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The Latest Update from the White House

President Trump's Coronavirus response and decisive actions have saved over 2 million lives and outperformed other nations.

"We will vanquish the virus, we will overcome this pandemic, and we will emerge better, stronger, and more unified than ever before." – President Donald J. Trump

SAVING LIVES AND OUTPERFORMING OTHER NATIONS:

- The United States has a lower excess mortality rate than Europe, including many European countries, such as: the United Kingdom, Belgium, Italy, Spain, and others.
- According to the best estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 99.997 percent of individuals aged 19 and younger who contract coronavirus make a full recovery, 99.98 percent of those aged 20 to 49 make a full recovery, and 99.5 percent aged 50 to 69 fully recover. Of those under the age of 70 who become infected, over 99 percent recover from the disease.
- Deaths are down 80 percent and are at the lowest level since late March.
- The fewest number of counties are reporting more than 10 deaths per day since March of this year.
- Hospitalizations due to coronavirus are near their lowest level nationally, with less than 6 percent of beds currently occupied by coronavirus patients.
- COVID-like illnesses make up less than 3 percent of emergency room visits.

FOCUSING ON THE SCIENCE:

- President Trump is following the science by protecting the vulnerable, preventing hospital overcrowding, and saving lives while ending harmful lockdowns.
- President Trump has deployed point of care testing equipment, millions of rapid tests, and critical PPE to nursing homes to help protect our seniors.
 - The Administration also put in place safety measures like visitation restrictions, mandated staff testing, and required reporting of cases at certain senior facilities.
 - The Trump Administration mobilized extra beds and personnel to help prevent hospital overcrowding and has deployed medical supplies to aid healthcare workers on the frontlines.
- Children and young adults are at extremely low-risk of serious illness from coronavirus.
 - Only 0.2 percent of all coronavirus deaths are in those under 25 years old.
 - Of nearly 20,000 total deaths this year in children under 15 years old from any cause, only 0.4 percent involved coronavirus.
 - Of 43,680 total deaths this year in those under 25 years old, only 1 percent involved coronavirus.
- On the other hand, lockdowns fail to eliminate the virus and are causing irreparable harm to families and children, especially the working class and people with limited resources.
 - Lockdowns have seen cancer cases and other serious illnesses not being diagnosed on time and an increase in drug overdoses and suicides.
 - Due to school shutdowns, children are falling behind in math, reading and other subjects, and have lost access to important support services.

DELIVERING NEW TREATMENTS AND VACCINES IN RECORD TIME:

- President Trump's Operation Warp Speed is a once-in-a-generation effort to ensure access to a vaccine and life-saving therapies.

- More than 140 clinical trials for therapeutics are underway and effective therapies have already been developed and deployed, helping lower the fatality rate by over 85 percent since April.
- The Administration is working to make these therapies and vaccines widely available in record time and as affordable as possible.
- The Administration is working to develop, authorize, and deploy potentially life-saving antibody treatments while a vaccine is developed.
- There are 4 vaccines already in the final stage of trials thanks to President Trump's historic efforts.
- Once a vaccine candidate is authorized, we are in a position to quickly deliver 100 million doses, with hundreds of millions of doses following shortly thereafter.

Additionally, by the end of this week, **HHS will have delivered 125 million masks to support safe school reopening**. These masks support students, teachers, and staff in public and private schools, with an emphasis on low-income or other high-needs students and schools providing in-person instruction. Learn more [here](#).

- “The President continues to support extraordinary measures to safely reopen America’s schools,” said Dr. Robert Kadlec, HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. “The school mask program exemplifies the Administration’s on-going commitment to support states and territories as they limit the spread of COVID-19, while also ensuring that children, teachers, and school staff have essential resources that will keep them safe throughout the school year.”
- For more information on the President’s school mask program, visit the [ASPR website](#).
- For more information about how the cloth masks are being distributed, [view](#) the state-by-state distribution plan.



