



The HPH Sector Partnership COVID-19 Update

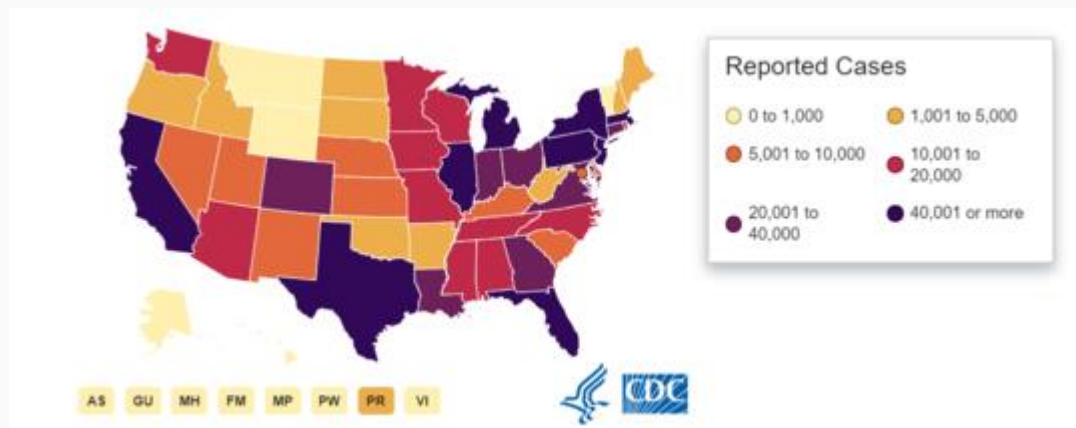
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The HPH Sector Partnership COVID-19 Update is produced by the [HHS ASPR Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection](#) (CIP) to keep the HPH Sector informed on the ongoing COVID-19 response.

Situational Awareness

Due to the rapidly changing nature of the response, please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for the most up to date information on [cases in the U.S.](#)

As of May 14, [CDC reports](#) 1,384,930 cases and 83,947 deaths in the United States. The map [below](#) shows confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported by U.S. states and territories, and the District of Columbia. To access the map in interactive form with additional information on each state, visit [CDC Cases in U.S.](#) or [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#).



Situational Awareness Tools & Mapping:

- **NEW** [U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Interactive Map for Reopening](#) is an interactive map providing state-specific information to help businesses navigate local rules and guidelines.
- **NEW** [Science Policy & Guidance Update](#) provides an overview of new and updated guidance released by the federal government.
- [The CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) includes COVID-19 cases and deaths by county.
- [CDC COVID Interactive](#) contains interactive maps on cases in the U.S. reported by jurisdiction, cases in last 7 days, and rates.
- [CDC COVIDView](#) contains information on hospitalizations, testing, and other surveillance for Week 18 (week ending May 2, 2020).
- [CDC COVID-NET](#) provides a summary of U.S. hospitalization data.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is maintaining the [FEMA COVID-19 Geospatial Resource Center](#).

Healthcare Resilience

Please refer to CDC's [Coronavirus Disease 2019 webpage](#) for the most up-to-date clinical guidance on COVID-19 outbreak management.

Several new products on healthcare resilience have been posted on the [ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange \(TRACIE\) Novel Coronavirus Resources Page](#).

- [Medical Operations Coordination Cells Toolkit](#) offers flexible and modifiable guidance, developed by the U.S. government, aimed to assist regional, state, local, tribal and territorial governments to ensure load-balancing across healthcare facilities and systems so that the highest possible level of care can be provided to each patient during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [COVID-19: Healthcare System Operations Strategies and Experiences Webinar Recording](#) features presenters from some of the hardest hit hospitals in New York, Louisiana, and Arizona who shared their hospital operation experiences and logistics information. Please note: you will need to enter your name and email address to access the recording.

Supply Chain

Defense Production Act Update

On May 12, 2020, a notice was published in the Federal Register indicating that FEMA intends to begin the process of establishing a voluntary agreement under the Defense Production Act with representatives of manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of personal protective equipment, pharmaceuticals, and other critical health and medical resources. The purpose of such an agreement is to maximize the effectiveness of the distribution of critical health and medical resources nationwide to respond to pandemics in general, and COVID-19 specifically, by establishing unity of effort between agreement participants and

the Federal Government for integrated coordination, planning, information sharing, and distribution of critical medical resources. FEMA will host a public meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020, with interested stakeholders to plan the development of this voluntary agreement under Section 708 of the Defense Production Act; the meeting is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For additional information about registering for the event or submitting written comments for the public record until May 20 refer to the announcement notice at [Federal Register.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) [Docket ID FEMA-2020-0016].

