

30 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

President Trump announced updated guidelines this week to continue slowing the spread of Coronavirus in America. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

If you are a healthcare worker and would like to volunteer to assist in New York City, please find more information [here](#).

HOW TO HELP – If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website (www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To **sell medical supplies or equipment** to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
 - This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at www.sam.gov. Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.
- If you have **medical supplies or equipment to donate**, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
- If you are a private company that wants to **produce a product related** to the COVID response – email nbeoc@max.gov.
- If you are a **hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies**, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in **doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19** with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov.

For additional information please visit FEMA’s website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

WHITE HOUSE COVID-19 UPDATES

- Statement from the President Regarding the Defense Production Act ([HERE](#))
- President Trump Approves Disaster Declaration for [Arkansas](#), [Indiana](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Oregon](#), and [West Virginia](#)
- Memorandum on Allocating Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources to Domestic Use ([HERE](#))
- President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing ([REMARKS](#))
- President Trump Meets with Energy Sector CEOs ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))

SBA’S PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC LAUNCHES ([HERE](#))

- The program provides forgivable loans up to \$10 million to small businesses left financially distressed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The loans, which will be administered at the local level by a national network of banks and credit unions, are designed to maintain the viability of millions of small businesses struggling to meet payroll and day-to-day operating expenses.

CDC: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLOTH FACE COVERS ([HERE](#))

- In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ISSUES KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO NURSING HOMES, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ([HERE](#))

- At the direction of President Trump, CMS, in consultation with the CDC, issued critical recommendations to state and local governments, as well as nursing homes, to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes.
 - CMS News Alert – 4/3 ([HERE](#))

FDA COORDINATES NATIONAL EFFORT TO DEVELOP BLOOD-RELATED THERAPIES FOR COVID-19 ([HERE](#))

- The FDA continues to play a critical role in accelerating medical countermeasures to treat and prevent COVID-19. As part of the response to this pandemic, the agency is taking the lead on a national effort to facilitate the development of, and access to, two investigational therapies derived from human blood.
 - FDA Roundup – 4/3 ([HERE](#))

NIDA DIRECTOR OUTLINES POTENTIAL RISKS TO PEOPLE WHO SMOKE AND USE DRUGS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC ([HERE](#))

- Dr. Volkow discusses how the serious health risks of COVID-19 pose unique challenges to people who smoke or vape, are already struggling with substance use disorders, or are in recovery from addiction.

USDA ANNOUNCES SECOND APPLICATION WINDOW FOR DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING ([HERE](#))

- USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today announced that USDA is opening a second application window for funding under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program.

STATEMENT BY U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR SCALIA ON THE MARCH JOBS REPORT ([HERE](#))

- “The Trump Administration is taking thoughtful and deliberative actions to support workers and their families while they meet the challenges of this unprecedented health crisis. The legislation signed by President Trump in March provides historic financial support for America’s workers and employers, as well as incentives for businesses to keep their workers on payroll, which will help our economy spring back as soon as possible to the vibrant conditions we had just weeks ago.”

DOL ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION DURING N95 SHORTAGE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC ([HERE](#))

- OSHA has issued interim enforcement guidance to help combat supply shortages of disposable N95 filtering face piece respirators (N95 FFRs). The action marks the department’s latest step to ensure the availability of respirators and follows President Trump’s Memorandum on Making General Use Respirators Available.

DOL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOLLOWING PAID SICK LEAVE AND EXPANDED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE IMPLEMENTATION ([HERE](#))

- Today, the U.S. Department of Labor announced more guidance to provide information to workers and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which went into effect April 1, 2020.

DOT ISSUES ENFORCEMENT NOTICE CLARIFYING AIR CARRIER REFUND REQUIREMENTS, GIVEN THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ([HERE](#))

- DOT today issued an Enforcement Notice clarifying, in the context of the COVID-19 public health emergency, that U.S. and foreign airlines remain obligated to provide a prompt refund to

passengers for flights to, within, or from the United States when the carrier cancels the passenger's scheduled flight or makes a significant schedule change and the passenger chooses not to accept the alternative offered by the carrier.

EPA ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER TALKS WITH RETAILERS AND THIRD-PARTY MARKETPLACE PLATFORMS TO DISCUSS STEPS TO PROTECT AMERICAN CONSUMERS FROM FRAUDULENT CORONAVIRUS DISINFECTANT CLAIMS ([HERE](#))

- This morning, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler hosted an interactive telephone call with U.S. retailers and third-party marketplace platforms to discuss imposter disinfectant products and those that falsely claim to be effective against the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19.

USNS MERCY, USNS COMFORT RECEIVING PATIENTS IN LA, NEW YORK CITY ([HERE](#))

- To free overwhelmed local hospitals focusing on patients with COVID-19, the Navy hospital ships USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort are docked on both U.S. coasts to provide medical and surgical care to non-COVID-19 patients.

250-PATIENT ARMY FIELD HOSPITAL IN SEATTLE EXPECTED TO OPEN NEXT WEEK ([HERE](#))

- The Army is assembling a 250-bed field hospital at the CenturyLink Event Center in Seattle that's meant to treat non-COVID-19 patients so area hospitals will be able to free up their own beds to care for those who have contracted the coronavirus disease, the commander of the 627th Hospital Center said.

DOD EXPANDS MEDICAL SUPPORT IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS ([HERE](#))

- At the request of FEMA, the Department of Defense will expand its medical support to include COVID-19 positive patients at the Javits Federal Medical Station (FMS) in New York City, the Morial FMS in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Kay Bailey Hutchinson FMS in Dallas, Texas.

SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIERS MAKE MASKS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS ([HERE](#))

- Soldiers assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group's Group Support Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, are manufacturing personal protective equipment for routine care and protection against COVID-19.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFERS GOVERNORS, MAYORS MEDICAL SITE ASSESSMENTS ([HERE](#))

- Mayors and governors looking to get assessments of certain sites that have the potential to temporarily act as medical facilities can look to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for help.

PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE TO COMBAT COVID-19 ([HERE](#))

- "To date the Department, through its departmental agencies and the military services, has obligated over \$265 million in actions issued in response to COVID-19 with National Interest Action value 'P20C' in the Federal Procurement Data System."

AIR FORCES TO MAKE NINTH FLIGHT TO DELIVER TESTING SWABS ([HERE](#))

- The Air Force's Air Mobility Command is preparing for a ninth flight next week that will bring coronavirus testing swabs from Italy to Memphis, Tennessee, for distribution across the United States, said a top Air Force official.

VA EXTENDS FINANCIAL, BENEFITS AND CLAIMS RELIEF TO VETERANS ([HERE](#))

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today a number of actions to provide Veterans with financial, benefits and claims help amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the most up-to-date information, please see the CDC's website: www.coronavirus.gov.