Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- On May 5, the Treasury Department began distributing $4.8 billion in critical funds from the CARES act to tribal governments.
  - The CARES act provides a total of $8 billion to address coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The Administration has allocated over $1 billion through the Indian Health Service (IHS), to support tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in their coronavirus response efforts.

- As of May 5, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 75.1 million N95 respirators, 120.2 million surgical masks, 7.5 million face shields, 19.3 million surgical gowns, 947.7 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - FEMA is coordinating two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to all 15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes. The shipments are meant to supplement existing efforts to provide equipment to nursing homes.

- As of May 5, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 7.3 million samples.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the International Reagent Resource (IRR) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - As of May 4, the FDA has issued 58 individual emergency use authorizations for test kit manufacturers and laboratories.

- On April 27, President Trump unveiled the Opening Up America Again Testing Overview and Testing Blueprint designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs described in the President’s Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.
The President’s Testing Blueprint sets forth the partnership between federal, state, local, and tribal governments, along with the private-sector and professional associations, all of which play important roles in meeting the Nation’s testing needs.

To support the Administration’s Testing Blueprint, FEMA is working to source and procure testing material—specifically, testing swabs and transport media.

The FEMA-sourced material will be provided to states, territories and tribes for a limited duration to help increase testing capacity in support of their individualized plans.

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