple.com]
Download the COVID-19 App

COVID-19: Important Resources for State and Local Officials



- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: The White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread [whitehouse.gov]**

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(Español [whitehouse.gov])– to help protect all Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk —and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health. Find the guidelines here:

- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov [coronavirus.gov]. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live here [whitehouse.gov].
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership [whitehouse.gov]. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found here [fema.gov].
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a website [fema.gov] to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention website [justice.gov]. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a website [consumer.ftc.gov] with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool [apple.com]. Follow the White House on Twitter [twitter.com] and Facebook [facebook.com]. Also follow HHS (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) and CDC (Twitter [twitter.com]/Facebook [facebook.com]) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's YouTube [youtube.com] page.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions here [usa.gov]. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS [cdc.gov]), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS [cms.gov]), Food and Drug Administration (FDA [fda.gov]), Department of Education (DoED [ed.gov]), Department of Agriculture (USDA [usda.gov]), Small Business Administration (SBA [sba.gov]), Department of Labor (DOL [osha.gov]), Department of Homeland Security (DHS [dhs.gov]), Department of State (DOS [travel.state.gov]), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA [publichealth.va.gov]), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [epa.gov]), Department of the Interior (DOI

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[doi.gov]), Department of Energy (DOE [energy.gov]), Department of Commerce (DOC [commerce.gov]), Department of Justice (DOJ [justice.gov]), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD [hud.gov]), Department of the Treasury (USDT [home.treasury.gov]), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI [dni.gov]), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC [eac.gov]).

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State and Local Leaders –

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Decisive action from President Trump at the beginning of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak—including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy—has given state and local officials and private sector partners time to prepare. Last month, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response. The Administration and Coronavirus Task Force have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. It is important to note that at this time, the risk of infection for Americans remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed. Below, please find additional pertinent information.

Up-To-Date Information: Additional helpful resources and up-to-date information can be found on the below websites and social media channels.

For background and the most up-to-date information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website: HERE [cdc.gov]

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Twitter (**here [twitter.com]**)
- Facebook (**here [facebook.com]**)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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- Facebook (**here [facebook.com]**)

Latest Updates: Below, please find pertinent updates on Administrations actions.

- **President Donald J. Trump & Vice President Mike Pence Press**

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Conference with HHS, CDC, & NIH Officials on Saturday, February 29 (**video [youtu.be]** / **remarks [whitehouse.gov]**)

- **FDA Issues New Policy to Help Expedite Availability of Diagnostics.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's issued a new policy for certain laboratories seeking to develop diagnostic tests for coronavirus in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S. (more **here [fda.gov]**)
- ***The Associated Press*: Pence Says States Will Receive Help If Coronavirus Spreads.** Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that the federal government is prepared to assist the states if the coronavirus spreads significantly across the country — an eventuality he called unlikely. Pence told a brief press conference in Florida that as a former Indiana governor he understands the need for state and federal partnerships in dealing with a potential health crisis. President Donald Trump appointed Pence on Wednesday to oversee the administration's response to the coronavirus. Pence was in Florida to speak to a conservative political group and raise money for Republican congressional campaigns, but also met with GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis and his health staff at Palm Beach International Airport before speaking with reporters. (more **here [whitehouse.us19.list-manage.com]**)
- ***USA Today*: 'No Need To Panic': President Trump Says Risk To Americans Is Low As First Coronavirus Death Reported In U.S.** In a rare televised news conference from the White House on Saturday, President Donald Trump said the risk to Americans from coronavirus remains low and that he would meet with pharmaceutical companies next week to discuss development of a vaccine. His comments came as the first U.S. death from the disease was reported. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence also announced new travel restrictions to combat the virus, which has infected more than 84,000 people and killed nearly 3,000 people globally. An existing travel ban on Iran will be expanded to prevent any foreign national who has been in that country in the past 14 days from entering the U.S. The administration also advised Americans not to travel to regions of Italy and South Korea that have been impacted by the virus. (more **here [whitehouse.us19.list-manage.com]**)

Helpful Agency Contact Information: Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the Federal family.

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Darcie Johnston (Office – 202-853-0582 / Cell – 202-690-1058 / Email – darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Cherie Short (Office – 202-441-3101 / Cell – 202-893-2941 / Email – cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State – Bill Killion (Office – 202-647-7595 / Cell – 202-294-2605 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation – Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)

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President's Coronavirus Task Force



Vice President Mike Pence: "Today, I led a meeting of the White House Coronavirus Taskforce at @HHSgov. Grateful for the work of @SecAzar, @Surgeon_General, @NIH, Dr. Fauci and more. As President @realDonaldTrump said, we're ready and we'll continue to put the health and safety of the American people first. [twitter.com]

Led by Vice President Mike Pence, the Task Force is leading the United States Government response to the novel 2019 coronavirus. The Task Force is composed of subject matter experts from the White House and several United States Government agencies and includes some of the Nation's foremost experts on infectious diseases. The Task Force leads the Administration's efforts to monitor, contain, and mitigate the spread of the virus, while ensuring that the American people have the most accurate and up-to-date health and travel information. Additional information about the Task Force can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. If you would like to contact the Task Force, please reach out to White House Intergovernmental Affairs Staff.

