Thank you for joining the White House COVID-19 briefing call with Dr. Anthony Fauci (Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases), Larry Kudlow (Assistant to the President for Economic Policy), and Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT), White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), White House Office of American Innovation (OAI), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Labor, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to #StopTheSpread and #BendTheCurve of COVID-19 and recognize the important role you have in keeping Americans safe and healthy. Below, please find a recap of the call as well important resources and guidance for State-Local-Tribal officials. We hope that you will share the updated Coronavirus Guidelines for America broadly on social media and directly with your colleagues.

COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- Coronavirus Guidelines for America: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going to #StopTheSpread and #BendtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – 30 Days to Slow the Spread (Español) – to extend the guidance for an additional 30 days. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the
Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.

- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](https).

- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](https). FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](https).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issued revised guidance on March 28th (see [Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response](https)). The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.

- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](https) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ’s Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](https). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](https) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](https). Follow the White House on [Twitter](https) and [Facebook](https). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](https)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](https)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House’s [YouTube](https) page.

- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](https).

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find
pertinent actions here. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Education (DoED), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of State (DOS), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of the Treasury (USDT), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

![Requesting PPE and Critical Supplies from FEMA: How it Works](image)

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country’s State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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