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National Governors Association Issues Guidance to Help Governors Plan for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

WASHINGTON – As governors lead the fight against COVID-19 in their states and territories, the National Governors Association (NGA) released [a memo](#) to help governors plan for mass distribution of an eventual vaccine against the novel coronavirus.

“While biotechnology companies are working rigorously with the federal government under President Trump’s ‘Operation Warp Speed’ to develop an unprecedented 300 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine for administration in 2021, planning must begin now,” said Lauren Stienstra, NGA program director for homeland security and emergency management.

The NGA memo noted that the scope of the future distribution effort calls on governors, federal leaders and health and human services, economic development, education and public safety agencies, as well as private sector partners and the public, to engage in “whole of government” planning.

Immunizing the U.S. population against COVID-19 will likely require the single largest vaccination campaign ever undertaken, and governors will play a key role in bringing together leaders from their state public health, immunization and emergency management systems to design and execute the operations.

Among other factors, the NGA guidance to governors’ offices addresses priority populations for the initial vaccine distribution, strategies to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, and legal issues that may arise, particularly in requiring vaccinations of health care workers.

While Operation Warp Speed has provided a general framework for vaccine distribution, states need additional clarity around key operations to effectively play their part in vaccine distribution. Understanding how vaccines will be allotted to states, how populations will be prioritized for vaccination, and how vaccination will be tracked will help ensure that at-risk groups, essential workers, and the general population will be protected against COVID-19.

The NGA memo spelled out several steps for governors to consider in advance of a vaccine becoming available:

- Convene partners to begin planning.
- Continue to advocate for federal guidance and clarification.
- Empower staff to build out vaccine distribution scenarios.
- Begin considering how vaccines should be prioritized.
- Assess logistical capability.
- Determine communication strategies.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, the National Governors Association has played a coordinating, federal advocacy and policy research role for governors as they research and implement public health strategies to protect their residents while creating conditions for economic recovery. Among other measures, NGA has [advocated for additional federal aid](#) to respond to the public health emergency while protecting vital state services, co-developed a [roadmap to assist governors](#) in safely reopening their economies and institutions, and facilitated regular discussions among governors and with federal leaders.

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COVID-19 Daily Update – Monday, Aug. 3, 2020

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Governors Urge President To Extend Title 32 Today

Governors from across the country have [called on](#) the President numerous times to extend the use of Title 32 for National Guard operations in response to and recovery from COVID-19:

"While we appreciate the Administration's support over the past few months, short-term extensions and last-minute authorizations are adversely impacting and disrupting state plans and operations.

"Governors strongly urge the President to authorize an extension of Title 32 today. Unnecessary delays in extending Title 32 create significant challenges for states and territories, which are amplified in the middle of a crisis."

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Raising Awareness of Need for Plasma Donation

Plasma donations are even more essential during the current COVID-19 pandemic to ensure patients with rare diseases can keep receiving their lifesaving treatments. National authorities, as well as state governments across the country, have published guidance documents recognizing the essential nature of plasma donation. Please help raise awareness of the need for plasma donations and help your constituents find their nearest plasma donation center at donatingplasma.org/donation/find-a-donor-center.

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Aug. 3 – The Office of Child Care continues to add online resources to help Child Care and Development Fund program grantees respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent updates include new content in the frequently asked questions section of the [Office of Child Care COVID-19 Resources page](#).
- July 31 – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) an application deadline extension for the Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups will have until Friday, August 28, 2020 to apply.**

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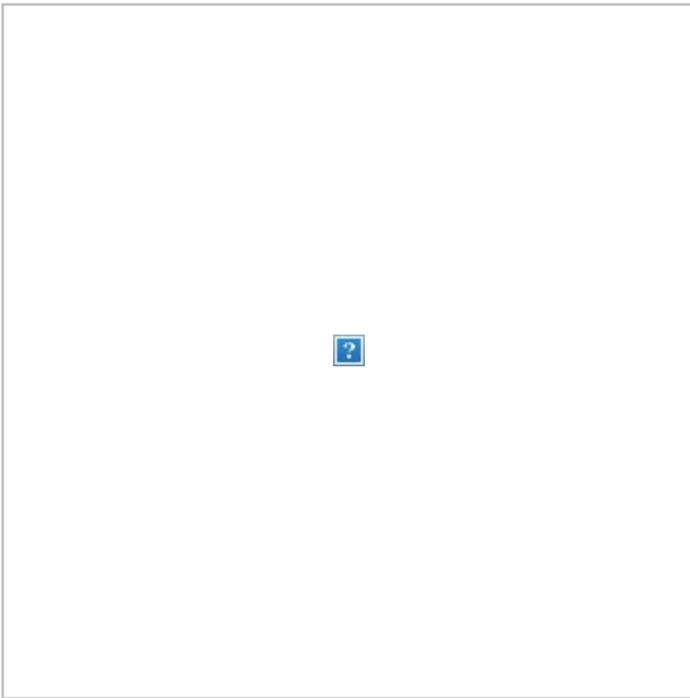
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VP Call Notes – 8/3

VP

- Encouraging states in path of TS Isaias to review FEMA operational guidance re: hurricanes and COVID. Will be collecting lessons learned and best practices.
- COVID cases plateauing in Sun Belt and soon in Heartland states
- CA, TX and FL starting to make slight improvements

Dr. Birx

- Home parties continue to be a critical issue, particularly in the southern states
- Multi-generational and cross-family gatherings without masks can be super-spreader events
- Urban and rural areas impacted, not just urban
- Yellow states – beginning to see improvements in a series of those states, still concerned about MO and TN
- Improvements in fatality rates, kudos to health care systems (shorter hospital stays, more recoveries)
- Green states – watching for increases
- Tremendous positive impacts from masks, closing bars, limited indoor dining, etc.

HHS Sec. Azar

- Operation Warp Speed: last week was a big moment – Moderna and Pfizer entered phase 3 clinical vaccine trials (very fast)
- Sanofi and others also moving ahead
- HHS public service announcements last week to support efforts to get American who've recovered from COVID to donate blood and plasma; want Govs to encourage as well
- HHS has tool to deploy to help with emerging hotspots, calls states on Fridays based on most recent hotspot data to offer a team that could deploy by Monday to help that locality
- President signing an EO today on expanding access to health care in rural America via telehealth

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- Over 20m tests done for July
- Point of care tests continuing to go to nursing homes
- Turnaround times – half of testing is done through point-of-care or through hospitals; backlog at outside labs (now 65% within 3 days). Lab Corps is caught up with their backlog, Quest is not (still 7-14 day turnaround currently, won't be resolved for a few more weeks)

CMS Adm. Verma

- Nursing homes – funding pots going to be available for testing for those that don't

get the point of care tests

- Getting real time reporting from nursing homes
- CMS reaching out to states w/ 3 or more cases in nursing homes for states to go in and engage
 - 10 or more – CMS can send in a strike team to provide more intensive support

CDC Director Dr. Redfield

- CDC guidance is there to assist in the reopening of schools; includes checklists for parents, school administrators, docs on use of face coverings in schools
- In person learning is encouraged but must be done safely and in areas where it makes sense, decisions at local level

Gov. DeSantis-FL

- Hurricanes & COVID – positives put in isolation in hotels, not congregate shelters

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- Aug. 3 – The President signed an [executive order](#), which includes extending the availability of certain telehealth services after the current public health emergency ends, directing HHS to announce a new payment model that tests innovations that empower rural hospitals to transform health care in their communities on a broader scale and directing the federal government to launch a joint initiative in 30 days to improve the health care communication infrastructure and to expand rural health care services.