What You Need To Know: President Trump and the Administration Are Taking a Whole-Of-Government Approach to Protecting the American People

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President Trump has made the safety, security and health of the American people his top priority from day one.

- There is no higher priority for President Trump than protecting the health and safety of Americans.
- In 2018, President Trump signed the National Biodefense Strategy [whitehouse.gov] (more here [whitehouse.gov]), which improves speed of action in situations such as this.
- While additional cases are expected, the general risk to the American public remains low and the Administration is taking measures to keep the threat low.

Since the very beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the President has taken an unprecedented whole-of-government approach to protect the American people.

- President Trump took unprecedented action and suspended all travel into the United States from China. This is chief among reasons why the threat to Americans from coronavirus remains low.
- Issuing a public health emergency declaration on January 31.
- Establishing the White House task force to combat the coronavirus spread.
- The White House has already met with over 40 state, county and health officials in 30 states on how to respond to the potential threat of the coronavirus. We will be continuing to reach out to governors, state and local officials, and Members of Congress to ensure they have the necessary resources.
- Remained in close contact with our Nation’s governors.

While the threat to the American public remains low, the President has directed the White House Task Force to take all steps to ensure the health and well-being of the American people and we are well-prepared.

- Americans do not need to change their day-to-day lives but should stay informed and practice good hygiene.
- There are good tried and true hygiene practices which can be very effective to reduce the chance of getting sick.
- Travelers are encouraged to always exercise healthy travel habits when traveling and to follow appropriate guidance (*see* here [wwwnc.cdc.gov]). At this time, there are no restrictions on travel anywhere in the United States.
- We are working rapidly on therapeutics and vaccines and have launched the first

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U.S. clinical trial for an investigational antiviral.
- The United States has the finest public health system in the world and knows the playbook to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

The United States is helping lead the global response to the coronavirus outbreak and offering assistance to the Chinese people in their time of need.
- The Coronavirus Task Force and Administration continue to operationalize a unified government-wide public health response.
- The Administration has requested funding from Congress to help cover all the needs across the federal government to remain prepared for the Coronavirus – the Administration encourages Congress to move expeditiously to provide additional resources to the Federal government and our State and local partners.

Local, State, tribal, & Federal coordinated preparedness & response efforts.
- Federal officials have been working diligently to communicate with State, local, and tribal officials on the Federal government's efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-1.
- Our Nation's Governors have participated in-person and conference call briefings with Federal partners (January 30, February 9, and February 20) – and another one is scheduled for March 2.
- White House, OMB, HHS, DHS, DOT, and State Department Officials met with over 40 State, county, and city health officials from over 30 States and territories to thank them for their leadership and to continue discussions on the Federal-State-Local partnership to prepare and respond to COVID-19 (February 25).
- HHS, CDC, DHS, and Federal partners have held numerous national briefing calls with State, local, tribal, private-sector, and community leaders.
- The Trump Administration is partnering with State, local, and tribal elected and appointed leaders' associations.

Excerpt from On-The-Record Pen and Pad Roundtable by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Other Senior Administration Officials on Resources Available to Combat the Coronavirus (*February 28, 2020)*

SECRETARY AZAR: Well, thanks for coming, everybody. In case you didn't hear from us enough the other night, wanted to give you an update on the budget issues, in particular.

As the President has repeatedly emphasized, there is no higher priority for us than protecting the health and safety of Americans. Thanks to the President's aggressive containment efforts, at this time, the risk from COVID-19 to the American public is low. But as we have all repeatedly emphasized, that has the potential to change.

The President's bold, decisive decisions have brought us extremely -- have bought us extremely valuable time to prepare for the possibility that the situation may worsen and we may need to mitigate its spread in the United States. That time is valuable for all sorts of things, including state and local preparation, and the development of diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines.

It's also helped us determine our funding and resource needs, allowing the White House to

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make its supplemental funding request of Congress earlier this week. We want to work with Congress to determine the funds we need for FY2020 first, because our priorities here are speed and flexibility.

HHS is already using up the $105 million in the Infectious Disease Rapid Response Reserve Fund, which has been vital, but it's not enough -- which is why we are moving forward with a transfer of $136 million to continue our public health response, which I notified Congress about on February the 2nd.

Thanks to investments supported by this administration, we have highly valuable and flexible relationships and contracting methods for developing and purchasing diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines through entities like BARDA. But we'll need more money for the focused drive toward countermeasures that we need to keep America safe.

Working on a supplemental needs to be a top priority for Congress. As the President has said, this is not a time for politics. We cannot undertake all the preparation that it's widely acknowledged we need without more funding.