White House Updates

- Remarks by President Trump at Swearing-In Ceremony of the Honorable Amy Coney Barrett as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))
- Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett for Supreme Court ([HERE](#))
- Remarks by President Trump Before Marine One Departure ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))
- Remarks by President Trump Before Air Force One Departure | Joint Base Andrews, MD ([REMARKS](#), [VIDEO](#))
- President Trump Takes Action to Modernize America's Water Resource Management and Infrastructure ([HERE](#))
- Proclamation on Adjusting Imports of Aluminum Into the United States ([HERE](#))

- Certification of Rescission of the Determination regarding the Government of Sudan ([HERE](#))
- Certification Pursuant to Section 6(e) of the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act of 2004, as Amended by the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006 ([HERE](#))
- Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House and Certain Congressional Committees ([HERE](#))
- 1600 Daily: Put Americans First, Not China ([HERE](#))
- West Wing Reads: Without Any Fear or Favor’: Amy Coney Barrett Vows to Uphold Constitution at Supreme Court Swearing-in Ceremony ([HERE](#))

Protein Mapping Study Reveals Valuable Clues for COVID-19 Drug Development ([HERE](#))

- One way to fight COVID-19 is with drugs that directly target SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes the disease. That’s the strategy employed by remdesivir, the only antiviral drug currently authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat COVID-19. Another promising strategy is drugs that target the proteins within human cells that the virus needs to infect, multiply, and spread.

Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19 ([HERE](#))

- For months, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has worked side by side with state, local, and private sector partners to ensure a safe and effective response to COVID-19 across its component offices.

Acting DHS Deputy Secretary Cuccinelli Condemns Pending Court Decision Forcing Family Separation ([HERE](#))

- In response to U.S. District Court Judge Dolly Gee preparing to order the separation of families in the case of Flores v. Barr, United States District Court for the Central District of California, DHS Deputy Secretary Ken Cuccinelli released the following statement: “Under President Trump, the administration is committed to keeping families together, but an activist judge is preparing to order the separation of families in DHS custody. DHS will not assist in this process without a court order. Under the judge’s new policy, countless children may be released into the United States without lawful status and without their parents. Instead of creating new loopholes, we should be enforcing our laws.”

HUD Awards \$9.4 Million in Research Grants to Reduce Housing-Related Health Hazards ([HERE](#))

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded \$9.4 million to 13 universities and public health organizations to improve our understanding of the longer term impact of housing interventions targeting lead and other residential hazards and improve methods to identify and control residential health hazards such as pests, injury hazards, and asthma triggers.

Historic North Carolina Hospital Earns 2020 HUD Secretary’s Award ([HERE](#))

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announced last week the Historic Ashe Hospital in Jefferson, North Carolina, was the recipient of the 2020 ACHP/HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

HUD and Federal Partners Mark National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 25-31 ([HERE](#))

- Despite our important focus on COVID-19, lead safety in the home remains a high priority for all Americans. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is joining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and additional

partners, in highlighting this issue during National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) 2020.

U.S. Department of Labor Restores Over \$3.1 Billion to Employee Benefit Plans, Participants and Beneficiaries, the Most Ever ([HERE](#))

- Today, the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) issued its fiscal year (FY) 2020 enforcement fact sheet highlighting the Agency's recovery of over \$3.1 billion in direct payments to plans, participants and beneficiaries in FY 2020.

Statement from Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on the Confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States ([HERE](#))

- Today, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross issued the following statement upon the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States.

U.S. Department of Commerce Continues to Invest Cares Act Funding to Boost Economic Development Programs Critical to Helping Communities Respond to Coronavirus ([HERE](#))

- EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) (EAA) program, provides a wide-range of financial assistance to eligible communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. For complete information, please visit [EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance page](#).

