

The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida

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“We have the best doctors, the best military leaders, and the best logistics professionals anywhere in the world. And we’re orchestrating a massive Federal response unlike anything our country has ever seen.”

– President Donald J. Trump

Overview: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, State managed, and Federally supported. Successful emergency management requires nationwide cooperation and unity of effort, combining the strength and ingenuity of our citizens and private sector with a sweeping, all-inclusive, and whole-of-government response. The below is a partial overview of Federal assistance provided to the State of Florida and the people of Florida to combat the Coronavirus. The information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Florida. Implementation of the CARES Act and other supplemental funding measures is ongoing and will also bring additional support to Florida. President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have appreciated the strong State-Federal partnership with Governor Ron DeSantis, and other State, local, and Tribal leaders in the State.

Executive Summary of Federal Support to the State and People of Florida:

- The President quickly approved Florida’s **major disaster and National Guard funding requests** providing additional Federal resources to supplement State response efforts.
- This year, over **5.1 million (M) N-95 masks, 29.7 M surgical & procedural masks, 1.1 M eye and face shields, 13.5 M isolation & surgical gowns, and 762.9 M medical gloves** have been shipped to Florida through private sector and Federal collaboration.
- To supplement private sector supplies, all of Florida’s **712 Medicaid & Medicare certified nursing homes** are receiving a **14 day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE)**.
- **Deployed a Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System** that can decontaminate up to 80,000 N-95 masks daily.
- As of May 19, medical facilities and providers in the State of Florida have received over **\$3.5 billion (B) in COVID-19 related allocations from HHS**. This includes more than \$2.9 B from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and ensures uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19.
- Florida is receiving **\$420.8 M in testing assistance funding** and other resources to help scale and meet testing goals.
- The State and eligible local governments received over **\$8.3 B from the CARES Act’s Coronavirus Relief Fund** to help address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The SBA has issued **over \$31.2 B in loans to over 311,000 Florida small businesses** as of May 18.
- The U.S. Department of the Treasury has made **9.1 M Economic Impact Payments** totaling more than **\$15.1 B to hardworking Floridians**.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has made over **\$248 M** in COVID-19 funding available to Florida grantees via CARES Act authorizations to help America’s low-income families and most vulnerable citizens.
- The U.S. Department of Education provided **\$370 M** to support postsecondary education students and institutions of higher education in Florida, authorized **\$173 M** for the State from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund, and **\$770.2 M** to ensure learning continues for all elementary and secondary students.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation allocated more than **\$958.6 M** to help the Florida public transportation systems and **\$896.1 M** to help Florida airports.

Supportive Actions by President Donald J. Trump:

- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency:** On March 13, President Trump [declared](#) a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all States, including Florida, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- **Florida's Major Disaster Declaration:** On March 23, Governor DeSantis submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 25, President Trump [approved](#) the request declaring a major disaster in the State of Florida and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, local, and tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation's history, every State and territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.
- **Historic Economic Relief:** On April 24, President Trump [signed](#) the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act* into law. The law provides further unprecedented economic relief to American citizens, small businesses, workers, healthcare providers, and State, local, and tribal governments and builds on the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, and the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriation*. More [here](#). Additional Florida allocation information is found below.
- **National Guard Support:** On March 28, President Trump [directed](#) FEMA to fund 100% of the emergency assistance activities provided by Florida National Guard personnel in Title 32 duty status, per Governor DeSantis' request.

Testing, Resource & Logistics Support: FEMA is working with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), other Federal agencies, and private sector partners, to produce, allocate, and distribute key resources to Florida. Most notably, these include personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies, ventilators, and the expedition of critical supplies from overseas to various U.S. locations.

