Information, resources, and financial support available from various federal agencies

**Assistance for American Workers and Families**
In the weeks immediately after the passage of the CARES Act, Americans will see fast and direct relief in the form of Economic Impact Payments. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

**Assistance for Small Businesses**
The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to $349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit 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](#)
- [If you’re a lender, more information can be found HERE](#)
- [If you’re a borrower, more information can be found HERE](#)
- [The application for borrowers can be found HERE](#)

**Paycheck Protection Program Resources**
- SBA Paycheck Protection Program [website](#)
- Department of the Treasury CARES Act [website](#)

**Department of Justice Makes $850 Million Available to Help Public Safety Agencies Address COVID-19 Pandemic (HERE)**
- DOJ today announced that it is making $850 million available to help public safety agencies respond to the challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program, authorized by the recent stimulus legislation signed by President Trump, will allow eligible state, local, and tribal governments to apply immediately for these critical funds.

**IRS: Employee Retention Credit available for many businesses financially impacted by COVID-19 (HERE)**
- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today launched the Employee Retention Credit, designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50% of up to $10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.

**Treasury and IRS Release FAQs to Help Small and Midsize Businesses Navigate Paid Sick and Family Leave Tax Credits (HERE)**
- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service are offering small and mid-size employers more information on refundable tax credits that reimburse them, dollar-for-dollar, for the cost of providing their employees paid sick and family leave wages related to COVID-19.

**Department of Labor Announces New Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave Implementation (HERE)**
- The U.S. Department of Labor today announced new action regarding how American workers and employers will benefit from the protections and relief offered by the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, both part of the Families
First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The department’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) posted a temporary rule issuing regulations pursuant to this new law, effective today, April 1, 2020.

Secretary DeVos Announces New Federal Deadline Flexibility for Career and Technical Education Leaders, Allowing Them to Focus on Serving Students During the COVID-19 Outbreak (HERE)

- Secretary DeVos announced today new flexibilities for career and technical education leaders who are required to submit their local CTE plan for FY 2020-2023 under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act for the 21st Century Act by April 15, 2020.

Coronavirus Public Health Emergency Underscores Need for Department of Education’s Proposed Distance Learning Rules (HERE)

- Secretary DeVos proposed new rules today that would govern distance learning for higher education students. Although work on the proposed Distance Learning and Innovation regulation started more than a year ago, the COVID-19 National Emergency underscores the need for reform and for all educational institutions to have a robust capacity to teach remotely.

VA New Jersey Health Care System, East Orange Campus, to Assist COVID-19 Response (HERE)

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs opened 20 beds (15 acute care and 5 intensive care) at its East Orange, NJ Medical Center, April 1, to non-Veteran, critical and non-critical COVID-19 patients to help assist the Northern New Jersey region in its COVID-19 response efforts.

DOD Mounts Multifaceted Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (HERE)

- The Defense Department is rapidly ramping up its efforts to fight COVID-19 and assist federal, state and local governments in their efforts.

Corps of Engineers Converts NYC’s Javits Center into Hospital (HERE)

- The New York District of the Army Corps of Engineers has completed its conversion of the 1,800,000-square-foot Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City into an alternate care facility for more than 2,000 non-COVID-19 patients.

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](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).

For additional information please visit FEMA’s website: [https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/](https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/).

**COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**

**The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America**

*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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/)

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Twitter ([here](https://twitter.com/teamhhs))
- Facebook ([here](https://www.facebook.com/hhs/))

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

- Twitter ([here](https://twitter.com/CDCEmergency))
- Facebook ([here](https://www.facebook.com/cdcemergency/))

**What you should know:**

- Workplace, School, and Home Guidance
- People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19
- How COVID-19 Spreads
- Symptoms
- Steps to Prevent Illness
- Frequently Asked Questions
- What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19
- Stigma Related to COVID-19
- Facts about COVID-19
- Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations
- Communication Resources

**Situation Updates:**

- Situation Summary
- Cases in the U.S.
- Global Locations with COVID-19
- Risk Assessment
Information for Businesses:
- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
- Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses
- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities
- SBA: COVID-19 Resources
- DOL: Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus
- DOL: OHSA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19
- WHO: Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19
- CISA: Risk Management for COVID-19
- EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

Information for Travel and Transportation:
- Information for Travel
- Guidance for Ships
- Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew
- State: Travel Advisories
- State: Traveler’s Checklist
- State: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
- DOT: FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19

Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:
- Information for Healthcare Professionals
- Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities
- Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings
- Information for Laboratories
- Resources for First Responders
- Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals
- FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge
- Guidance for Homeless Shelters
- Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities
- CMS: Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies
- CMS: Guidance for Hospice Agencies
- CMS: Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19
- CMS: FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations
- EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

Information for Law Enforcement:
- What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know
- Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Resources

Information for Families and Households:
- Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children
- Interim Guidance for Household Readiness
- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households
- Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities
• FAQ: COVID-19 and Children
• EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

**Information for Schools and Childcare Providers:**
• Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools
• Resources for Institutes of Higher Education
• Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities
• USDA: USDA Makes It Easier, Safer to Feed Children in California Amid Coronavirus Outbreak
• DOE: Resources for Schools and School Personnel
• EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

**Information for Community Events and Gatherings:**
• Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events
• Interim Guidance for Community- and Faith-Based Organizations
• EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

**Agency Resources and Information:**
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
• Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
• U.S. Food & Drug Administration
• U.S. Department of Agriculture
• U.S. Department of Defense
• U.S. Department of Education
• U.S. Department of Energy
• U.S. Department of Homeland Security
• U.S. Department of Labor
• U.S. Department of State
• U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
• U.S. Small Business Administration