Joint Statement on the Third U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue ([HERE](#))

- The Ministers applauded the exemplary cooperation between the United States and India in confronting challenges emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. They reiterated their resolve to strengthen cooperation in the development of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, ventilators and other essential medical equipment. Recognizing that bilateral engagement in research and development and the mass production of vaccines and therapeutics plays to our respective strengths, the Ministers sought to jointly promote access to high quality, safe, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines and treatments on a global scale.

VA Launches New Electronic Health Record System in Pacific Northwest in Mission to Modernize Care for Veterans ([HERE](#))

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began using its new electronic health record (EHR) system Oct. 24 at select VA facilities in the Pacific Northwest and Las Vegas, marking the beginning of a transformation in how VA delivers care to Veterans.

Naval Hospital Harnesses Power of Sun to Increase COVID-19 Protection ([HERE](#))

- The Bremerton, Washington-based military treatment facility recently acquired an ultraviolet light-emitting robot, specifically designed to eradicate infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and is finalizing the last stages of staff training before implementation.

COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations among Health Care Personnel — COVID-NET, 13 States, March 1–May 31, 2020 ([HERE](#))

- Health care personnel (HCP) can be exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), both within and outside the workplace, increasing their risk for infection. Among 6,760 adults hospitalized during March 1–May 31, 2020, for whom HCP status was determined by the COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET), 5.9% were HCP.

COVID-19 Outbreak among a University’s Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams — Chicago, Illinois, July–August 2020 (HERE)

- SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs in congregate settings, including colleges and universities. In August 2020, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) was notified of a cluster of COVID-19 cases among a university’s men’s and women’s soccer teams. CDPH initiated an investigation, interviewed members of both teams, and collated laboratory data to understand transmission of SARS-CoV-2 within the teams. Numerous social gatherings with limited mask use or social distancing preceded the outbreak.

COVID-19 Mitigation Behaviors by Age Group — United States, April–June 2020 (HERE)

- Recommended mitigation behaviors to prevent the spread of COVID-19 include wearing masks, hand washing, social distancing, and staying home when ill. Self-reported engagement in mitigation behaviors (mask wearing, handwashing, physical distancing, crowd and restaurant avoidance, and cancellation of social activities) differed significantly by adult age group. During April–June 2020, the prevalence of these behaviors was lowest among adults aged 18–29 years and highest among those aged >60 years.

Recovery Resources



Recovery Hub: Explore available SBA assistance and funding programs, Coronavirus relief, and other financing options and tools to keep your business going. More information can be found [here](#) and below.

- [Recovery Essentials](#)
- [Business Resiliency](#)
- [Underserved Communities](#)
- [Faith-Based Communities](#)

Economic Response Timeline: The U.S. Department of the Treasury is leading the response to COVID-19 by providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses and preserving jobs for American industries. More information can be found [here](#).

Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2: President Trump and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced on September 17 that USDA will implement an expansion of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2, CFAP 2, will provide producers with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

- CFAP 2 follows the first round of CFAP, which had an application period of May 26 through September 11. You can learn more about USDA’s initial Coronavirus Food Assistance Program by visiting farmers.gov/cfap1.
- Producers can apply for assistance beginning Sept. 21, 2020. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 11, 2020.
- Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Documentation to support the producer’s application and certification may be requested. All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply.
- For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, many documents are likely already on file. Producers should check with FSA county office to see if any of the forms need to be updated.
- In addition to CFAP 2, USDA has other programs and services available to farmers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Assistance for Small Businesses



Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): The Paycheck Protection Program established by the CARES Act, is implemented by the [Small Business Administration](https://www.sba.gov) with support from the [Department of the Treasury](https://www.treasury.gov). The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources they need to maintain their payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead. On June 6, 2020, President Trump signed legislation providing more flexibility and relief for small businesses, including extending the covered period for loan forgiveness from 8 weeks after the date of loan disbursement to 24 weeks and lowering the requirements that 75% of a borrower’s loan proceeds must be used for payroll costs to 60%. More information can be found below:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loan Information](#)
- [Loan Details and Forgiveness](#)

