Coronavirus Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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

Topline messaging includes:

- On May 26, FEMA announced that the federal government will distribute non-contact infrared thermometers to support phased reopening of the Nation’s workplaces and restarting of the American economy.
  - The thermometers should be used in accordance with CDC guidance for businesses and employers and OSHA guidance for preparing workplaces for identifying potentially ill individuals including employees, customers, vendors or other visitors.
  - FEMA will coordinate initial distribution and delivery to state, tribal and territorial locations in late May 2020.
  - Additional NCIT are expected to be available in June. Local governments can make requests of states, with states making requests of FEMA Regions through the FEMA Resource Request Form (RRF) process.

- As of May 26, FEMA has made 977 deliveries of medical supplies to nursing homes to all 53 states and territories. 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 26, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 91.5 million N95 respirators, 144.3 million surgical masks, 12.5 million face shields, 31.1 million surgical gowns, and over 1 billion gloves.

- FEMA has procured and delivered 9.9 million swabs and 4.9 million units of media so far in the month of May. In support of the White House Task Force’s testing initiative, FEMA is procuring specimen collection supplies to supplement the supplies states and healthcare providers are procuring from the private market.
As of May 26, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 14.1 million samples.

- As of May 22, the FDA has issued 113 individual emergency use authorizations (EAU) for test kit manufacturers and laboratories, including 12 antibody tests and 1 antigen test.

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