- HHS, the Centers for Disaster Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are providing unprecedented regulatory flexibilities, resources, and guidance to expand the availability of testing and to assist Florida and States across the country in scaling testing. Learn more from the CDC [here](#) and FDA [here](#). In addition, the CARES Act and other supplemental disbursements, alongside FEMA resources, are important avenues for States to scale testing.
- On May 15, President Trump [announced](#) the launch of *Operation Warp Speed* to deliver safe and effective coronavirus treatments and vaccines as quickly as possible. Operation Warp Speed marks a massive science, industrial, and logistical endeavor unlike anything the country has seen since the Manhattan Project. President Trump has directed nearly \$10 billion to Operation Warp Speed through funding that was included in the CARES Act.
- The Trump Administration, through the White House, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), continues to provide the State of Florida with technical assistance and resources to enhance coronavirus testing in the State. To date, the Administration has held several testing technical assistance calls with Florida State officials and continues to partner through additional briefings and direct engagements.
- The Federal government is supporting [community-based testing sites](#) in Florida to increase testing capacity and availability in the State.
- On May 11, President Trump announced that the Administration is sending nearly \$11 B to help States, territories, and tribes meet testing goals; the Administration is also sending approximately 12 M testing swabs to States to supplement private-sector resources. This effort has resulted in \$420.8 M in testing assistance to the State of Florida.

- In support of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA and HHS are coordinating a whole-of-America approach to source PPE, ventilators, testing supplies, and other critical resources for States, Tribes, and Territories. The effort is led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For more on the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, read more [here](#).
- The Trump Administration is coordinating [Project Air Bridge](#), a coordinated public-private partnership designed to expedite the movement of critical supplies from other countries to the United States. The below table shows recently delivered supplies to Florida through various sources, including Project Air Bridge, to bolster private sector supply chains.

| PPE | 5/9 – 5/15 | Total (YTD) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| N-95 Masks | 396,200 | 4,698,800 |
| Surgical & Procedural Masks | 1,327,500 | 28,580,300 |
| Eye & Face Shields | 72,400 | 950,400 |
| Isolation & Surgical Gowns | 664,600 | 13,372,700 |
| Surgical & Exam Gloves | 52,248,400 | 762,056,900 |

- In addition to the Project Air Bridge and other public-private partnership efforts outlined above, as of May 18, FEMA delivered 200 ventilators, 482,636 N-95 masks, 1,148,742 surgical masks, 185,159 medical gowns, 4,212 coveralls, 226,500 face shields, and 844,872 gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile to Florida.
- On May 2, FEMA announced that, under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, it will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of PPE to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation, including the 712 Medicaid & Medicare certified nursing homes in Florida, to care for our seniors. The mission will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA will ship PPE to Medicaid- and Medicare-certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association to provide additional PPE shipments.
- As of May 18, FEMA obligated \$94.4 M for COVID-19 response efforts in Florida and will continue to obligate additional dollars per validated State requests.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has worked with the State of Florida to increase hospital capacity in Florida by over 450 beds (as of May 18) in at a COVID-19 facility in Miami Beach (Miami Beach Convention Center). More [here](#).
- The Defense Logistics Agency, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, awarded a contract to Battelle Critical Care Decontamination Systems for 60 N95 decontamination system units for the sanitation and reuse of N95 respirators. A system is currently deployed in Florida and has the [capacity](#) to decontaminate up to 80,000 N95 respirators per day.

Federal Agency Support: The Trump Administration continues to provide unprecedented resources, guidance, and regulatory flexibilities for State, local and tribal governments to develop and deploy innovative solutions for addressing COVID-19.

- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**
 - As of May 19, medical facilities and providers in the State of Florida have received over \$3.5 B in COVID-19 related allocations from HHS. These include:
 - Medical providers in Florida have been allocated more than \$2.9 B through the CARES Act [Provider Relief Fund](#) (PRF). This funding supports healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and ensures uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19. Specific Florida PRF allocations include more than \$286 M in [High-](#)

[Impact Allocations](#), \$119.3 M in for low income and uninsured patients, and \$108.8 M to [rural providers](#). More information on allocations to specific providers in Florida can be found [here](#).

- Through the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act* and the CARES Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided over \$71.5 M to the State of Florida. More [here](#).
- HHS has awarded over \$63 M in CARES Act funding to 47 health centers across Florida to assist in combatting COVID-19. More [here](#).
- On April 22, an organization in Florida was awarded over \$1.5 M to support small rural hospitals and promote telehealth in rural communities. More [here](#).
- The Indian Health Service (IHS) has distributed \$2 M in COVID-19 supplemental appropriations to the State of Florida, benefiting IHS and Tribal Health Programs within the IHS Area. More [here](#).
- On March 13, the State of Florida submitted an 1135 Medicaid Waiver request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS). On March 16, CMS [approved](#) Florida's waiver request offering new flexibilities to focus resources on combatting the outbreak and providing the best possible care to Medicaid beneficiaries in Florida.
- HHS, CMS, and FDA have issued guidance on several topics to help inform decisions made by State and local health officials and private sector partners, including operational guidance for Florida nursing homes, telemedicine, elective surgery, and insurers. Learn more from CMS [here](#), CDC [here](#), and FDA [here](#).