State Coronavirus Resource

State and local government agencies have a new option for procuring PPE: The [Defense Logistics Agency](#) has a new program that lets state and local government agencies procure in-demand Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for public health workers and first responders using the federal government's e-commerce platform, FedMall. The platform provides dynamic pricing and a secure shopping experience with pre-qualified suppliers. Offerings include cloth face masks, protective gloves, gowns, face shields, social distancing signage and more. Additional program information can be found [here](#). Contact: StateandLocalProgram@dla.mil

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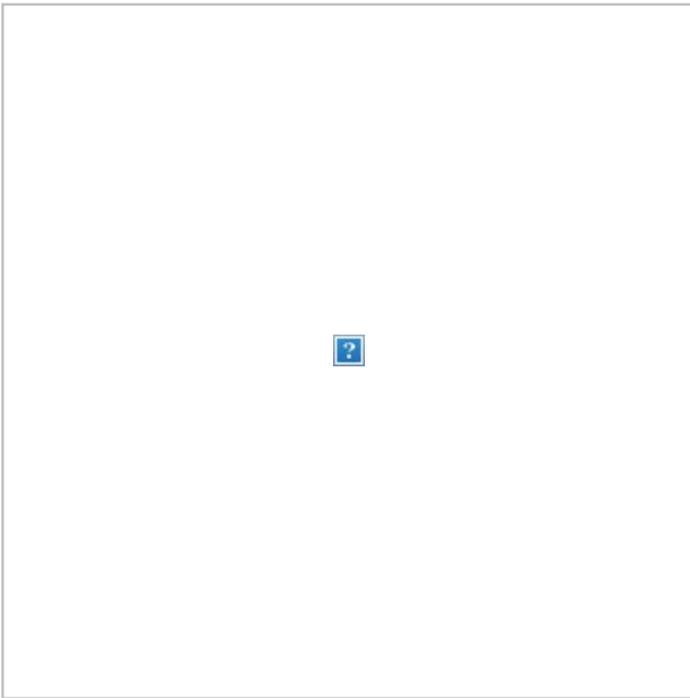
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Oregon COVID-19 Media Clips questions? Contact Julia Hakes JULIA.A.HAKES@dhsosha.state.or.us

National and local Oregon coverage

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KMVU (FOX) - August 5, 2020

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[Good Day Oregon→](#)

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[KOIN News AM Extra→](#)

Portland's CW - August 5, 2020

by the **oregon health authority**, we know that parents and teachers have a lot of questions here as we continue to follow the **coronavirus**

[Josephine County Public Health Reports One More COVID-19 Death, But One is Subtracted→](#)

KAJO 1270AM - August 5, 2020

. An 81-year-old man died from **coronavirus** in early April. A Josephine County **COVID-19** fatality announced last Friday ...

[KATU News This Morning→](#)

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[Oregon's long delayed jobless benefits computer upgrade is again in doubt→](#)

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later, though, **Oregon** still hasn't. As simple as the change sounds, the state's computers can't handle it. As a result, **Oregon...**

[Live updates: Oregon COVID-19 total almost at 20,000 cases→](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting - August 5, 2020

Oregon Health Authority reported 342 new confirmed and presumptive cases of **COVID-19** bringing the state total to 19,699...

[Mimi Luther Dreads the Prospect of Flu Season Mixed With a Pandemic. She Begs You to Get a Flu Shot.→](#)

Willamette Week - August 5, 2020

the state prepare for the **COVID-19** vaccine. WW: Flu vaccine isn't entirely effective for the person getting it. The **COVID-19**

[People Are More Likely to Catch COVID East of 82nd Avenue. That's Where Portland's Housing Is the Most Overcrowded.→](#)

Willamette Week - August 5, 2020

afford to rent a bigger apartment." The apartment got smaller when the **COVID-19** virus arrived in Portland. What once felt cramped...

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BEEN: Up to 15% of Multnomah County residents who have tested positive for **COVID-19** shared no contacts with the county, Dr. ...

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lead author of the study says the findings are highlighted by the **covid-19** pandemic. Researchers focused on financial assets like stocks,

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topical issue or a theme of particular relevance to the Pacific Northwest, **Oregon** and the Portland area to commentary@oregonian...

[342 new COVID-19 cases, 5 new deaths, OHA reports→](#)

The World Link - August 5, 2020

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[NBC5 News at Sunrise→](#)

KOBI - August 5, 2020

sunny skies this weekend. Experts trying to help the **oregon health authority**... Estimate **coronavirus** is infecting between a thousand and 16-

[News10 Good Morning→](#)

KTVL (CBS) - August 5, 2020

information in **coronavirus** numbers-- per the **oregon health authority** and the california government-- as you can see behind me -- jackson

[Good Day Oregon at 5am→](#)

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Committee and the Nevada Republican Party, said. As the **coronavirus** pandemic continues to spread throughout the country, some ...

[Coronavirus updates Wednesday: 25 virus cases reported at Oregon summer camp→](#)

The Register-Guard - August 5, 2020

COVID-19, the **Oregon Health Authority** said. The total death toll is 333. On Monday the state reported one of its highest ...

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the U.S. could hit 180,000 **coronavirus** detectives in about two weeks. >>> The **oregon health authority** reported five more deaths and 342 new

[Oregon considering potential travel restrictions to slow spread of COVID-19→](#)

The Oregonian (Premium) - August 5, 2020

travel restrictions for **Oregon** has been raised by members of the governor's medical advisory panel, Boyle said, based on ...

[FDA gives approval to low-cost ventilator developed by Oregon experts→](#)

KATU - August 5, 2020

Oregon. KATU first reported on the LifeMech's Adapted Ventilator System (A-VS) in May. It was created in the early days of the <...

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last month. They suggested fully funding K-12 education and keeping **Oregon** State Police trooper staff at current levels. Their ...

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not be open to students at least through November, in light of the **COVID-19** crisis. The district had planned to formalize its ...

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Ashland Tidings - August 4, 2020

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are in isolation 1 person is in the hospital. Today the **oregon health authority** released its weekly testing summary for the state. They say

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in our region. Some good **coronavirus** news for lake county today. It is now off of governor brown's **coronavirus** watch list. áááHP MAPáá today

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covid-19 case was confirmed on march 7-th. The county has now seen a total of 201 cases. There are still several*active **covid-19**

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Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

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Today's Highlights

- The Council of Governors met for its summer plenary meeting yesterday with senior federal officials.
- NGA Partner Deloitte's Health360 solution leverages the predictive power of Social Determinants of Health data to identify vulnerable populations for a variety of health and wellness issues. The solution integrates publicly available as well as proprietary data to create a robust population analysis tool. The Health360 solution provides access to millions of data points and more than 150 predictive models, while giving users the ability to view data at all levels from national to state, county, census block, or even individual household. More information is below.

July Employment Data

The economists at Keybridge, who briefed the governors last month, prepared this [top-line summary](#) of today's employment report to assist with your analysis.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

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NGA Activities

Title 32 Statement

Today, governors called on the President to institute a fair and equitable solution to the use of and funding for Title 32.

Governors appreciate the President's action earlier this week to extend the use of Title 32 through the end of the year. States and territories are concerned about the new 25 percent financial burden during a recession that they are required to shoulder while also executing unprecedented responsibility to protect the public health and well-being of constituents.

Read the statement in its entirety [here](#).

Council of Governors Meeting

The Council of Governors met for its summer plenary meeting yesterday with senior federal officials. Topics discussed during this plenary meeting included cybersecurity, reserve component duty status reform, National Guard full-time support, disaster mitigation and response, COVID-19 and Title 32 authorization. A readout from the meeting can be found [here](#).

Notice of Activity: NGA Child and Family Well-being Learning Cohort

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices is partnering with Casey Family Programs to lead a new Child and Family Well-being Learning Cohort focused on supporting child and family well-being as schools reopen. This initiative will bring together state teams consisting of governor's office representatives, state human services executives, child welfare leaders, education leaders and others in a collaborative network to coordinate strategic solutions to preventing child abuse and neglect and ensuring child and family well-being. States will benefit from cross-state working groups that will share expertise and experience between teams, high-level national technical assistance workshops and tailored technical assistance from NGA and Casey Family Programs. Participation in the learning network will be open to all states. [Click here](#) to read the full notice of activity and [click here](#) complete the state interest form. Forms should be submitted by **Friday, August 14**. Please contact Rosalynd Mosser (rmosser@nga.org) with any questions.

Upcoming and Recent Calls

Legal Counsel Call

NGA's next legal counsel call on **Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 3 p.m. EDT** will feature a briefing from SCOTUSblog co-founder Tom Goldstein on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and a preview of the upcoming term. The call will also include remarks from counsel on their continued COVID-19 response efforts and related legal considerations.

Dial-In: 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 202-624-5375

State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) Calls

To access recent SCAN calls, click the links below:

- [June 16 call on addressing the decline in child abuse reports and supporting child wellbeing](#)
- [June 17 call on strategies for protecting housing stability during reopening](#) (Access Password: 0I*fDW!6)
- [June 23 call on strategies for reopening child care](#) (Access Password: 3V+9^+Ib)
- [July 21 call on public health safety and public health considerations related to protests](#)
- [July 22 call on unemployment disparity in state recovery plans](#)

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced an application

deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program, and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups have until Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to apply.** The administration has reported that fewer than 10 percent of eligible Medicaid providers have applied to receive this funding.

We encourage governors to issue a release like [this one](#) from Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

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- [Emergent BioSolutions](#) invites governors and their staff to **virtually** tour the Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing to see where the COVID-19 domestic manufacturing is, and will continue to occur, for the coronavirus vaccine. **Virtual tours** are typically 45 minutes to 1 hour. Should Governors or their staff have interest, please reach out to Katherine Getty (contact information below) to set up a tour. In June, [Emergent joined](#) the U.S. Government Operation Warp Speed for COVID-19 Manufacturing. Through this partnership, Emergent will support the U.S. government's effort to accelerate the delivery of COVID-19 vaccine candidates through 2021 and create a U.S.-based manufacturing supply chain for pharmaceutical and biotechnology innovators of leading COVID-19 vaccine candidates, including working with innovators like Novavax, Vaxert, Johnson and Johnson and Astra Zeneca. Contact: Katherine Getty, senior manager of government affairs (GettyK@ebsi.com or [850-221-1359](tel:850-221-1359))

Social Media

Yesterday, we used our Twitter channel to support a coordinated "tweet storm" on the need for Congress and the administration to invest in America's economic recovery. We worked in concert with our sister organizations — the National Association of Counties, National Conference of State Legislatures, The Council of State Governments, The United States Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and the International City/County Management Association, among others — to amplify social media content promoting the need for fiscal aid for state and local governments.