As chairman of the Coronavirus Task Force, I have already begun working alongside Vice President Pence, Acting Director Vought, Director Ueland, and others to begin productive discussions with Congress about what funding should look like.

We laid out five key elements of our supplemental request. First, surveillance. Second, state and local support. Third, therapeutics. Fourth, vaccines. And fifth, personal protective equipment, or PPE.

I want to mention some particular activities we plan with the funding. With surveillance funds, we'll build on existing influenza surveillance systems, covering all states and adding coronavirus testing and reporting to the current flu systems. We request funding for grants to state and local jurisdictions for epidemiology, lab capacity, infection control, and other activities, complementing CDC investments over the years. And we've requested new funding for the 62 recipients of our hospital preparedness program.

We request $1 billion in support for the development of up to five candidate coronavirus vaccines, including support for one or more through phase-three clinical trials.

On therapeutics and diagnostics, we request support for investigation of broad-spectrum antivirals, research on existing monoclonal antibodies that work on other coronaviruses, development of new targeted monoclonal antibodies, and screening of small molecule compounds that have existing clinical data. We request support for these activities through early clinical trials.

We also request support for development of assays to ensure ready availability of diagnostics, plus funding to help the FDA support these development priorities -- pipelines.

On personal protective equipment, we propose almost half a billion dollars in investments for the Strategic National Stockpile to increase production, capacity, and purchase of respirators, ventilators, and antimicrobials for secondary infections.

These kinds of activities will build on activities that we have prioritized and generously funded over the years. Since FY2017, under President Trump, the CDC's budget has increased by $668 million, while NIH's budget has increased by more than $7 billion.

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The FY2020 appropriations signed by President Trump include $2.7 billion for preparedness programs in HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, up about $600 million from FY2017. That included a 130-million-dollar increase in annual spending for the Strategic National Stockpile, and a 203-million-dollar increase in our Pandemic Preparedness Program.

The President's 2021 budget for CDC, developed before we knew the coronavirus would present such an emergency, reflects similar priorities. It maintains the $675 million in state and local preparedness investments, the FEP funding. It prioritizes infectious disease funding and proposes a $50 million increase for CDC's Global Health Security Agenda efforts.

That reflects this administration's longtime focus on effective preparedness programs, the CDC's core mission of infectious disease response, and support for tackling infectious disease threats, especially ones that can cross borders.

I've been a strong advocate for this work and so have leaders across the Trump administration. Tragically, we are now reminded why we've made the case for these priorities over the years. And this situation demands more support from Congress, just as earlier potential pandemic situations have.

[...]

DIRECTOR VOUGHT: So the first one I want to tackle is the total amount for CDC of fighting infectious diseases and preparedness in the President's budget versus last year. So, last year, fiscal year 2020, there was $4.182 billion for fighting infectious diseases and preparedness within CDC. We then increased that in the President's budget by 3 percent -- $135 million -- to $4.317 billion.

So from the standpoint of everything that -- all of the activities that are going on at CDC in this area, there's an increase of 3 percent.

There is a topline reduction in the President's budget for CDC in areas that are not infectious disease fighting and preparedness -- things like climate change research; things like occupational health research that is not going to go away, but is merely something that we no longer feel like we need to jumpstart research that universities are doing, and they have been doing it since 1970, when these programs were first created because it wasn't happening at universities.

We also think there's waste, fraud, and abuse in this area, where you have studies on how taxi drivers are taking too few bathroom breaks, and whether that's an important occupational health issue.

Those are the kinds of things that we still think, even in a time of making sure that all the resources are there for CDC, we can find inefficiencies and waste, and deal with mission creep at the same time.

So it is not true that we cut CDC infectious disease fighting -- which gets me to the second one, which I think this is the main inaccuracy out there, which is this notion that you see in some of the New York Post and CNN reporting that we cut CDC by 80 percent. It's flat-out inaccurate.

Let me explain how the numbers are concocted, comparing apples and oranges, to get that

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80 percent. When the Ebola supplemental was passed, there was $597 million provided over five years. It was not an annual spend; it was a five-year lump sum supplemental. Per year, that was $119 million for global health activities that would apply to any infectious disease. But that was passed by Congress as part of the Ebola supplemental.

The last two years of that five-year supplemental, we began to make sure that it would be funded within the base amount of resources. So we put forward $50 million in Fiscal Year '18, $50 million in Fiscal Year '19, $125 million in Fiscal Year '20, and in this budget we propose $175 million in Fiscal Year '21.

So, in -- while it was still available, we were taking steps to make sure it was funded within base resources. So when the supplemental emergency funding expired, there would still be there, and then when that expired we then pulsed it up to $125 [million]. And this year we propose it at $175 [million]. So significant resources there.