– U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- As a result of the CARES Act, the SBA created four [additional loan/funding programs](#) to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of May 18, the SBA issued over \$31.2 B in loans to over 311,000 Florida small businesses. Nationally, SBA executed more loans in 14 days of the CARES Act implementation than the agency had done in the previous 14 years. More [here](#).
- On March 18, SBA [declared](#) an economic disaster in Florida at the request of Governor DeSantis. The disaster declaration creates access to low interest loans for small businesses across Florida. As of May 18, the SBA has approved 297,763 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances of up to \$10,000 for Florida small businesses impacted by COVID-19; these funds, as authorized by the CARES Act, do not need to be repaid and have totaled more than \$897.7 M in the State of Florida.

– U.S. Department of the Treasury (DT)

- As of May 8, the Internal Revenue Service has [issued](#) over 9.1 M Economic Impact Payments (EIP) totaling more than \$15.1 B to eligible individuals in Florida. Nationally, the IRS has issued 130 M payments totaling more than \$200 B to hardworking taxpayers across the Nation. [Authorized](#) under the CARES Act, EIPs are being automatically issued to eligible 2019 or 2018 Federal tax return filers who received a refund using direct deposit. Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will [automatically](#) receive economic impact payments. Additional information on the EIP program, including frequently asked questions, can be found [here](#).
- Treasury has completed all disbursements from the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund to States and units of local government eligible for direct allocation. Over \$8.3 B has been distributed to the State of Florida combined with eligible units of local government in the State to help address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. More information on the Coronavirus Relief Fund, including updated guidance and frequently asked questions, [here](#).
- On May 5, Treasury and the U.S. Department of the Interior [announced](#) initial allocations of the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars to Native American Tribes for coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery. Totaling nearly \$5 B (of \$8 B), the allocation represents one of the largest programmatic investments in Indian Country in our Nation's history.
- On April 9, the Department of Treasury and Federal Reserve [launched](#) a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities across the Nation, including in Florida, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MLF will provide up to \$500 B in direct financing to States and eligible

units of local government (counties with > 500,000 population and cities with > 250,000 population) to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information, including the term sheet and guidance, can be found [here](#).

– **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- As of May 18, HUD has made over \$248 M in COVID-19 funding available to Florida grantees via CARES Act authorizations to help America’s low-income families and most vulnerable citizens. More [here](#).
- On April 1, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide up to one year of payment forbearance for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family borrowers in Florida and across the Nation who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. More [here](#).
- On April 10, HUD **implemented** the CARES Act requirement to provide FHA multifamily borrowers in Florida and across the Nation with forbearance for up to three months if they agree not to evict tenants during that period. On May 14, FHA **announced** an extension of its foreclosure and eviction moratorium through June 30, 2020.
- To ensure homeowners and renters have the most up to date and accurate housing assistance information during the COVID-19 national emergency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), and HUD launched the new mortgage and housing assistance [website](#).

– **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**

- As a result of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, DOL **expanded paid sick, family, and medical leave**; the Department has offered flexibilities and emergency administrative capacity expansion grants for unemployment insurance that will help the people of Florida.
- DOL has awarded over \$59.4 M in emergency administrative unemployment insurance grants and \$12 M in dislocated worker grants to the State of Florida.

– **U.S. Department of Education (ED)**

- On March 20, ED suspended Federal student loan payments and waived interest during the Federal emergency, which could help up to 2.2 M direct loan borrowers in Florida.
- ED has also provided unprecedented reporting flexibilities to Florida to allow the State to best meet the needs of students and teachers during the emergency. More [here](#) and [here](#).
- In April, ED announced allocations under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act totaling over \$370 M to support postsecondary education students and institutions of higher education in Florida. More [here](#) and [here](#).
- On April 14, ED announced an allocation in the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund, authorized by the CARES Act, of over \$173 M for Florida. This is an extraordinarily flexible “emergency block grant” designed to enable governors to decide how best to meet the needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations. More [here](#).
- On April 23, ED made \$770.2 M available to Florida through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act to ensure learning continues for all students. More [here](#).