Planning & Implementation

- **NEW** [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) FAQs on Shortages of Surgical Masks and Gowns during the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)
- **NEW** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has released guidance and a [recorded webinar](#) on [Factors to Consider when Planning to Purchase Respirators from Another Country.](#)
- **NEW** [NIOSH PPE Tracker App](#) can help healthcare and non-healthcare systems track their personal protective equipment (PPE) inventory. Facilities can use the app to calculate their average PPE consumption rate or “burn rate.” The app estimates how many days a PPE supply will last given current inventory levels and PPE burn rate. Based on the [PPE Burn Rate Calculator Excel spreadsheet](#), the app features several improvements, including an easy-to-use interface and the ability to add restock. The app is available for both iOS and Android devices.
- **UPDATED** NIOSH continues to update its webpage on [Counterfeit Respirators/Misrepresentation of NIOSH-Approval.](#)
- FEMA released [guidance](#) on how to best preserve PPE in communities.
- CDC's [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE and other Equipment](#) continues to be updated.

FDA Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheets

On the FDA's [Emergency Use Authorization web page](#) users can find fact sheets for PPE, in vitro diagnostics, and ventilators/medical devices that have received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). For each EUA a fact sheet is provided for healthcare providers and a separate one for patients. The fact sheets list significant known and potential risks and benefits of the emergency use. Recent updates include:

- [Non-NIOSH-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators Manufactured in China](#) (Reissued 05/07/2020)
 - [Respirator Models No Longer Authorized-COVID19](#) (Updated 5/11/2020)

Communities

New Community Guidance and Resources from the CDC

- [Critical Infrastructure Sector Response Planning Guidance](#) supplements the existing [CDC Guidance](#) for *Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure*

Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19.

- [CDC's Guidance for Where You Live, Work, Learn, Pray, and Play](#) provides comprehensive guidance on mitigation strategies individuals, businesses, health departments, and community settings (such as schools) can take to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training Guidance and Resources](#) contains a sample training plan including training topics that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. The audience for this training include community health workers or volunteers with little or no experience conducting contact tracing.
- [COVID-19 Serology Surveillance Strategy](#) looks at serology testing for surveillance to better understand how many infections with SARS-CoV-2 have occurred at different points in time, in different locations, and within different populations in the United States.

New Resources for Opening Up America Again

- FEMA has created an [Exercise Starter Kit](#) to help organizations facilitate their own internal workshops based on reconstitution planning principles, the White House's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#) and a FEMA fact sheet on "[Planning Considerations for Organizations in Reconstituting Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)."

Telehealth

Telemedicine Resources and Guidance

- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit](#)
- [General Provider Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit](#)
- [HHS Telehealth Toolkit for Providers and Your Patients](#)
- [FAQs on Telehealth and HIPAA during the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency](#)
- [Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications during the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency](#)

Medical Countermeasures, Testing, & Research

New or Updated FDA Guidance

- **NEW** [FDA Takes New Actions to Accelerate Development of Novel Prevention, Treatment Options for COVID-19](#) by providing new guidance with recommendations for innovators and researchers conducting work in this area.

- [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: General Considerations for Pre-IND \(Investigational New Drug application\) Meeting Requests for COVID-19 Related Drugs and Biological Products](#) outlines a more efficient process for developers to receive agency feedback on their supporting data with the goal of starting clinical trials as soon as possible.
- [COVID-19: Developing Drugs and Biological Products for Treatment or Prevention](#) provides the FDA's current recommendations on later stage clinical trials intended to establish safety and effectiveness for COVID-19 products.
- **NEW** [Policy for Coronavirus Disease-2019 Tests during the Public Health Emergency \(Revised\)](#) helps accelerate the availability of COVID-19 tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency.
- **NEW** The FDA posted [updated information for blood establishments](#) regarding COVID-19, which aligns with the agency's [guidance on convalescent plasma](#) to allow donation 14 days after complete resolution of symptoms. The posting also provides updated information blood establishments may wish to consider when evaluating prospective blood donors.