You hear, in the same kind of stories, about leaked memos regarding contingency plans. Those were -- we never got to the point where the funds were expired. And so the contingency plans were what they're meant to be: contingency plans if the funds go away. So, kind of -- we keep seeing this story out there. It's flat-out inaccurate.

I want to talk a little bit about the run rate. So when we talk about: Is there money in the account right now? There's money in the account. We have spent $77 million of the $105 million that Secretary Azar mentioned.

We will be able to get through into April. We can't tell you with a specific degree of certainty, but we're in a good place right now, temporarily. The difference between what we have actually spent, and the -- and the amounts that are provided, we have committed to other activities. We need a supplemental; we need it soon. There's no doubt about that. But we haven't run out of money. And we've got some time and we think that Congress is taking this very seriously.

Eric will speak to how quickly they will move a supplemental. But we're moving forward and we are making sure we have all the accurate data.

I've heard the argument from the Hill: "Well, you haven't given us all of the obligation rates." Well, that's because we're trying to get all of the obligation rates ourselves: collect them, make sure we have all of them from the various different accounts across the federal government, compile them, and get them to the Hill. And we will be as transparent as we always have.

And then the last thing I would just say from a comparison of -- this is our sup request versus their sup request. Remember that ours was based on the notion of what's needed for the seven months remaining in Fiscal Year '20. We put forward a two-and-a-half-billion-dollar request. The President has been very -- made it very clear. Secretary Azar, as head of our task force, has made it very clear. We are willing to go to a higher level if Congress feels the need to do that. But we put forward a two-and-a-half-billion-dollar request based on what was required in seven months, knowing that we're going to go right into Fiscal Year '21 appropriations, and build in additional resources for this area.

So when you see a big number from Senator Schumer -- again, not much detail there, but the assumption is that that is a five-year number. "No-year money" was what we call it. And so, to some extent, you're dealing, again, with apples and oranges. The Ebola supplemental was, again, no-year money, so it wasn't intended to be for what was needed in

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this particular fiscal year.

So those are the main things that I've seen that I wanted to make sure we definitely unpack. And I'm sure we'll do more of that in the Q&A.

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Subject: What You Need To Know: Women"s Global Development and Prosperity Initiative Celebrates Year Anniversary
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:53:58 PM
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This month marks one year since President Trump launched the **Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative** (W-GDP). Ivanka Trump (Senior Advisor, The White House) celebrated the year anniversary of W-GDP at the State Department. "Whereas past presidents have talked a big game about women's empowerment, she said, the Trump Administration is delivering." **The idea driving W-GDP is simple**: When women are economically empowered, they reinvest that wealth in their families and communities. The ripple effect spurs more inclusive growth still—and often brings peace and stability with it. **W-GDP's ambitious goal**: To help 50 million women in the developing world by 2025. Under Ivanka Trump's leadership, 12 million women have been served in year one alone.



WATCH: Ivanka Trump explains the importance of W-GDP and its success to date [twitter.com]

WATCH: Ivanka Trump discusses the importance of the Trump Administration codifying the role of women as a foreign policy priority [twitter.com]

READ: New York Times – Senators Want Ivanka Trump's Women's Program to Become Law [nytimes.com]

Alongside the milestone celebration, W-GDP announced two NEW reports on women's economic empowerment; the first-ever **W-GDP Annual Report** and a landmark report developed in conjunction with the White House's Council of Economic Advisors, establishing the **W-GDP Index**. Also unveiled, bipartisan **legislation** (**The Women's Global Empowerment, Development, and Prosperity Act**) – sponsored by Senators Lindsey Graham (R, SC) and

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Jeanne Shaheen (D, NH – to promote the empowerment, development, and prosperity of women globally. This legislation would permanently authorize W-GDP, and establish women's economic empowerment as a core facet of the United States' foreign policy, in line with the President's National Security Strategy. The legislation also permanently elevates these efforts at the State Department, by establishing for the first time in legislation an Office of Women's Empowerment, led by an Ambassador-at-Large for Women's Empowerment. This codification of work will ensure that our foreign policy efforts permanently prioritize the role of women.

Below, please find additional information. You can also visit W-GDP's website **here [whitehouse.gov]**. We welcome your feedback and support!

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Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP)



W-GDP Background

Launched by President Trump in February 2019, and spearheaded by Advisor to the President Ivanka M. Trump, W-GDP is the first whole-of-government approach to help millions of women around the globe achieve their economic potential. W-GDP will aim to reach 50 million women across the developing world by 2025 through three pillars: workforce training and development, entrepreneurship promotion and access to capital, and addressing the legal and cultural barriers that constrain women's full economic participation. President Trump established the W-GDP Initiative with a new W-GDP Fund, as well as a commitment to collectively attribute no less than $300 million per year in U.S. Government programs to W-GDP.