- [Who Can Apply](#)
- [Lender Forms and Guidance](#)
- [Summary of Cumulative Paycheck Protection Program Data Interim Final Rule - Treatment of Owners and Forgiveness of Certain Nonpayroll Costs](#)
- [Other Assistance](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions For Loan Forgiveness](#)
- [Summary of PPP lending as of 8/8/20](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Forgiveness Platform](#)
- Lender Hotline: +1 (833) 572-0502

Current law dictates that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) close at the end of August 8, 2020. As such, SBA is no longer accepting PPP applications from participating lenders.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans & Advance Program: In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners and non-profit organizations in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are able to apply for an [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#). EIDL is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. EIDL proceeds can be used to cover a wide array of working capital and normal operating expenses, such as continuation to health care benefits, rent, utilities, and fixed debt payments.

- [Frequently Asked Questions for Faith-Based Organizations Participating in the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#)
- [Apply for a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan and loan advance](#)

SBA Express Bridge Loans: [Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program](#) allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing and can be a term loans or used to bridge the gap while applying for a direct [SBA Economic Injury Disaster loan](#). If a small business has an urgent need for cash while waiting for decision and disbursement on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, they may qualify for an SBA Express Disaster Bridge Loan.

SBA Debt Relief: As part of our coronavirus debt relief efforts, the SBA will pay 6 months of principal, interest, and any associated fees that borrowers owe for all current 7(a), 504, and Microloans in regular servicing status as well as new 7(a), 504, and Microloans disbursed prior to September 27, 2020. This relief is not available for Paycheck Protection Program loans or Economic Injury Disaster loans. More information can be found below:

- [Overview](#)
- [Additional Debt Relief](#)
- [Lender Guidance](#)

Assistance for American Workers and Families



American Workforce Policy Advisory Board – Call to Action: The American Workforce Policy Advisory Board has released a [call-to-action](#) to help the millions of workers who need assistance now, and build the resilient and agile workforce of the future powered by skilled American workers. Specific actions:

- Expedite American workers' return to employment and upward mobility by investing in career pathways and implementing skills-based hiring practices.
- Remove obstacles to the modernization of American education and training to accelerate reskilling and facilitate innovation in workforce development.
- Build the technological infrastructure necessary for the future of work.

Find Something New: FindSomethingNew.org can help workers of all ages and backgrounds identify the right path for their career goals by recommending multiple educational pathways, providing aptitude testing, offering a directory of critical resources for child care, food assistance, internet access and more. Educational pathways featured include online learning, professional certification programs, associate's degrees, and vocational, technical and trades education.

Economic Impact Payments: The CARES Act provides for Economic Impact Payments to American households of up to \$1,200 per adult for individuals whose income was less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 for joint filers) and \$500 per child under 17 years old – or up to \$3,400 for a family of four. More information can be found [here](#).

Preserving Jobs for American Industry: The CARES Act offers meaningful financial support to American businesses and job creators so they can better support employees and be prepared to get back to business as soon as possible. More information can be found [here](#).

Supporting Child Care: The CARES Act provided an additional \$3.5 billion to the Child Care and Development Block Grant to support families with child care options during this public health crisis. Additional information and State-level information can be found [here](#).

Dislocated Worker Grants: The U.S. Department of Labor is providing Dislocated Worker Grants to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. State-by-State data and additional details can be found [here](#).

Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions: On August 8th, 2020, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) to ensure Americans facing financial hardships due to the coronavirus do not face eviction or foreclosure.

- [Assistance for Homeowners](#)
- [Assistance for Renters](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: HHS/CDC Temporary Halt In Residential Evictions To Prevent The Further Spread Of Covid-19](#)

- [CDC Notice: Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Declaration: Halt Evictions to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [FHA Extends Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium for Homeowners Through Year End](#)
- [Executive Order on Fighting the Spread of COVID-19 by Providing Assistance to Renters and Homeowners](#)
- [President Donald J. Trump is Working to Stop Evictions and Protect Americans Homes During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [WATCH: President Trump's Executive Order Protects from Eviction](#)

School and Child Care Programs: The [CDC](#) and [U.S. Department of Education](#) continue to provide resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers as schools open this fall.