New or Updated CDC Guidance

- **NEW** [CDC Reporting COVID-19 Laboratory Data](#) outlines reporting requirements for laboratories.
- **NEW** [Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).

Additional Federal Resources

- **UPDATED** [The National Institutes of Health COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#)
- [CDC SPHERES](#) or SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology and Surveillance is a new national genomics consortium to coordinate SARS-CoV-2 sequencing across the United States.
- [BARDA COVID-19 Medical Countermeasure Portfolio](#)
- [Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines \(ACTIV\) Partnership](#)
- [Donate COVID-19 Plasma](#)
- [Clinical Studies Related to COVID-19](#), [COVID-19 Publications](#), and [Other Research](#)
- [CDC Information on Therapeutic Options for Clinicians](#)

CMS Information, Guidance and Waivers

- **NEW** [Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes](#)
- **UPDATED** [CMS Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Partner Toolkit](#)

- [CMS Waivers & Flexibilities](#) includes blanket waivers, waivers for healthcare providers (NEW), 1135 blanket waivers, and Home & Community Based (HCBS) 1915(c) Appendix K Waivers.
- [CMS Guidance](#) includes guidance on clinical and technical operations, billing and coding, survey, coverage, provider enrollment, Medicaid and CHIP, market planning, and open payments.
- [Sign up](#) to receive consolidated CMS information through the CMS Medicare Learning Network, and see past newsletters.

Cyber and Physical Security

Cybersecurity

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the United Kingdom's National Cyber Security Centre released a [joint advisory for international healthcare and medical research organizations who are vulnerable to cyber attacks from Advanced Persistent Threat \(APT\) groups](#). The advisory describes some of the methods these actors are using to target organizations participating in the COVID-19 response and provides mitigation advice to reduce their cyber risks.

For more cybersecurity updates subscribe to the weekly [Healthcare and Public Health Sector Cybersecurity Bulletin](#).

Physical Security

The CISA Action Guide "[Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities- Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places](#)" provides information on the unique set of challenges that healthcare facilities face in an active shooter incident. Potential indicators, mitigation strategies, and protective measure to take are covered.

Upcoming Calls and Webinars

Friday, May 15

Physical Security for Alternative Care Sites

Friday, May 15, at 1:00 PM ET [Click here for registration](#)

Hosted by InfraGard National Capital Region, DHS and HHS/ASPR/CIP

Rapid Ambulatory COVID Testing: From A to PPE

Friday, May 15, at 1:00 pm ET [Click here for registration](#)

Hosted by the National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center

NBEOC Business & Infrastructure Call

Friday, May 15, at 3:00 PM ET Dial: 800-619-3427, PIN: 2725748#

Hosted by FEMA/NBEOC

Monday, May 18

EMS: Patient Care and Operations

Monday, May 18, at 12:00 pm ET [Click here for registration](#)

Hosted by HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds

NBEOC Business & Infrastructure Call

Monday, May 18, at 3:00 PM ET Dial: 800-619-3427, PIN: 2725748#

Hosted by FEMA/NBEOC

Tuesday, May 19

Critical Care: Lifesaving Treatment and Clinical Operations

Tuesday, May 19, at 12:00 pm ET **Registration Coming Soon*

Hosted by HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds

ESF-14 Cross-Sector Business and Infrastructure Series on COVID-19

Tuesday, May 19, at 3:00 pm ET Dial-in: 1-800-593-7177, Pin: 7963614

Hosted by CISA

Thursday, May 21

Emergency Department: Patient Care and Clinical Operations

Thursday, May 21, at 12:00 pm ET **Registration Coming Soon*

Hosted by HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds

Public Meeting on FEMA 'Voluntary Agreement' under the Defense Production Act

Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET [Meeting Announcement](#)

Hosted by FEMA

*Once registration information is available it will be sent in the HPH COVID-19 Engagement Opportunities Bulletin

Available Online Resources

- **NEW** [HHS Updated FAQ Document on the Provider Relief Fund](#)
- [ASPR TRACIE Novel Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal](#)
- [FEMA Coronavirus Emergency Management Best Practices](#)
- [FEMA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)
- [NBEOC Dashboard](#), which includes daily FEMA briefing points on government effort
- [CDC What's New](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Homepage](#)
- [Coronavirus Government Website](#)

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