President Trump issued a new Presidential Memorandum to build on the National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM) that launched the W-GDP Initiative last year, which will further elaborate on W-GDP's Third Pillar, addressing legal and regulatory barriers to women's full and free participation in the economy. The Presidential Memorandum can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. The memo will instruct relevant heads of executive departments and agencies to focus their programmatic and diplomatic efforts, by developing action plans for identifying and addressing following five areas of emphasis in support of pillar three of the W-GDP Initiative:

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Barrier 1: Accessing Institutions: Reduce restrictions on women's authority to sign legal documents, such as contracts and court documents, and address unequal access to courts and administrative bodies for women, whether officially or though lack of proper enforcement.

Barrier 2: Building Credit: Ensure women's equal access to credit and capital to start and grow their businesses, and prohibit discrimination in accessing credit by sex or marital status.

Barrier 3: Owning and Managing Property: Lift restrictions for women on possessing and managing property, including limitations on inheritance and the ability to transfer, purchase, or lease property.

Barrier 4: Traveling Freely: Address constraints on women's freedom of movement, including restrictions on obtaining passports.

Barrier 5: Removing Restrictions on Employment: Eliminate barriers that limit women's working hours, occupations, or tasks.

W-GDP Annual Report

The W-GDP Annual Report documents the initiative's progress since its launch in February 2019, including the scale of its reach. Highlights include:

- 12 million women have directly benefited from W-GDP programs in the past year.
- 5 legal instruments adopted with U.S. Government assistance to promote gender equality or non-discrimination.

Read the full report **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

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CEA's W-GDP Index Report

The W-GDP Index focuses on the impact of removing the 5 W-GDP legal barriers – accessing institutions, building credit, owning and managing property, traveling freely, and removing employment restrictions – and the potential these changes could have to yield large increases in economic output. Highlights include:

- CEA estimates that fully addressing the 5 W-GDP legal barriers to women's economic activity could increase annual global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by $7.7 trillion, or 8.3 percent. This represents an increase in global GDP of about $7.7 trillion.
- If all countries had a 100 W-GDP index, female labor force participation relative to male labor force participation would have been 5.55 percentage points higher in 2018.
- Women's economic empowerment increases human capital investment. Over the long term, greater human capital can help to drive the process of economic development and the transition from traditional economies to modern economies.

Read the full report **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Statements of Support

"Congratulations to the W-GDP Initiative on a successful first year. The initiative has secured important public-private partnerships and mobilized funding to help women across the globe gain access to economic opportunities. Promoting women's economic empowerment is closely aligned with the goals of the IMF, and our work shows that it matters greatly for economic growth, poverty reduction, and economic resilience. But there is still much to do. Opportunity gaps between men and women remain significant in many developing countries, with women bearing disproportionately the burden of unpaid work. Together, we can make a difference in eliminating the institutional, social, and cultural constraints that continue to inhibit women's full participation in the economy. We look forward to collaborating with the W-GDP Initiative to overcome these

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challenges and achieving our shared goal to strengthen global prosperity." – Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

"The Trump Administration's W-GDP Initiative is an extraordinarily powerful way to boost global economic development, and, at the same time, to bolster the dignity and worth of women by pushing for the economic rights and tools they should be afforded under the rule of law. Give women the legal right to enter into contracts and to own property, and they will help bring the economies in their developing countries to new and exciting heights!" – Leonard Leo, The Federalist Society

"The economic empowerment of all women is critical to achieving gender equality across the globe. It is one of the most important things we can do to advance an open, inclusive, accessible economy for everyone, everywhere. I am proud of the work Visa is doing to promote gender equality and empower women and girls and I applaud the accomplishments of the Women's Global Development & Prosperity (W-GDP) initiative under the leadership of Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump. Addressing the challenges to economic empowerment of women and girls will require multi-stakeholder, public-private partnerships. It will also require an innovative and sustained focus on improving equal access to funding, networks and skills for women entrepreneurs. As an example of our work in this area, the Visa Foundation partnered with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) Gender Equality Initiative, and W-GDP, to support investment for women-led small & growing businesses (SGBs) in select countries across South and Southeast Asia. Visa is committed to helping promote economic empowerment for women across the globe and is pleased to be able to collaborate with W-GDP." – Al Kelly, Chairman and CEO, Visa Inc.

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From:	Rod Trump
To:	Danna Ackerman-White; Dave Kerner M.; Robert Weinroth S.; Verdenia Baker; Hal Valeche; Gregg Weiss; MaryLou Berger; Mack Bernard; Melissa McKinlay
Subject:	White House COVID-19 Task Force: Sunlight kills the virus
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:37:23 PM

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Full article in link but here are the highlights:

The most striking observation, according to Bryan (HEAD OF US HOMELAND SECURITY), is that **solar light kills the virus on surfaces and in the air.**

He also suggested that ***people should do outside activities because the sunlight impedes the virus transmission.***

Link to article:

https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/duval-county/white-house-covid-19-task-force-sunlight-kills-virus/WUIJ7KFMABB2PPOK44K7ZQKNAQ/