- [The Importance of Reopening America's Schools this Fall](#)
- [School Decision-Making Tool for Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians](#)
- [Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC's Considerations](#)
- [Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hand Hygiene in Schools – a Toolkit for School Administrators](#)
- [Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020](#)
- [Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Schools](#)
- [Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations](#)
- [Interim Considerations for K-12 School Administrators for SARS-CoV-2 Testing](#)
- [Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#)
- [Back to School Planning: Checklists to Guide Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers](#)
- [FAQ for School Administrators on Reopening Schools](#)
- [CARES Act Emergency Relief](#)
- [Remote Learning: Resources for Educators, Administrators and Related Service Providers](#)
- [Resources for Learning at Home](#)
- [Program Information: FAQs and Responses](#)
- [Waivers and Flexibility](#)

Assistance for Communities

CARES Act Recovery Assistance Grants: The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding CARES Act Recovery Assistance Grants to assist communities in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. These grants are being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) (EAA) program, which provides a wide-range of financial assistance to eligible communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. For complete information, please visit the recently updated [EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance page](#).

SPRINT Challenge: The [Scaling Pandemic Resilience Through Innovation and Technology \(SPRINT\) Challenge](#) will enable organizations across the country to address the economic, health, and safety risks caused by the coronavirus pandemic through entrepreneurship and innovation.

- The SPRINT Challenge is a \$25 million national competition funded by the CARES Act.
- With the publication of the SPRINT Challenge [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO), EDA seeks projects that aim to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic and future pandemics. The deadline to apply for the Challenge is December 3, 2020.
- Applicant Resources:
 - [FY 2020 SPRINT Challenge NOFO](#)
 - [SPRINT Challenge Overview](#)

- [Optional Budget Template](#)
- [FY 2020 SPRINT Challenge Full Application on Grants.gov](#)
- [SPRINT Challenge Application Checklist](#)

Opportunity Zones: Opportunity Zones were created under the [2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#), signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on December 22, 2017, to stimulate economic development and job creation, by incentivizing long-term investments in low-income neighborhoods. During the COVID-19 pandemic, President Trump directed the [White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council](#) to focus on underserved communities impacted by the virus. For more information, visit [opportunityzones.gov](#).

- [Opportunity Zones Best Practices](#)
- [Opportunity Zones Toolkit Volume 1](#)
- [Opportunity Zones Toolkit Volume 2](#)
- [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Is Lifting Up and Driving New Prosperity in Previously Forgotten American Communities](#)

How to Help



Donate COVID-19 Plasma

- If you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. Learn more [here](#).
- To find where you can donate source plasma, visit [donatingplasma.org](#).

Donate Blood

- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives. Blood is needed every day to provide lifesaving treatments to a variety of patients. You can help ensure that blood continues to be available for patients by finding a blood donor center near you to schedule your donation. Learn more [here](#).
- To find where you can donate blood, visit [aabb.org](#).

Donate Supplies and Equipment

- If you represent a business that **would like to donate medical supplies, equipment** or pharmaceuticals, please [provide details](#) on what you would like to give. This form is for donations only.

Sell Supplies and Equipment

- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA with your company's **non-medical goods and/or services**, submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov.
- The federal government is purchasing medical supplies or equipment under the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) [Request for information \(RFI\)](#). Visit the DLA website [for more information](#).

Developing Medical Countermeasures

- If you would like to meet with a federal agency regarding a **vaccine, diagnostic, therapeutic or other medical device** that you are developing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, please go to medicalcountermeasures.gov.

Other Forms of Help


- If you or someone you know represent 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 represent a private sector business and wish to learn more about getting involved in a way that is not listed here, please e-mail nbeoc@max.gov or visit our [National Business Emergency Operations Center](#) page.