– **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

- USDA has provided numerous flexibilities and resources to the State of Florida to ensure children and low income Americans have access to food during the national emergency. More [here](#).
- On April 11, USDA approved Florida’s request to provide online purchasing of food to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households. Florida’s SNAP participation is nearly 3 M individuals, about 1.5 M households, and totals nearly \$4 B annually in Federal funding. More [here](#).
- On April 17, USDA announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (**CFAP**), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to farmers and ranchers across the country, including in Florida, impacted by COVID-19. USDA will begin accepting CFAP applications on May

26. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's [Farmers to Families Food Box](#) program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need. Find approved Florida contractors for the program [here](#) and a list of FAQ's [here](#)

- On May 15, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue [announced](#) the extension of three nationwide waivers, giving child nutrition program operators in Florida and across the country the flexibility they need to feed children while promoting social distancing and keeping families safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order, under the authority of the Defense Production Act, to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 emergency. The CDC and OSHA provided [guidance](#) to facilities to ensure employee safety, prompt reopening, and continued operation of facilities. USDA will work with meat processing facilities to ensure accordance with CDC and OSHA guidance, and with State and local officials to ensure plants are allowed to operate and continue to harden the security of the American food supply chain. More [here](#).
- USDA published a [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) for rural residents, businesses, and communities in Florida and across the country to find information about Federal funding and partnership opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

– U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- DOT allocated more than \$958.6 M in Federal Transit Administration funds to help the Florida public transportation systems respond to the challenges of COVID-19. More [here](#).
- DOT awarded more than \$896.1 M from the Federal Aviation Administration to help fund continuing operations and lost revenue for airports in Florida. More [here](#).
- On May 14, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration [published](#) a final rule updating hours of service (HOS) rules to increase safety on the America's roadways, including those in Florida, by updating existing regulations for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. These reforms will improve safety on America's roadways and strengthen the nation's motor carrier industry. More [here](#).

– U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

- On May 7, the Department of Commerce [announced](#) the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) will allocate \$1.5 B in CARES Act funds to aid communities across the country, including in Florida, in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. EDA will make CARES Act Recovery Assistance grants under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsible to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. More information, including how communities in Florida can apply, can be found [here](#).

– U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- With the \$19.6 B allocated under the CARES Act, the VA is hiring new staff and procuring additional resources to deal with the evolving needs of the pandemic. This includes expanding free or subsidized telehealth services and waiving a requirement that VA State homes maintain a 90 percent occupancy rate in order to receive Federal benefits for times when the Veteran is not in the home. More [here](#).
- The VA traditionally provides Veterans' healthcare, benefits and memorial affairs. In times of national crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, VA provides services to the Nation based on requests from States, while being clear that Veterans are our first priority. This is known as VA's [Fourth Mission](#). The VA continues to evaluate opportunities to help States and local communities across the country.
- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and VA [announced](#) that VA benefit recipients in Florida and across the Nation will automatically receive \$1,200 in Economic Impact Payments provided for under the CARES Act.
- On April 3, the VA announced a number of actions to provide Veterans in Florida and across the Nation with financial, benefits and claims help as part of the VA's COVID-19 response. The financial

relief actions include – until further notice – (i) suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and (ii) suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers. More [here](#).

– **U.S. Department of State (DOS)**

- The State Department launched an unprecedented global effort to bring home citizens from every corner of the globe and has repatriated thousands of Americans from multiple countries. As of May 15, DOS has coordinated the repatriation of 89,043 Americans on 926 flights from 132 countries and territories, including individuals from Florida. More [here](#).

– **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**

- DOJ allocated more than \$50.3 M in funds to Florida through the [Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \(CESF\) Program](#) to assist the State and local government response to COVID-19. This includes over \$31.7 M in funding to the State and over \$18.5 M to local governments. More [here](#).