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
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Local Elected Officials and Leaders –

Looking back over the past three years, President Donald Trump and the Administration, working alongside our State and local partners, have delivered unprecedented results for the American people (**President Donald J. Trump Has Delivered Record Breaking Results for the American People in His First Three Years in Office [whitehouse.gov]**). This starts with the economy. On January 30, 2020, the Bureau of Economic Analysis released its advance estimate for United States GDP for the fourth quarter of 2019 and the entire calendar year. The release estimates that real GDP grew 2.1 percent at an annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 2.3 percent over the four quarters of 2019 (*see* **United States GDP Growth Continues Exceeding Expectations [whitehouse.gov]**). Because of the Trump Administration's pro-growth policies, high labor demand is leading to increased employment and growing wages as businesses raise pay to attract workers.



Below, please find information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments –

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Partnering on Regulatory Innovation, Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization, Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment, Combatting Human Trafficking, and Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic, just to name a few. As we begin a new year, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs looks forward to continuing to work with you on issues pertinent to your communities and on advancing shared goals and priorities. We will, of course, continue to send timely updates, such as this, hold briefing calls, and convene meetings and roundtables here at the White House. Below, please find additional information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments. We welcome your feedback and input. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

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Partnering on Regulatory Innovation



In his first week in office, President Trump issued a challenge to his Administration: For every new regulation introduced, 2 old ones must be cut. The result to date, Federal agencies issued 372 deregulatory actions and only 44 new significant regulatory actions, far exceeding the 2:1 goal with an 8.5:1 ratio for deregulatory to significant regulatory actions. On January 23, 2020, the Administration announced a **new, clear definition for "waters of the United States" (i.e. WOTUS)** thus delivering on President Trump's promise to finalize a revised WOTUS definition that protects the nation's navigable waters from pollution and will result in economic growth across the country. Read more **here [epa.gov]**. On January 9, 2020, President Trump announced a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will modernize the National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) regulations** to

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promote more efficient, effective, and timely NEPA reviews of infrastructure projects that will increase our nation's economic competitiveness. Read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Also see State and local engagement in support **here [whitehouse.gov]**. In October 2019, President Donald Trump announced the **Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**. The Initiative builds on the Administration's deregulatory success and momentum by engaging State, local, and Tribal leaders on reducing the number of regulations and associates costs across the country (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**). If you are interested in joining us as a *public champion* in this endeavor, please let us know! Also find a recent article on the Administration's deregulatory efforts here: **Trump Issues Fewest Regulations in 44 Years, Third Record Low [washingtonexaminer.com]**.

Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization



The Trump Administration is committed to empowering local communities through innovative approaches to urban revitalization and rural prosperity. In November 2019, Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced $900 million in historic investment in American infrastructure. More **here [transportation.gov]**. DOT also announced the **Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative**, which is designed to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure. More **here [transportation.gov]**. The U.S. Department of Agriculture continues to roll out $600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. A list of announced awards can be found **here [rd.usda.gov]**.

Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment

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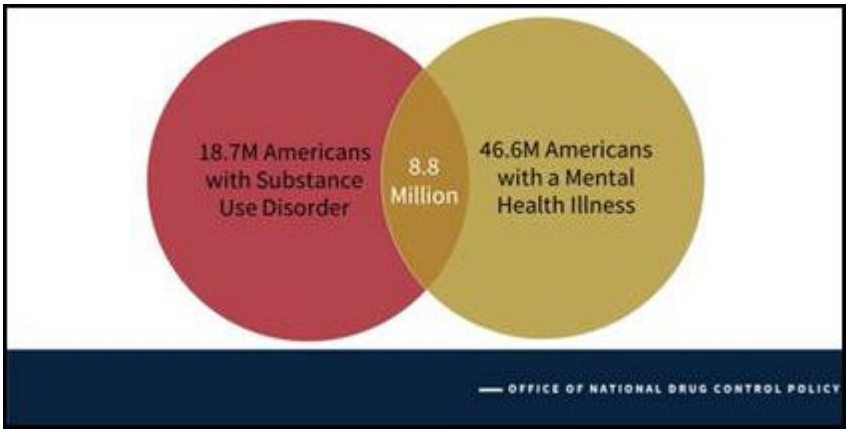

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President Trump and the Administration are committed to delivering 21st century mental health treatment. In partnership with States, the Trump Administration has granted 27 State institution for mental disease (IMD) exclusion Medicaid waivers for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and recently granted the first serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbance Medicaid waiver to Washington, D.C. with several States expected to follow soon. In December 2019, President Trump attended the White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence, and Substance Abuse. You can find the President's remarks **here [whitehouse.gov]** and coverage from C-SPAN **here [c-span.org]**.

