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 information on 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 9,** President Trump announced that the federal government will spend $3 billion to buy dairy, meat, and produce from U.S. farmers, ranchers, and specialty growers; the goods will be provided to support food lines and kitchens and the Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

- On **May 9**, the FDA issued the first emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 antigen test, a new category of tests designed for rapid detection of the virus that causes COVID-19.

  - Antigen tests can play a critical role in the fight against COVID-19 due to their ability to be produced at a lower cost than other tests. Antigen tests can also potentially scale to test millions of Americans a day due to their simpler design.

- On **May 9**, HHS announced the allocation plan for the drug remdesivir. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) expects supplies of the drug to be delivered to all 50 states, five territories, the Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service by the end of the week.

  - Gilead Sciences, Inc. is donating approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks.
  - State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals within their states.

- As of **May 10**, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 90.4 million N95 respirators, 126.6 million surgical masks, 9.1 million face shields, 21.2 million surgical gowns, 993.4 million gloves, 10,693 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.

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- As of **May 10**, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 8.6 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 7**, the FDA has issued 63 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.

  - 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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