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COVID-19 Daily Update — Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

Guam Governor Lou Leon Guerrero announced that she has tested positive for COVID-19 and is working from home as she experiences moderate symptoms. On behalf of the National Governors Association and her fellow governors, we wish Gov. Guerrero a speedy and full recovery.

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[NGA Leaders Call on Congress to Come Together on Coronavirus Relief](#)

NGA Chair and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Vice Chair and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson reacted to Congress' failure to reach a compromise on a new coronavirus relief package last week and the president's subsequent [memorandum](#) to provide some supplemental unemployment benefits by using disaster-relief funds:

"The best way forward is for the Congress and the Administration to get back to the negotiating table and come up with a workable solution, which should provide meaningful additional relief for American families. NGA has requested \$500 billion in unrestricted state aid and NGA continues to urge Congress and the White House to reach a quick resolution to provide immediate assistance to unemployed Americans. This resolution should avoid new administrative and fiscal burdens on states. It is essential that our federal partners work together to find common ground to help restore our nation's health and protect our economy."

Read NGA's statement in its entirety [here](#).

[Strategies to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness During COVID-19](#)

Social isolation and loneliness were a growing challenge prior to the pandemic and early data suggest COVID-19 is exacerbating the issue. To inform governors, NGA developed a memo, [Strategies to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness During COVID-19](#), that reviews the impact of social isolation and loneliness and strategies governors, the federal government and private sector entities have taken to address these challenges.

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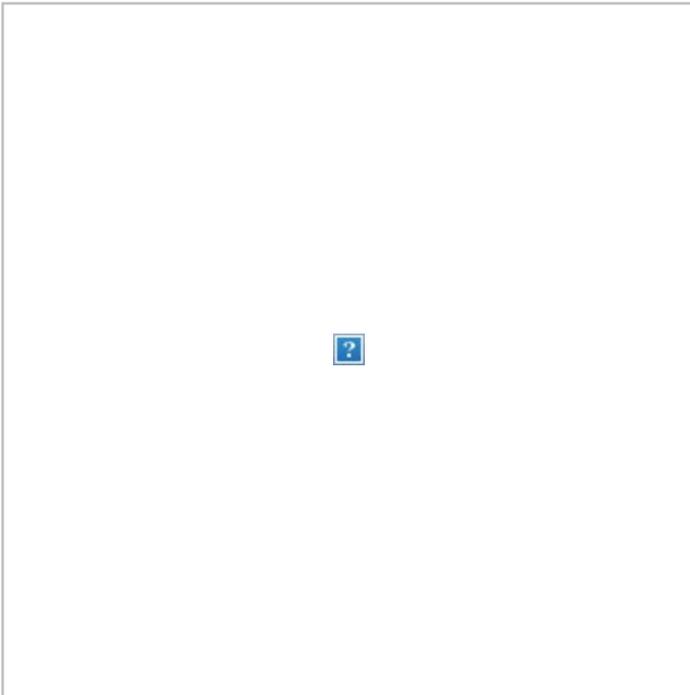


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Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, the first governor in the nation to test positive for the coronavirus, donated plasma to help other virus patients recover. The American Red Cross are still in need of blood and plasma donations and are encouraging fully recovered COVID-19 patients to consider donating plasma to help others.

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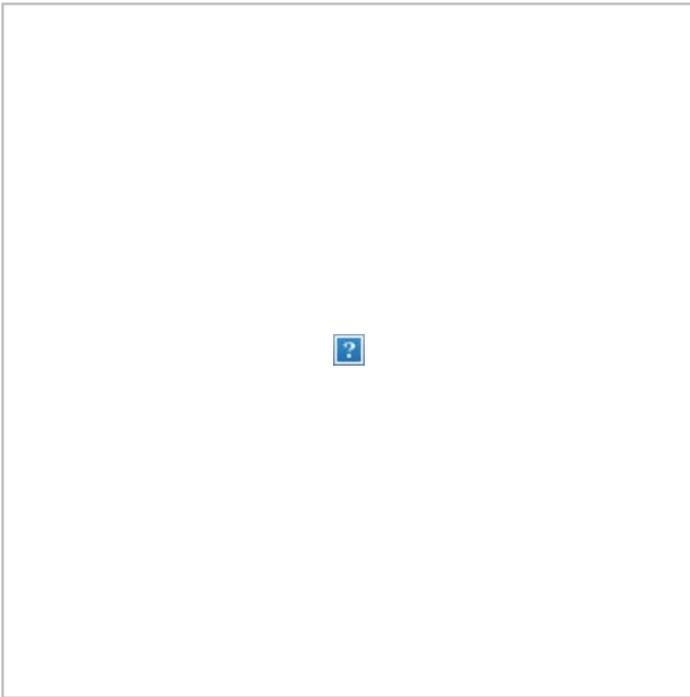


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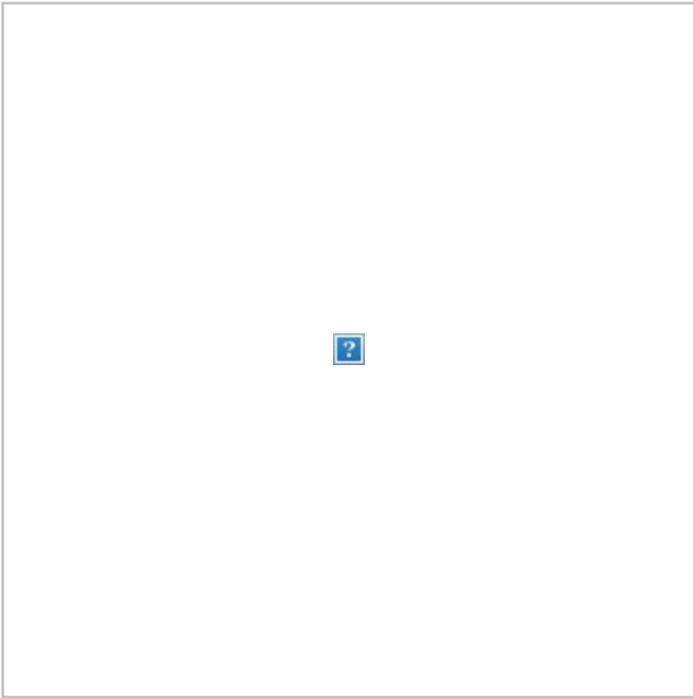


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National and local Oregon coverage



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Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

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Today's Highlight

- Please join the National Governors Association and representatives from Operation Warp Speed on **Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. EDT** for a briefing to learn more about this public-private partnership regarding COVID-19 vaccines. Registration information is below.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
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- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
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Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

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NGA Activities

Briefing On Operation Warp Speed

Please join the National Governors Association and representatives from Operation Warp Speed on **Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. EDT** for a briefing to learn more about this public-private partnership regarding COVID-19 vaccines. Operation Warp Speed aims to deliver millions of doses of a safe, effective vaccine for COVID-19 by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacture and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics. This briefing is an opportunity for governors' offices to hear directly from Operation Warp Speed representatives. You can register for the briefing [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. You can find an NGA memo on COVID-19 vaccine distribution [here](#).

Big Seven Statement

The National Governors Association and other state and local government organizations issued a statement warning the lack of action from Congress to reach a compromise on a new coronavirus relief package would lead to massive cuts to the very services that are sustaining millions of Americans during the pandemic and recession, and that are necessary for rapid and sustainable recovery.

The statement reads: "Due to Congress' inaction, the ability of state and local governments to deliver critical services to the American people is now in serious jeopardy, along with the jobs of millions who work in schools, libraries, police and fire departments, hospitals, road and transit agencies, and other units of state and local government. Only the federal government, with its central bank, the world's reserve currency, and unlimited borrowing authority, has the power to avoid these devastating consequences. It is

unconscionable that our federal leaders have failed to act.”

Read the full statement [here](#).

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combatting misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor’s office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state’s point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Recent Calls

Biweekly Unemployment Call

Yesterday’s unemployment call discussed a provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues, and including the recent presidential memorandum to provide some supplemental unemployment benefits by using disaster-relief funds. Staff from NGA’s Office of Government Relations and the Center for Best Practices led the discussion and provided updates. A link to a recording of the call can be found [here](#).