For additional information, please visit FEMA's website: www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help.

Guidelines for Opening Up America Again



President Trump has unveiled [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#), a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives.

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))
- Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes ([HERE](#))
- CDC guidance for [Camps](#), [Child Care Programs](#), [Schools](#), [Mass Transit](#), [Restaurants And Bars](#), and [Workplaces](#)
- CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again ([HERE](#))
-  WATCH: CDC Videos:

- [Washing Hands](#)
- [Wearing Gloves](#)
- [Practicing Social Distancing](#)
- [Cleaning and Sanitizing Toys and Child Care Programs](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Homes](#)
- [Staying Safe at Aquatic Venues](#)
- [Considerations for Bars and Restaurants](#)
- [Wear a Mask to Protect You and Your Friends](#)
- [Key Times to Wear a Mask](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [COVID-19 Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- [Know Your Risk of Getting COVID-19](#)
- [How to Wear a Mask](#)
- [The Difference Between Quarantine and Isolation](#)
- [Maintaining Heart Health in COVID-19](#)
- [Emergency Care for Heart Disease in COVID-19](#)
- [How to Clean and Disinfect Your Home if Someone has COVID-19](#)
- [Shopping for Food and Other Household Essentials](#)
- [I Think or Know I had COVID-19, and I had Symptoms. When Can I Be With Others?](#)
- [Stay Safe At Summer Camp](#)
- [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- [Spending Time with Friends and Family Who Need to Take Extra Precautions](#)
- [Visiting Friends and Family with Certain Medical Conditions](#)
- [Stay Safe at the Pool and Beach](#)
- [Considerations for Bars and Restaurants During COVID-19](#)
- [How Did COVID-19 Get its Name?](#)
- [Know How to Wear Your Face Mask Correctly](#)

Operation Warp Speed



- The President is using all available means to ensure safe vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics are developed, manufactured, and distributed in unprecedented time and scale in response to COVID-19.
- Earlier this year, President Trump launched [Operation Warp Speed](#), a groundbreaking partnership between the Federal Government, scientific community, and private sector to develop and deliver vaccines in record time.
 - Operation Warp Speed's goal is to produce and deliver 300 million doses of safe and effective vaccines with the initial doses available by January 2021.
- The Administration has made large investments in multiple vaccine candidates to provide financial infrastructure for mass manufacturing, in parallel with late-stage clinical trials.

- Operation Warp Speed has invested in more than five vaccines and teamed up with multiple pharmaceutical companies to safely produce as many effective vaccines as possible.
- A number of vaccine candidates have shown promising early clinical results and are either in or starting Phase 3 clinical trials.
- Clinical resources on vaccines, including continuing education training on best practices can be found [here](#).
- The Operation Warp Speed Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine can be found [here](#).
 - [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#)
 - [Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Distribution Process](#)
 - [8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning](#)
 - [How CDC Is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)
 - [Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- More information on Operation Warp Speed can be found [here](#).

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

Thank you,
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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information



Download the COVID-19 App

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))
- YouTube ([here](#))

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Twitter ([here](#))
- Facebook ([here](#))
- YouTube ([here](#))
- What's New ([here](#))

What You Should Know:

- [How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)

- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Social Distancing](#)
- [Quarantine and Isolation](#)
- [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings](#)
- [When to Wear Gloves](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [How to Discontinue Home Isolation](#)
- [When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#)
- [Community-Related Exposure](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)
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 - [Groups at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)
- [Guidance Documents](#)
- [Donate COVID-19 Plasma](#)
- [Toolkit for General Public](#)

Situation Updates:

- [CDC COVID-19 Response Health Equity Strategy: Accelerating Progress Towards Reducing COVID-19 Disparities and Achieving Health Equity](#)
- [Public Service Announcements \(PSAs\)](#)
- [Cases in the United States](#)
- [COVID-19 by the Numbers](#)
- [COVIDView – Weekly Surveillance Summary of U.S. COVID Activity](#)
- [Viral Testing Data in the U.S.](#)
- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
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- [COVID-19 Serology Surveillance Strategy](#)
- [Data Visualization](#)
- [SPHERES - SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology, and Surveillance](#)
- [Assessing Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Illness](#)

- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)
- [Hospitalization Rates and Demographics](#)
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- [Situation Summary](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 Data and Surveillance](#)
- [Special Populations Data in the U.S.](#)

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- [Restaurants and Bars during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)
- [Worker Safety and Support](#)
- [Employers with Workers at High Risk](#)
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- [Managing Workplace Fatigue during COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Critical Infrastructure Sector Response Planning](#)
- [Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Prepare your Small Business and Employees for the Effects of COVID-19](#)
- [General Business Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Interim Guidance on Respirator Supply in Non-Healthcare Sectors](#)
- [Information for Small Businesses](#)
- [Meat and Poultry Processing Facility Assessment Toolkit](#)
- [What Beauty Salon and Barbershop Employees Need to Know about COVID-19](#)
- [Manufacturing Facility Assessment Toolkit](#)
- [Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [What Hotel, Resort, and Lodge Workers Need to Know about COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Employer Information for Utility Workers](#)
- [COVID-19 Employer Information for Hotels, Resorts, and Lodges](#)
- [COVID-19 Employer Information for Offshore Oil and Gas](#)
- [COVID-19 Employer Information for Warehousing](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- Treasury: [Assistance for Small Businesses](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [COVID-19 and the American Workplace](#)
- DOL: [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Telework Guidance and Resources](#)
- CISA: [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)
- OSHA: [Construction Work](#)

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- [Protect Yourself When Using Transportation](#)

- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Travel in the United States](#)
- [Public Health Considerations for Reopening Mass Transit During the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#)
- [Travel Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of Disease](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-emergency Transport Vehicles](#)
- [Airline Guidance](#)
- [Cruise Ship Guidance](#)
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- [Maritime Resources](#)
- [Investigating Contagious Diseases on Flights](#)
- [Crew Disembarkations through Commercial Travel](#)
- [Returning from International Travel](#)
- [Travelers Returning from Cruise Ship and River Cruise Voyages](#)
- [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- [Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States](#)
- [Communication Resources for Travelers](#)
- [Know When to Delay your Travel to Avoid Spreading COVID-19](#)
- [Air Travel Toolkit for Airline Partners](#)
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- State: [Travel Advisories](#)
- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)
- DOT: [Expanded Emergency Declaration](#)
- FAA: [Guidance for Air Carriers and Crews](#)

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- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [Evaluating and Testing](#)
- [Staffing Resources](#)
- [Clinical Care Guidance for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Preparedness Tools for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment](#)
- [Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting](#)
- [First Responder Guidance](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [Resources for Responders & Law Enforcement](#)
- [Training for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers](#)
- [Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
- [Support for Health Departments](#)
- [Pandemic Preparedness Resources](#)