Combatting Human Trafficking



President Trump has made it a priority to leverage every resource of the Federal government to end the scourge of human trafficking. On December 31, 2019, President Trump issued a **Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** (**here [whitehouse.gov]**). The **President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons** works tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and prevent future crime. You can read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. President Trump will also propose a $42 million budget to expand support for victims of human trafficking and to boost investigations and prosecutions (more **here [mcclatchydc.com]**).

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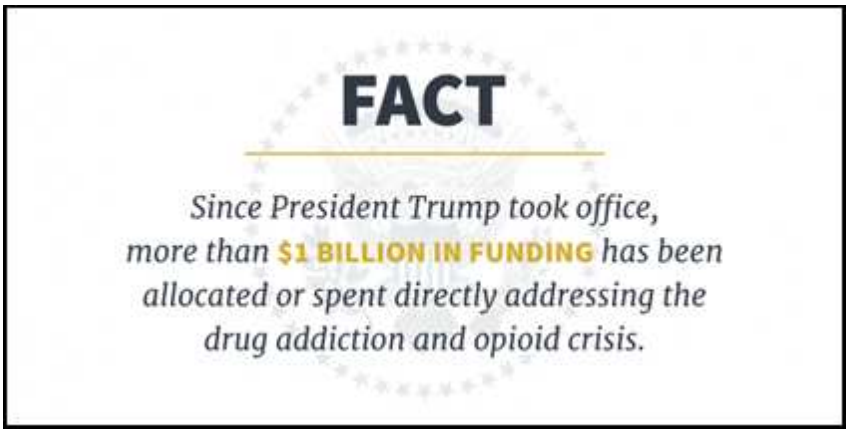
Supporting Working Families



President Trump and the Administration are focused on making sure the U.S. is the best place in the world to conduct business, work, and raise a family. On December 12, President Trump and Ivanka Trump hosted a White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Family Leave. In addition to championing the Administration's work with Congress to secure paid parental leave for all Federal employees in the **2019 National Defense Authorization Act**, the President and Ivanka outlined principles for common sense, innovative child care policy reforms and practices that increase access to quality care, choice, and flexibility for America's working parents. You can find a **Fact Sheet** here [whitehouse.gov], a **Recap of the Summit** here [twitter.com], and the **White House Principles for Child Care Reform** here [whitehouse.gov]. You can also find a paper from the Council of Economic Advisors on The Role of Affordable Child Care in Promoting Work Outside the Home here [whitehouse.gov].

Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic



When President Trump took office, the opioid crisis was devastating communities across America. Nearly 64,000 Americans died from a drug overdose in 2016 alone. On Thursday, January 30, the Administration announced the release of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2018 mortality statistics that showed a 4.1% nationwide decline in drug overdose deaths for the first time in 29 years and a rise in

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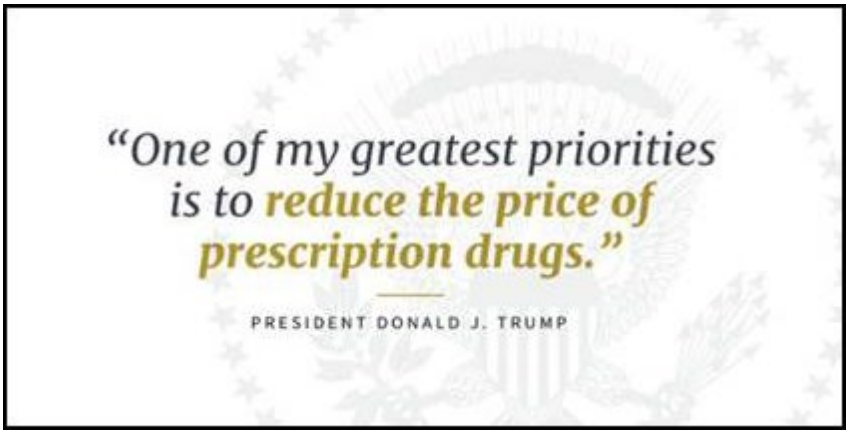
life expectancy for the first time in four years. Read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Also see more on the Administration's efforts to ending America's Opioid Crisis **here [whitehouse.gov]**. In October 2019, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced an initial round of 150 new grants for its Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program. The 150 grants represent a total Federal investment of over $18 million to community coalitions (more here [whitehouse.gov]). ONDCP also announced $4.5 million in Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-Level Intervention (COOCLI) grants to 14 programs across the country (more here [whitehouse.gov]).

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices



Since President Trump took office, one of the Administration's top priorities has been to reduce the price of prescription drugs. According to the Council of Economic Advisors, prescription drug prices continue to fall and are over 2 percent below their peak. Increased generic drug approvals under this Administration continue driving price reductions. The CEA report can be found **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Other actions taken by the Administration include HHS issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that, if finalized, would allow for the importation of certain prescription drugs from Canada (more here [hhs.gov]). The NPRM would allow states and certain other non-federal government entities to submit importation program proposals to the FDA for review and authorization.