State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) Calls

To access recent SCAN calls, click the links below:

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- [June 17 call on strategies for protecting housing stability during](#)

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- [July 21 call on public health safety and public health considerations related to protests](#)
- [July 22 call on unemployment disparity in state recovery plans](#)

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program, and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups have until Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to apply.** The administration has reported that fewer than 10 percent of eligible Medicaid providers have applied to receive this funding.

We encourage governors to issue a release like [this one](#) from Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Social Media

We are continuing to use NGA's social media channels to highlight state school reopening plans during the coronavirus pandemic, such as New Hampshire's focus on ensuring appropriate learning opportunities for special needs students.

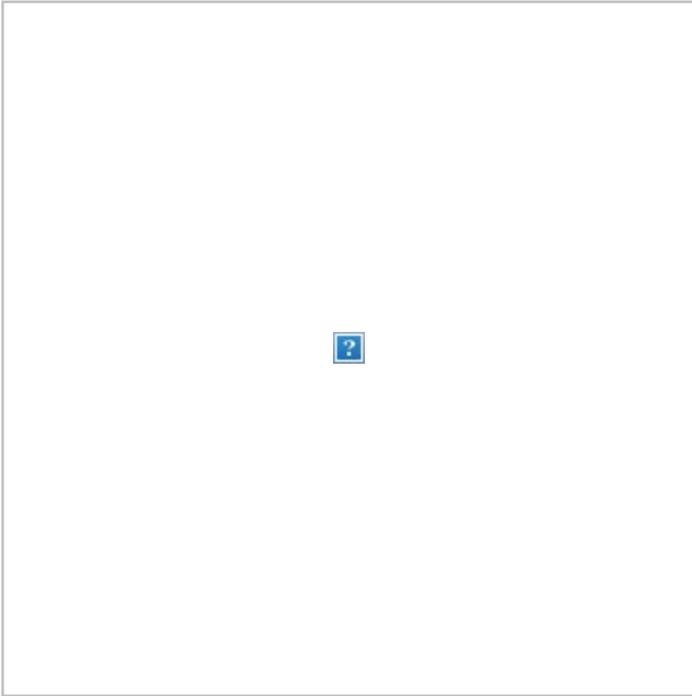


NGA is using all its social media channels to highlight official state messaging on topics of general interest, in addition to COVID-19. If you would like us to highlight your state or territory's messaging, please email Bradley Peck at bpeck@nga.org. Please follow [NGA's official Twitter account](#) to stay up to date on recent state actions and announcements on social media.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division).

Respectfully,

Bill



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has that story today. >> Reporter: the new normal of the **coronavirus** pandemic has included a divide. Over masks, social distancing, and what

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than 22,000 cases over all since the pandemic began. Today the **oregon health authority** also issued new rules on facemasks. They will now be

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new information this afternoon from the **oregon health authority** shows wilma county continues to lead the state in **coronavirus** cases. The 52

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can be maintained. According to the **oregon health authority** 1 percent of oregonians without **covid-19** had evidence of past infection of the

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trying to keep **covid-19** at bay. The oregon state fire marshal said crews crews are taking precautions to prevent spread of **covid-19**. They

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at stahlbush island farms. The **oregon health authority** reports 9 workers at the facility have fallen ill with **covid-19**. The most recent

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there. **Oregon** reports a second **prison** death from the **coronavirus** The **Oregon Department of ...**

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, 527 **inmates** had tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 447 have recovered, according to a **Department of Corrections ...**

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Good Afternoon!

Please find attached the MAC weekly report for August 10-14, notes from the August 13 meeting, and incident priorities for the week of July 17-21. If you have any questions or need additional information please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a great weekend!

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MAC Sub-Committee Weekly Report

August 17-21, 2020

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Chair Debbie Dennis, Oregon Department of Administrative Services

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

TESTING AND CONTRACT TRACING

Co-Chairs Tina Edlund & Berri Leslie, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

FEMA & EMERGENCY COORDINATION

Chair Andrew Phelps, Office of Emergency Management

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

- Last weekend, the president issued an executive order that authorized use of Disaster Relief Fund (money managed by FEMA to fund response/recovery from federally declared disasters) for Supplemental Lost Wages assistance. This is a new program through FEMA and requires the state agency in charge of unemployment insurance (in our case, the Employment Dept.) to manage the grant program. This program requires a 25% state match for the \$300 in weekly benefits authorized by the executive order (unlike Disaster Unemployment Assistance, a “normal” FEMA program which we have requested but *has not* been authorized and has no cost share requirement). OEM has been in contact with Employment and offered assistance in completing the application process and connecting with FEMA should the state decide to request and implement this assistance. The state has until 10 September to submit an application.
- The State ECC has transitioned from a one week operational period to a two week operational period, however, weekly situations reports and coordination calls will continue each Thursday.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

None at this time.

SECTOR GUIDANCE

Co-Chairs Leah Horner & Gina Zjedlik, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

- Face covering guidance for office spaces, open to the public or not, was posted on Thursday afternoon.

- K-12/OSAA guidance that allows outdoor training/conditioning/play for schools in hybrid or distance learning and indoor training/conditioning/play for schools in in-person learning was released with the ODE guidance. It is up to schools if they want to allow this or not. Recreational sports and collegiate sports will be aligned next week for posting the week after.
- FAQ on pools were updated with new questions

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

No

COVID-19 PREVALENCE & HEALTH SUPPORT DATA

Chair Dean Sidelinger, Oregon Health Authority

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

MIGRANT FARMWORKER SUPPORT

Co-Chairs Amira Streeter & Linda Roman, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Chair Lauren Henderson, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Extra effort is being made by the ODA to make sure farms are aware of the playbook and toolkit. There is not a master list of all farms contact information so it is difficult to make sure all farms are connected to the state outbreak response. This will be a continuing effort for education and outreach.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

Not at this time.

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT

Chair Shannon Singleton, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

CONGREGATE CARE SUPPORT

Chair Jana Mclellan, Oregon Health Authority

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

1. LTCF Testing Plan progress update:

a. VA Team testing

i. 42 facilities tested to date

1. Of these 42, 25 were in response to outbreaks, so are included in the outbreak testing counts noted above
2. The remaining 17 facilities tested were COVID naïve facilities.
3. VA team testing has prioritized testing in the counties on the Governor’s watch list, and testing at facilities with outbreaks. To date, VA teams have tested facilities in 13 counties.
 - a. VA Teams will continue testing through August 31.
4. Overall testing, as reported by facilities at the end of July as required by DHS’s testing plan rules is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Summary of Required LTCF Testing Plan Progress Reporting for July, 2020* UPDATED 8/13

Total number of LTCFs covered by testing plan and related rules		685		
Total number of facilities that completed required reporting for July, as of 8/13/20		484		
Percent of all facilities that completed required reporting for July, as of 8/13/20 [=484/685]		71%		
Number of facilities indicating that they have completed initial testing		168		
Percent of ALL facilities indicating that they have completed initial testing [=168/685]		22%		
Percent of facilities that completed required reporting for July, as of 8/13/20 indicating that they have completed initial testing [=168/484]		35%		
Summary of reported data from the 484 facilities that submitted data:				
	Residents	Facility Staff	Associated Staff	TOTAL
Total counts~	24,308	27,193	2,497	53,998
Tested to date~	12,567	15,859	1,821	30,247
	52%	58%	73%	57%
Not yet tested to date~	11,519	11,213	707	23,439
	49.5%	43%	30%	43%
Positive Results	361	367	22	750
	2.9%	2.3%	1.2%	2.5%
Negative Results	11,161	14,444	1,667	27,272
	95%	98%	98.8%	97%
Test Refusals	369	120	11	500
	3.1%	0.8%	1.6%	1.8%

*Per OAR 411-060, facilities are required to self-report this data at the end of July 2020. (extended to August 7, 2020)

~ “Tested” and “Not Yet Tested” do not add up to the “Total Counts” due to staff and resident turn-over.

2. RFA update (Note: the RFA was for an all-inclusive testing services model (test kits, specimen collection, test ordering, lab services, transport). As surveys continue to come in from facilities, we have learned that not all of them need some or most services. Many facilities are asking for test kits and/or lab services only. We are adjusting and assessing options for ensuring we are meeting the specific needs and requests of facilities.)
 - a. Good news: MetroWest has resubmitted their application to do statewide specimen collection, including the requirement to have their provider order the tests, and OC&P has posted the “intent to award” and from there we can talk to them directly and engage them and their network of subcontracted EMS agencies for specimen collection. We will have to associate them with labs to provide the supplies.
 - b. AMI: This is the CA firm that offers the works. We are wrapping up OSPHL’s last minute questions for them and will probably post an intent to award to them, but they will need more time to find in-state subcontractors to do the specimen collection.
 - c. We have found in the LTCF survey responses is that very few need on-site specimen collection help from us – only 4,500 people to test was an estimate from last Friday. The other 37,000 persons yet to be tested need “just” supplies or PPE or something else which is much easier than us sending in teams.
 - d. The Testing Branch is working out a process with Willamette Valley Toxicology to support facilities that don’t need on site collection support, since the collection kits they offer are self-administered, or low support needed.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

No.