- [Reporting Cases of COVID-19](#)
- [Information for Laboratories](#)
- [Hospitalization & Emergency Department Visits](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing by Laboratories: Q & A](#)
- [Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines](#)
- [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for Triage of Suspected COVID-19 Patients in non-US Healthcare Settings: Early Identification and Prevention of Transmission during Triage](#)
- [Using Antibody Tests for COVID-19](#)
- [Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)
- [Considerations for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 in Assisted Living Facilities](#)
- [Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals](#)
- [Guidance for Veterinarians](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Checklist for Homeless Service Providers During Community Re-opening](#)
- [Screening Clients for COVID-19 at Homeless Shelters or Encampments](#)
- [Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities](#)
- [Guidance for Dental Settings](#)
- [Guidance for Assisted Living Facility](#)
- [Guidance for Pharmacies](#)
- [Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#)
- HHS: [Telehealth Guidance & Information](#)
- HHS: [Rural Health and COVID-19](#)
- HHS: [Ensuring Healthcare Safety Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- HHS: [Resources for Hospitals during Civil Unrest](#)
- HHS: [Healthcare System Preparedness for Secondary Disasters during COVID-19](#)
- HHS: [COVID-19 Visitation Guidance for Retirement Communities](#)
- CMS: [Frequently Asked Questions to Assist Medicare Providers](#)
- CMS: [Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies](#)
- CMS: [Guidance for Hospice Agencies](#)
- CMS: [Toolkit for States to Mitigate COVID-19 in Nursing Homes](#)
- CMS: [Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations for State and Local Officials](#)
- CMS: [Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- CMS: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on Nursing Home Visitation](#)
- CMS: [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#)
- CMS: [Recommendations for Re-opening Facilities to Provide Essential Non-COVID-19 Healthcare](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations](#)
- CMS: [FAQs for Non Long-Term Care Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities \(ICFs/IIDs\)](#)
- CMS: [Re-Opening America: What Patients Should Know About Seeking Healthcare](#)
- CMS: [Re-opening Facilities to Provide Non-emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare](#)
- CISA: [Guidelines for Executives: 911 Center Pandemic Recommendations](#)
- CISA: [Guidelines for 911 Centers: Pandemic Planning](#)
- CISA: [Guidelines for 911 Centers: Pandemic Operating Procedures](#)
- CISA: [Guidelines for 911 Centers: Cleaning and Disinfecting During a Pandemic](#)

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- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
- [What Firefighters and EMS Providers Need to Know](#)
- [Resources for Responders & Law Enforcement](#)
- [Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [FAQs for Law Enforcement Agencies and Personnel](#)
- [FAQs for Wildland Firefighters](#)
- [Guidance for Correctional & Detention Facilities](#)

Information for Families and Households:

- [Cleaning And Disinfecting Your Home](#)
- [Get Your Home Ready](#)
- [Household Checklist](#)
- [Daily Life and Coping](#)
- [Households Living in Close Quarters](#)
- [Living in Shared Housing](#)
- [Households Living in Close Quarters](#)
- [Running Essential Errands](#)
- [Stress and Coping](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [Caring for Someone Sick at Home](#)
- [Caring for Children](#)
- [Keep Children Healthy during the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [For Parents: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) associated with COVID-19](#)
- [Talking with Children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)
- [Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#)
- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Shared and Congregate Housing](#)
- [COVID-19 and Animals](#)
- [If You Have Pets](#)
- [If Your Pet Tests Positive](#)

Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:

- [The Importance of Reopening America's Schools this Fall](#)
- [School Decision-Making Tool for Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians](#)
- [Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Schools](#)
- [Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations](#)
- [Back to School Planning: Checklists to Guide Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers](#)
- [FAQ for School Administrators on Reopening Schools](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School](#)
- [Caring for Children](#)
- [Schools and Day Camps](#)
- [Operational Considerations for Schools](#)
- [Resources for Schools & Child Care](#)
- [Resources for Colleges & Universities](#)

- [Schools and Child Care Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Youth Programs and Camps During the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- [FAQs for K-12 Administrators, Teachers, and Parents](#)
- [Checklist for Teachers and Parents](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#)
- [Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- [FAQs for College and University Administrators](#)
- [Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hand Hygiene in Schools](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Institutions of Higher Education](#)
- [Guidance for Administrators in Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)
- [Playing Sports](#)
- [USDA: USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [DOEd: Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
- [DOEd: Updated Guidance for Interruptions of Study Related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [CISA: Guidance and Tips for Schools, Staff and Students to Help Secure Video Conferencing](#)

Information for Community Events and Gatherings:

- [Event Planning and COVID-19: Questions and Answers](#)
- [FAQs for Administrators and Leaders at Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events](#)

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- [Army Corps of Engineers](#)
- [Census Bureau](#)
- [Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Department of Commerce](#)
- [Department of Defense](#)
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- [Department of Energy](#)
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