Expanding Trade

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On Wednesday, January 29, President Trump signed the **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**. The USMCA replaces the outdated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and delivers on the President's promise to deliver fairer and more reciprocal trade for the American people. Read more **here [whitehouse.gov]**. In January, President Trump also secured a historic **Phase One Trade Agreement with China** (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**). Read State and local elected officials support for the agreement **here [whitehouse.gov]**. Additionally, Japan's Parliament approved the **U.S. – Japan Trade Deal** that will provide staged reduction of Japanese tariffs for more than $2 billion worth of U.S. beef and pork, matching access now granted to the 11 Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact countries (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).

Rebuilding Our Nation's Military



President Trump **signed [whitehouse.gov]** the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** that delivers on his pledge to rebuild our military by signing legislation authorizing $716 billion for our national defense. The legislation also supports our civilian workforce by providing up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave to nearly all Federal employees to help recruit the best and brightest for years to come (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).

Advancing Criminal Justice Reform

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President Trump championed criminal justice reform at the 2019 Second Step Presidential Justice Forum in Columbia, SC. In 2018, President Trump signed the groundbreaking **First Step Act** which enacted reforms that make our justice system fairer and help former inmates successfully return to society. More **here [whitehouse.gov]**.

Supporting Indian Country



The White House hosted a Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans that honored the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community (more **here [twitter.com]**). President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing a task force to address the rash of violence against missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**). President Trump **signed [twitter.com]** legislation supporting tribal sovereignty and native culture (more **here [whitehouse.gov]**).

Developing Opportunity Zones

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Treasury and IRS **issued [home.treasury.gov]** final regulations implementing the Opportunity Zones tax incentive. SBA finalized a **rule [sba.gov]** to implement changes to the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program that will make the program more attractive to small business and encourage them to invest in HUBZone communities and hire HUBZone residents.

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FACT

Since President Trump took office, more than **$1 BILLION IN FUNDING** *has been allocated or spent directly addressing the drug addiction and opioid crisis.*

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From: Pablo Rivera <PRivera@pbcgov.org>
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Attachment(s): "FL-PALMBEACH-20-1055.pdf","FL-PALMBEACH-20-1058.pdf"

Nicole,
Here's the search I ran for PRR 20-01735. The results will have emails that are not from the requested email addresses but contain part of one of the keywords, for example "trump@gmail" or similar. Let me know if questions.
Just now uploaded the PTS file.
Any emails between 01/30/2020 and 04/27/2020 containing in the TO or FROM fields any of these words: "trumporg" "trump" "trumphotels" "ijkfamily" "eop".
Target mailboxes:
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Robert S. Weinroth
Dave Kerner
David Bernhardt
Aide Danna Ackerman-White
Jon Van Arnam
Lucia Bonavita
Anna-Marie Suhar
Verdenia C. Baker

From: Nicole Ferris
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Ray Walter ; Laura Beebe ; Shakira S. Kolb ; Steve Schlamp
Cc: ISS-PublicRecordsRequests
Subject: American Oversight Email Requests
Hi Everyone,
Attached and summarized below are two email requests received today from American Oversight related to the Trump International Golf course.
Forwarding to ISS to perform the searches. I assume there won't be much to provide for 2020-01735.

PRR-2020-01735

Requestor Name:
Austin Evers

Description:
All email communications between PBC staff named below and anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov.

a. District 7 Commissioner Mack Bernard
b. District 4 Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth
c. District 3 Commissioner Dave Kerner
d. Commission Administrative Aide David Bernhardt
e. Commission Administrative Aide Danna Ackerman-White
f. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam
g. Senior Administrative Assistant Lucia Bonavita
h. Administrative Assistant Anna-Marie Suhar
i. Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker from January 30, 2020 – April 27, 2020

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a. Director of Properties Ray Walter
b. Airports Director Laura Beebe
c. Airport Business Affairs Technician Debra Reese
d. Assistant Properties Manager Shakira Kolb
e. Assistant Properties Manager Steven Schlamp

Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, to the date the search is conducted (April 27, 2020)

Thank you,

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April 27, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to Florida's public records laws, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that Palm Beach County promptly produce the following:

> All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between **(1)** any of the Palm Beach County officials listed below, and **(2)** anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov.
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> i. Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker
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> Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, to the date the search is conducted.
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Sincerely,



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to Florida's public records laws, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Palm Beach Department of Airports promptly produce the following:

> All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between **(1)** any of the Department of Airport officials listed below, and **(2)** anyone representing or employed by the Trump Organization or within the Executive Office of the President. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with trumporg.com, trump.com, trumphotels.com, ijkfamily.com, or eop.gov.
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> Department of Airport Officials:
> a. Director of Properties Ray Walter
> b. Airports Director Laura Beebe
> c. Airport Business Affairs Technician Debra Reese
> d. Assistant Properties Manager Shakira Kolb
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