BLACK & AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chair Serena Stoudamire, Department of Administrative Services

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chair Sophorn Cheang, Governor’s Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

- COVID-19 CBO funds and contracts through OHA Public Health Division are in the works. Many API serving organizations on the API Community Support committee partners list are also receiving grants including CANN, Utopia, MIC, Oregon Marshallese Community Organization Asian Health and Service Center, APANO, IRCO, amongst others.
- CPOP team is working with CANN to develop COFA language videos and providing general support for Union county COFA population.
- Belle Shepard and Anny Hsiao interviewed nine different Pacific Islander-serving leaders and community based organizations so far for the co-creation of the PI Community Support plan in collaboration with the Pacific Islander COVID-19 Task

Force. Some organizations include the Samoan Pacific Development Corporation, Utopia PDX, Micronesian Community Organization of Oregon, COFA Alliance National Network, Hawaiian Civic Beat and Oregon Marshallese Community Organization.

- **Concerns that we would like to flag:** Many organizations who have received funding have had to pivot to becoming a direct service organization. Community leaders are interested in receiving increased technical support.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

We do not at this time.

LATINX COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chair Carmen Urbina, Oregon Department of Education

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

The Latino/a/x MAC committee has drafted a comprehensive prevention, response and recovery guidance document. The draft has now been through multiple stages of review with additional staff from state agencies, the Governor's office and broad coalition of community based organizations, including the Oregon Latinx Leadership Network. Currently we are awaiting final feedback from staff from OHA, the Governor's Office and OLLN to prepare the final draft. We anticipate having a final draft for review by the Governor by August 21st, 2020.

The Latino/a/x MAC workgroup has also been working on an analysis of the State's existing expenditures supporting BIPOC communities. This analysis is intended to map the supports already in place and to identify gaps for additional targeted support. The workgroup has met with staff from OHA, DHS, ODE, OHCS and others to co-develop the research questions and plan in an attempt to ensure the map accurately reflects all of the state's expenditures to support BIPOC communities. The workgroup also met with Paul Bellatty, Director of DHS's Office of Reporting, Research, Analytics and Implementation (ORRAI) this week to discuss utilizing the DHS data warehouse in order to support the resource mapping project. This meeting was successful and additional follow-up is expected next week to determine the specific data that are available for use.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

Not at this time.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chair Julie Johnson, Oregon Health Authority

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

SCHOOLS REOPENING

Chair Lindsey Capps, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

FIRE CAMP SUPPORT

Chair Mariana Ruiz, State Fire Marshall's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

ENFORCEMENT

Chair Jeff Rhoades, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?

JUVENILES & ADULTS IN CUSTODY SUPPORT

Chair: Constantine Severe, Governor's Office

Are there any updates you want to share with MAC members/Governor?

DOC changed its return to work procedures with the support and guidance of OHA, and based on updated CDC recommendations:

Employees with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immunocompromised may return to work when:

- a. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- b. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- c. Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved. OR,
- d. Employees who are not severely immunocompromised and were **ASYMPTOMATIC** throughout their infection may return to work when at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive test.

Employees with severe to critical illness, or who are severely immunocompromised may return to work when:

- a. At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- b. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- c. Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved. OR,
- d. Employees who are severely immunocompromised, but who were asymptomatic throughout their infection, may return to work when at least 20 days have passed since the date of their first positive test.

Does your committee have an issue it needs MAC to resolve?



Multi-Disciplinary Agency COVID Response Committee (MAC)

AGENDA

August 13, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

1. **Welcome and roll call** – Pat Allen
2. **OHA Update** – Pat Allen – Weekly report indicates we may be reaching a plateau with cases dropping slightly this week. Hot spots are improving with the exception of a couple of counties. Fatalities are increasing this week. Picked up an additional eight deaths this week – these are part of a reconciliation process. More deaths this year to date that we would normally expect. OHA tracks all cases of deaths for those who had COVI at time of death even though COVID might not be the cause of death.
 - a. **Health Data** – Dean Sidelinger – Another day under 300 today. Cautiously optimistic we are headed to a more stable situation. Need a few more folks on board. Most troublesome counties appear to be on the mend. Fariborz – what are your thoughts on a vaccine – how long? Dean – Looking for first/second quarter of next year before we would have something available. Will not be available for everyone in the beginning. Talk at federal level of making the first vaccines available to those in high-risk occupations.
3. **Public Awareness Campaign Update** – Thomas Wheatley – New phase of public awareness of campaign. First week of August focused on BIPOC communities – especially around contact tracing. Campaign is available in a variety of formats and languages. Will also be starting a campaign on public response to COVID-19. Will be establishing focus groups to test the findings of the public response efforts.
4. **Guidance Update** – Leah Horner – K-12 sports guidance was linked to education guidance released earlier this year. Guidance allows for non-contact sports to occur outdoors, for schools in session it allows indoor non-contact sports. Have not updated recreational sport guidance. College and professional sports have been placed on hold as organizations are making decisions. Hoping for update on face covering guidance next week. Requires employees in offices to wear face coverings if six feet of distance cannot be maintained. Katy Coba is working on updated state agency guidance. DOJ is suggesting a different template that clearly identifies under what authority the guidance is being developed.

5. Incident Priorities:

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1	Improve surge response	To respond more quickly to outbreaks across Oregon. Emphasis on improving response time to communities of color.	Jana and CRU team will present playbook at MAC on August 13.
2	Case management for people on quarantine	To ensure that vulnerable COVID-19 patients have the support to quarantine.	Dolly presented at August 6 MAC and will continue to update MAC and subcommittee chairs as-needed.
3	Procuring Testing Capacity	Explore all avenues to increase Oregon’s testing capacity.	Pat, Nik and OHA team will present testing strategy to MAC on August 20.
4	PPE - Debbie Dennis	To ensure the state can play a role in providing PPE to county health departments and medical facilities when the supply chain slows or stop.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue procurement of N95 and gloves 2. NIOSH approval for Lighthouse and D6 mfg. 3. Battelle decision

MAC STRATEGIC INTENT

1. Provide for the safety of the public, vulnerable population, first responders and health care providers.
2. Ensure mass care and human services is prepared and has the capacity to care for the wellbeing of those impacted by COVID-19.
3. Minimize the impact and spread of COVID-19 to the people of Oregon while deliberately reopening Oregon and getting people back to work.
4. Ensure Oregon’s health care system is prepared and has the capacity to care for the wellbeing of those impacted by COVID-19.
5. Lead a coordinated, aligned and efficient emergency response to COVID-19 across all levels and sectors.
6. Ensure transparent, accurate and consistent culturally responsive communication to the people of Oregon.
7. Ensure transition planning of the statewide enterprise approach to the next phase within the construct of agency work and operations.

5	Increase use of facial coverings	Through enforcement and public education, encourage a higher percentage of compliance with the Governor's executive orders around facial coverings.	1. Ongoing public education and enforcement
6	Public health indicator data by race	Allow Oregon to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on Oregonians by race.	1. Focus on hospital labs to begin early reporting (Kaiser, Providence, Legacy, OHSU, Asante, St. Charles) (Pat)

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2	Guidance - <i>Leah Horner</i>	Provide ongoing guidance as needed	Ongoing
3	Executive orders	Travel Worker protections	

7. Surge Playbook – Akiko Saito & Rachel Currans-Henry – Report on work that has been done in the CRRU over the last several weeks in preparing for surges based on what we have learned to date. Please see copy of presentation included with these notes.

Fariborz – Emergency health care centers. Especially as we think about as we look into the fall. May need to be address niche needs (i.e. dialysis). Another difficult area is COVID patients with dementia. A lot of great work occurring to stay ahead of the game.

Sophorn – Behavioral health and support – specific playbook for individual groups. Rachel – this is an across the board effort. Front and center as CRRU develops playbooks. Sophorn – Want to make sure we are engaging community based organizations specifically in the area of behavioral health. Rachel – community partnerships are an important component of all efforts of the CRRU. We did not clearly articulate these efforts today. Jana – added as part of the behavioral health work OHA as hired a behavioral health specialist.



Multi-Disciplinary Agency COVID Response Committee (MAC)

WEEKLY PRIORITIES August 17-21, 2020

Incident Priorities

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4	PPE - Debbie Dennis	To ensure the state can play a role in providing PPE to county health departments and medical facilities when the supply chain slows or stop.	PPE Committee will present update to legislative contingent on Aug 17. A. Phelps will return to MAC with Battelle updates and recommendation.
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COVID-19 Daily Update – Monday, Aug. 17, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson following his passing on Saturday, Aug. 15. Gov. Thompson was the longest-serving Illinois governor and chaired the National Governors Association from 1983-84. Gov. Thompson notably helped keep the White Sox Chicago's South Side team, instead of moving to Florida, by building a new stadium. Gov. Thompson was a dedicated public servant who will be greatly missed.

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division).

Respectfully,

Bill



Coronavirus Resources

Today's Highlight

- Please join the National Governors Association and representatives from Operation Warp Speed **tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. EDT** for a briefing to learn more about this public-private partnership regarding COVID-19 vaccines. Registration information is below.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

Briefing On Operation Warp Speed

Please join the National Governors Association and representatives from Operation Warp Speed **tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. EDT** for a briefing to learn more about this public-private partnership regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

Operation Warp Speed aims to deliver millions of doses of a safe, effective vaccine for COVID-19 by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacture and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics. This briefing is an opportunity for governors' offices to hear directly from Operation Warp Speed representatives. You can register for the briefing [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. You can find an NGA memo on COVID-19 vaccine distribution [here](#).

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor's office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state's point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program, and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups have until Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to apply.** The administration has reported that fewer than 10 percent of eligible Medicaid providers have applied to receive this funding.

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Spotlight: Governor Holcomb Delivers Address on Equity and Inclusion

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb today announced steps he will immediately take in state government to address equity and inclusion. The full text of Gov. Holcomb's address can be found [here](#).

“What I’ve laid out today are actions in a broad effort to make sure Indiana is a place where every Hoosier has an equal opportunity and access to achieve our founders’ vision of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” Gov. Holcomb said. “Achieving that vision requires we address root causes and remove barriers that have built up for centuries.”

Gov. Holcomb will create Indiana's first-ever Chief Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity Officer. The officer will focus on improving equity, inclusion and opportunity across all state government operations as well as drive systemic change to remove hurdles in the government workplace and services the state provides.

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Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

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- Aug. 14 – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), [announced](#) an additional \$1.4 billion in targeted distribution funding to almost 80 free-standing children's hospitals nationwide. This funding is made possible through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which allocated \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers, including those disproportionately

impacted by this pandemic. Qualifying free-standing children's hospitals must either be an exempt hospital under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services inpatient prospective payment system or be a HRSA-defined Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education facility. Eligible hospitals will receive 2.5 percent of their net revenue from patient care. Qualifying free-standing children's hospitals will begin receiving funds next week.

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Spotlight: Governor Justice Awards Grant Funds to Help Fairs and Festivals Survive During COVID-19

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice held a virtual ceremony yesterday to [award more than a million dollars in grant funds](#) to help ensure the survival of numerous fairs and festivals across West Virginia.

Gov. Justice awarded 64 additional grants, worth \$1,144,010 from the Governor's Contingency Fund, to help various organizations that host fairs, festivals or similar events bridge the gap in a year where such events were forced to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On top of the amount announced yesterday, Gov. Justice also awarded more than \$1.5 million last week to 330 fairs and festivals across the state.

"It was reported to me that many of our fairs and festivals were on the ropes," Gov. Justice said. "The people that are putting on our fairs and festivals are doing this because of their love for our state and our communities. But they're not flush with extra dollars and, at the end of the day, when something happens like what happened, where we had to stop our fairs and festivals, it put us in jeopardy of losing many of them altogether.

"To me, that's just not acceptable," Gov. Justice continued. "I'm a real believer that these events are a part of our identity, part of the fabric of who we are. We have to be able to help preserve our fairs and festivals and keep them going and I'm really proud to be able to do this."

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Hello Governor,

Please see message and link below from Linda, as well as recent attached letter from Sarah Poe, in advance of your 4:10 pm call today. I realize you may not have a moment to take a look, but wanted to pass your way, just in case. 😊

Thank you!
Genevieve

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Hi Genevieve,

Thank you so much for talking to me and providing more context about the call.

I attached the most recent letter that Sarah sent to our office. I believe Governor Brown may have seen this already.

I also wanted to flag this article from today that quotes Sarah that could provide the Governor with more context about possible issues she may raise:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/2020/08/oregon-created-a-coronavirus-watchlist-because-more-action-was-needed-is-it-actually-working.html>

I'll be ready to provide support to the Governor in any way she may need.

Linda

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August 17, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown
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Dear Governor Brown,

Thank you for your ongoing support and care for Oregonians, including the people in Malheur County. With 0.7% of the state population, we have a smaller infrastructure to respond to public health emergencies, but the capacity needs are not much different than they are in urban counties when it comes to COVID-19 prevention and outcomes. This provides many new opportunities for the future of public health modernization and investment in Malheur County and across the state. We will do our best to rise to the current challenges and ask for your continued assistance as we respond to the change to put Malheur County back to Phase 1 and want to prevent the possibility of a stay home order that does not address the reasons we see community spread and increased outbreaks, which are detailed in part below.

Situation Update

With COVID-19 cases continuing to rise in Malheur County, there are a few concerns important to keep in consideration. With over 7,300 COVID-19 [cases in Idaho](#) counties that share a border with Malheur County, the possibility of Malheur cases being linked to Idaho cases is high, yet Orpheus, the Oregon electronic disease surveillance system, does not share information with the Idaho communicable disease reporting system. This means that a number of Malheur cases are not able to be linked to known cases in Orpheus, even if they are already entered as a Person Under Monitoring (PUM) to an Idaho case. It will be difficult to get the percentage of cases linked to a known case down if only Oregon cases are counted.

As of the last OHA Weekly Update, pulling data from August 9th, 176 COVID-19 cases were reported as an outbreak at Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI). That same day, Malheur County reported a total of 800 cases, making the SRCI numbers 22% of total cases. With the majority of those cases in Adults in Custody, we recommend removing those cases when evaluating future changes in phases. We have concern and care for Adults in Custody and the staff at SRCI and have a positive relationship with leadership locally and at the Department of Correction.

The metric for positive rate of cases to be less than 5% was absolutely a goal for the first several months of testing in Malheur County, but is an unreasonable percentage at this point because such a high percentage of the county has already been infected. With each new positive case, if the person had a negative test, that number would be deducted from the negative count and added to the positive.

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With 4,550 tests already reported in the county as of August 14th, 14.7% of the county is already represented. We would have to have an 16,172 additional people (over half of the population of the county) to test negative to bring the rate to 5%. This is not a realistic goal with current testing capacity of limited testing supplies and low accessibility of testing through health care providers for people without symptoms.

Malheur County Health Department (MCHD) Case Investigators report that a high percentage of cases are of people with many close contacts, who are essential business workers or share households with essential workers, and in a large percentage of people who have chronic underlying health conditions, especially obesity and diabetes, making the risk of severe cases higher. Hesitance to be tested or access health care have also been frequently reported. Going to the baseline phase of a stay at home order would not directly address these trends, because most of the industries in Malheur County where we see COVID-19 cases increasing are considered essential, primarily agriculture and food processing. What would be impacted is the availability of child care, while schools are closed for in person instruction, and additional economic hardships across the county that pose other risks exacerbating the 30% childhood poverty rate, lack of access to remote work, and decrease in behavioral health treatment.

Malheur County Action

MCHD plans to increase our COVID-19 response in several ways detailed below that will directly address reasons for the spread of COVID-19 and hopefully allow reentry to Phase 2 while reducing the number of cases and outbreaks in the county.

One of the ways the Malheur COVID-19 Taskforce is addressing the public health needs during the pandemic is to prioritize free COVID-19 testing. The Taskforce's [drive-up test sites](#) across Malheur County's largest towns have been coordinated over the last four months and next week we will complete the 12th test site. After a series of long turn around times for test results when sending specimens to Quest Laboratories, we are grateful to now send specimens to the Oregon State Public Health Lab and have results quickly. Part of the surge in cases in July could be attributed to people waiting 14-19 days for test results and not staying home while potentially infectious. We are considering continuing the drive-up test sites with assistance or to convert to monthly flu vaccine Points of Distribution (PODs). With many people being treated for the flu each year, concern for health care system capacity, and the need to isolate with flu-like symptoms, the flu vaccine is an important part of our COVID-19 response heading into the fall.

Another plan is to increase the "[Keep Malheur County Open](#)" campaign in English and Spanish with direct outreach to cities, churches, and community based organizations with flyers, social media graphics, two billboards, and banners. Additionally, we will promote the "[Mask Up Malheur County](#)" Public Service Announcement and share other PSAs created by the State and CDC with local media.

On July 15, 2020 the statewide ban took effect for indoor social gatherings of 10 or more individuals and requiring face coverings for all indoor and outdoor gatherings when 6' distance can not be maintained. That same day, the Malheur County Court [approved](#) the Malheur County COVID-19 Taskforce request to support the state rules and to limit outdoor social gatherings to no more than 25 individuals. The resolution was [extended](#) for another three weeks on August 6, 2020. While we have taken greater efforts to reduce the high risk of large gatherings in Malheur County, social gatherings in Idaho, including large events like fairs and rodeos, have been a draw for people from Malheur County. We will continue to support limits to high risk gathering in requests to the County Court and in wide spread, multi-lingual messaging.

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With Community Based Organizations (CBOs) beginning [COVID-19 work](#) with Local Public Health Authorities over the next month, outreach and wrap around services will be enhanced. With new perspectives and approaches, more people will hear the public health messages for COVID-19 to prevent infection and stay home and access health care when needed if sick. Wrap around services, including food box delivery, financial assistance, and other social services have slowly been utilized more in the last month and with the CBO assistance, we expect far more wrap around supports to encourage people to stay home when in isolation or quarantine. We are in negotiations with a local motel to purchase a block of 16 rooms a month at a time to set up reliable quarantine and isolation facilities for individuals who cannot isolate at home or who do not have stable housing.

Through partnership with leadership, Valley Family Health Care, a Federally Qualified Health Clinic, with locations in the three largest towns in Malheur County, will expand COVID-19 testing to individuals without symptoms who are part of groups disproportionately affected by COVID-19, including people with close contact with a case, who are agricultural workers, who are over age 65, who identify as people of color, identify as having a disability, or who speak English as a second language. By testing more at a lower threshold, the positive rate should go down and asymptomatic cases could be identified.

MCHD has an Abbott test machine from the state and a policy to expand testing to people without insurance. With additional tests and staffing, we would be able to expand testing in the MCHD clinic during the week. Nursing staff is extremely limited. We do have an RN position open and although public health nursing is often not competitive with other nursing positions across the state, we hope to hire soon. We will stay in contact with the OHA about the number of tests used and needed.

MCHD will contract with an Epidemiologist to provide additional reporting and recommendations for the COVID-19 situation and share more about case trends, disproportionate risk, and a more detailed view of where or why people are impacted most. We are hopeful that by being transparent with as much data as possible, while protecting private health information, the public will better understand the increasing risk of COVID-19 transmission in Malheur County. MCHD is in contract negotiations with an additional public health physician to provide weekly medical consult to increase the support for health care providers and case investigators. The OHA has also provided ongoing assistance with on-call Epidemiologists and we appreciate any additional guidance at that level.

Thank you for considering the unique situation in Malheur County. We are geographically larger than nine U.S. states, have a diverse population, a small public health department, and a lack workforce expertise. Because of the seriousness and complexity of the COVID-19 response, we rely on our state partnerships and welcome coaching, planning, staff for case investigation, public information and epidemiologist support, testing capacity, and other best practices that will help us protect and promote the health of Malheur County residents. The OHA has been helpful and responsive to these needs and we look forward to improving our situation during this time in Phase 1.

Sincerely,

Sarah Poe, Director, and the Malheur County COVID-19 Taskforce

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Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



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Spotlight: Governor Whitmer Sending \$65 Million in CARES Act Funding to Schools

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer [announced](#) she is sending nearly \$65 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding to Michigan school districts, higher education institutions and other education-related entities that have been most significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the total, \$60 million is designated for economically disadvantaged students.

“As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and approach the start of the new school year, we must continue doing everything we can to protect our students, educators and support staff. This funding will help us do just that, and ensure crucial support for our schools, whether it’s helping schools access PPE and cleaning supplies or helping students mitigate the impacts of learning loss in districts that need it most,” said Gov. Whitmer. “This is a good start, but we still need the federal government to work together on a bipartisan recovery package to support all Michigan students and educators, as well as state governments, families and small businesses.”

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
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Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

NGA and More Than 30 Organizations Urge Flexibility to Feed Students

The National Governors Association and more than 30 other national organizations sent a [letter](#) to House and Senate committee leaders yesterday encouraging broad flexibility for the United States Department of Agriculture to provide flexibility for states and school districts to continue providing school meals to students during school building closures and social distancing and to navigate supply chain issues impacting meal pattern requirements. USDA has been able to extend waivers from certain Child Nutrition Act requirements through the 2020-21 school year, but has

not extended flexibilities sought in this letter. Those flexibilities are currently scheduled to expire Aug. 31, 2020.

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor's office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state's point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program, and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups have until Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to apply.** The administration has reported that fewer than 10 percent of eligible Medicaid providers have applied to receive this funding.

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Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



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Today's Highlight

- You can find a letter from the LabCorp CEO to Governors on COVID-19 test delivery times [here](#).

Spotlight: Massachusetts Testing Initiatives for Schools

The Baker-Polito administration yesterday [announced](#) two rapid response testing initiatives for Massachusetts schools to address potential clusters of COVID-19 cases among students, teachers or staff at a school building.

"We're committed to providing schools with the tools to ensure kids can safely return to the classroom, to support their health and wellbeing," said Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker.

School officials, after consultation with public health authorities, will be able to request a state-sponsored mobile testing unit come to their school to test a group of students and/or staff, if a potential cluster of COVID-19 has been identified and transmission appears to have occurred within the school. This resource is available to both public and private schools.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
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Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

[Convening of Governors' Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leaders](#)

Please join the National Governors Association (NGA) and governors'

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) leaders on **Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m. EDT**, for a discussion on how states and territories are advancing equity in their jurisdictions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from their peers, share promising practices and discuss some of the challenges and opportunities in addressing inequities across the country.

Please [click here](#) to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar.

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor's office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state's point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Upcoming Calls

Legal Counsel Call

NGA's next legal counsel call on **Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m. EDT**, will discuss governor-involved COVID-19 litigation and key legal themes from the past six months. The call will reflect on common legal challenges and claims seen in states, and share any takeaways from these suits. The call will also include remarks from counsel on this topic.

Dial-In: 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 202-624-5375#

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program, and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. **Both groups have until Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 to apply.**

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Dear Governor Brown,

I just sent this (the email below) to Pat and I thought I'd share with you too. Your tone in the O was good. Definitely stronger, but I'm wondering how we can help the message reverberate?? Let me know how I can be helpful. It seems PSAs of some sort may be needed? Or???

Kali

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Not sure if you saw my op-ed in the O last week but I tried to underscore how important it was for kids, that people social distance and wear their masks. I haven't a clue if it will help, but I'm eager to try and help the contraction and spread decrease.

Is a public awareness campaign that really drives this home something you have funds to do? Maye involve the Timbers and the Blazers? I have connection with both if that's at all helpful.

The direct impact on number of cases and children make me frustrated and worried. Let me know how I can be an ally here.

Kali

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Latest model shows transmission is slowing

Today, Gov. Kate Brown, OHA Director Pat Allen and State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger spoke about the latest modeling for COVID-19 and other pandemic information. Here are some highlights:

Our [latest report](#) shows that the transmission of COVID 19 is slowing and that we are seeing a declining pattern of transmission since the July 4th holiday.

While our COVID 19 data shows we are doing better than many other states, the virus continues to be a significant threat in our communities – and we're not close to keeping the infection rate at a level we'd need to reopen schools across Oregon.

We've made progress. The model shows that our collective actions have reduced transmission rates since the increase after we reopened, and we see that confirmed by leveling off of numbers of new infections and hospitalizations. Oregonians have

flattened the curve again.

But we're still months away from driving infection rates down to a level at which we could safely reopen schools in every county.

We need to reduce transmission rates from around 1 to .75. Currently, we estimate every person who contracts COVID-19 is probably passing the virus on to 1 other person. To safely reopen schools, we need to make sure people who become infected are passing it along to fewer people, so the virus is not spreading at a sustainable rate.

We need to keep the pressure on COVID-19:

- Stay apart from people outside your household.
- Limit the size of your social get-togethers.
- Wear your face covering.

We know many people are following these guidelines – but not everyone. We need all Oregonians to take and maintain safe, healthy actions to fight the COVID-19 virus to drive down infection rates, reopen schools and get closer to the return of normal life in Oregon again.

You can watch the full press briefing on [OHA's YouTube channel here](#).

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Conversation starters: COVID-19 and new babies

A baby's birth is an amazing event, but it can also be a stressful one, especially now. You may no longer be comfortable with the frequent visits and drop-in times that can follow coming home with your newborn. Or, you may be proud grandparents worried about venturing out because you are in a high-risk group.

We're sharing some ways to talk about the concerns you and your loved ones may have about sharing your baby with the world, even if you'd love to make the connection.

For new parents, here are some ways to set boundaries with your friends and family about your new baby:

We want to make sure the baby is protected from catching COVID-19 as well as other diseases like whooping cough since he still hasn't had most of his vaccines. Do you want to drive over and we can show him to you from our yard? He's cute even through a car window!

- Even if children are less likely to catch COVID, or develop serious illness, I'm already stretched thin taking care of my little ones. I don't know what I'd do if I got sick. I'll have to wait until there's less risk of catching COVID before I go out.
- Yes, we are still taking our baby in for their wellness visits. She is still at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases, and we don't want to get behind on her shots. Her provider is taking every precaution to create a safe environment for their patients.
- Every time one of us goes to the store or the doctor, we're increasing our risk of getting COVID. I'd hate for one of us to get sick right now. You're going to be the most amazing grandparents; let's keep you and the baby as safe as possible!
- That's so nice that you bought the baby those books. Do you want to read one to her on a video chat?
- I know it sounds like babies are low risk for complications from COVID-19, but we're still just learning about this disease. We want to know more before we start risking visits. It's worth the wait.

Next week, we'll share some conversation starters for expecting parents.

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Learning about testing: How much does COVID-19 testing cost?

Most health insurance covers COVID-19 testing to diagnose people who have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms and have not been exposed to COVID-19, but need a test for other reasons, you may need to pay for the testing yourself. Contact your health insurance carrier to learn about their specific coverage requirements.

More information about COVID-19 testing and health insurance coverage is on the [Department of Consumer and Business Services website](#). You can also learn more about COVID-19 testing at healthoregon.org/covid19testing.



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Oregon State Public Health Laboratory secures supplies to increase in-state testing capacity

Today, OHA announced that it had secured supplies to process more than 400,000 COVID-19 specimens via an agreement between the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) and ThermoFisher.

The supplies will be distributed to certain qualifying laboratories, increasing Oregon's overall COVID-19 testing capacity. The agreement will add capacity to process at least an additional 20,000 tests per week on average.

"This is an important step toward securing the COVID-19 testing capacity that our state needs," said Patrick Allen, OHA director. "As we've said for months, without adequate testing, we cannot truly suppress the virus in our communities."

The new agreement builds on one that OSPHL had in place with ThermoFisher and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in May and June, under which OSPHL received and distributed supplies to process some 130,000 specimens.

OHSU, McKenzie Willamette Hospital and the Willamette Valley Toxicology Laboratory/OSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory participated in that program. The OSPHL will continue to distribute the kits to these three laboratories and will reach out to additional qualified laboratories to further expand testing capacity in Oregon.

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Oregon reports 259 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases, 2 new deaths

COVID-19 has claimed two more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 414, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. today.

Oregon Health Authority reported 259 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 as of 12:01 a.m. today, bringing the state total to 24,421.

The new cases are in the following counties: Benton (2), Clackamas (16), Columbia (1), Coos (1), Curry (1), Deschutes (2), Douglas (1), Hood River (2), Jackson (18), Jefferson (6), Klamath (2), Lane (4), Lincoln (6), Linn (3), Malheur (28), Marion (55), Morrow (3), Multnomah (38), Polk (8), Umatilla (17), Union (1), Wasco (1), Washington (25) and Yamhill (18).

Oregon's 413th COVID-19 death is a 79-year-old man in Lane County who tested positive on July 24 and died on Aug. 19 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center Riverbend. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 414th COVID-19 death is a 96-year-old woman in Marion County who tested positive on Aug. 11 and died on Aug. 19 at Salem Hospital. She had underlying conditions.

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Respectfully,

Bill



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Today's Highlights

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- NGA has released a [memo](#) providing actions for governors to protect public health personnel and assets, and an overview of key strategies for preventing targeted violence.
- You can find a letter from the LabCorp CEO to governors on COVID-19 test delivery times [here](#).

Spotlight: Governor Sisolak Signed Senate Bill 4, First-in-the-Nation Legislation Protecting Nevada Workers and Businesses

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak [signed Senate Bill 4](#), an act to balance the protection of workers and the needs of the business community to stay afloat during the pandemic and subsequent economic crisis, earlier this month. This bill was driven by the need to protect the lifeblood of Nevada's economy, both small businesses and hospitality workers.

The legislation does not create an impenetrable shield for those businesses who fail to protect their customers, visitors, and, most importantly the hard-working Nevadans who drive the state's economy. Businesses that act counter to established health and safety protocols will not benefit from the protections provided by this bill.

"Unprecedented times call for extraordinary measures. This bill isn't about economic expansion – it's about our state's economic survival," Gov. Sisolak said. "It's about acknowledging that Nevada relies heavily on a single industry – the hospitality industry – and in order to make it through this historic storm, we must ensure it survives. But it's not just about protecting the businesses – it's also about protecting the workers that keep this industry and our economy running."

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Upcoming Calls

Legal Counsel Call

NGA's next legal counsel call **tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m. EDT**, will discuss governor-involved COVID-19 litigation and key legal themes from the past six months. The call will reflect on common legal challenges and claims seen in states, and share any takeaways from these suits. The call will also include remarks from counsel on this topic.

Dial-In: 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 202-624-5375#

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Aug. 23 – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an [emergency use authorization](#) for investigational convalescent plasma for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized patients as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to fight COVID-19. Based on scientific evidence available, the FDA concluded, as outlined in its [decision memorandum](#), this product may be effective in treating COVID-19 and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.
- Aug. 21 – The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington issued an [injunction](#) on an [interim final rule](#) that dictated states must reserve a larger share of CARES Act education funding for private schools. On April

30, the U.S. Department of Education issued [non-regulatory guidance](#) that required that school districts reserve a larger share of any Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund and Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund dollars they receive for private schools. Education advocates and members of Congress, such as Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chair Lamar Alexander (R-Tennessee), indicated the department's interpretation of the CARES Act did not align with the Every Student Succeeds Act or the statutory text of the CARES Act. The department doubled down on its interpretation by issuing an [interim final rule](#). That rule was challenged in court by attorneys general in multiple states, including Washington, and by advocacy groups such as the NAACP. The interim final rule and guidance regarding equitable services for private schools now remains in flux due to the injunction issued Friday night, Aug. 21.

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Spotlight: Nearly 40 Maryland Companies, Universities Working on Vaccines, Therapeutics, Diagnostic Tests and Clinical Research

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan yesterday [commended](#) the nearly 40 Maryland life sciences companies that are working on developing and manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics, improving diagnostic tests, and providing clinical research and technological support to ensure safe and effective health care delivery.

“On the day of our first coronavirus cases, I said that Maryland was home to some of the top health research facilities in the world, and vowed that we would be a part of developing treatments and perhaps even a vaccine for this deadly virus,” said Gov. Hogan. “I want to commend our world-class life sciences community, our universities, and federal research labs for working together to fight this unprecedented global pandemic. Our state will continue to lead on the road to recovery.”

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COVID-19 Daily Update – Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

Hurricane Laura has strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane and is expected to hit the Gulf Coast tonight. Our thoughts are with those who will be affected by the storm. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help during this time.

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- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is [implementing](#) a national nursing home training program for front-line nursing home staff and nursing home management.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [announced](#) sweeping regulatory changes that require nursing homes to test staff and offer testing to residents for COVID-19.

Spotlight: Flu Vaccine Messaging

It is more important than ever to get a flu vaccine this year. As you know, COVID-19 symptoms are very similar to flu symptoms. The more we are able to prevent the spread of the flu, the less pressure we place on our health care system with fewer people getting sick and seeking care. Now is the time to get a flu shot and protect your family before flu begins spreading in your community. We encourage governors to begin sharing flu vaccine messaging early, like [New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), so more people get the flu vaccination in your state or territory.

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NGA Activities

Letter To FEMA Regarding COVID-19 Reimbursable Expenses

The National Governors Association and other state and local government organizations along with the National Emergency Management Association sent a [letter](#) to Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Pete Gaynor requesting they continue to reimburse for personal protective equipment and disinfectants, which are essential to fighting COVID-19:

"FEMA and the Administration have long maintained that every disaster is federally supported, state managed, and locally executed. We maintain our long-standing request that FEMA waive the state cost share for COVID-19 assistance which has not been addressed, rather the opposite. We call on FEMA to keep its current guidance on emergency protective measures, and encourage the Administration to provide clear guidance on eligibility of funding streams from across the federal government."

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Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

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- Aug. 25 – CMS is [requiring](#) hospitals and critical access hospitals to report daily important data critical to support the fight against COVID-19, including, but not limited to the number of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 positive patients, ICU beds occupied, and availability of essential supplies and equipment such as ventilators and PPE. The new rules make reporting a requirement of participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Hospitals will face possible termination of Medicare and Medicaid payment if unable to correct reporting deficiencies.
- Aug. 25 – CMS is [revising](#) its previous policy that covered repeated COVID-19 testing for Medicare beneficiaries without practitioner orders during the public health emergency. The revised policy specifies that each beneficiary may receive one COVID-19 test without the order of a physician or other health practitioner, but Medicare will require such an order for all further COVID-19 tests. This change helps ensure that beneficiaries receive appropriate medical attention if they need multiple tests. To help ensure that beneficiaries have broad access to testing, CMS is also paying for tests when ordered by a pharmacist or other healthcare professional authorized under applicable state law to order diagnostic laboratory tests. Medicare makes payment for services of pharmacists and certain other healthcare professionals only when they have an arrangement with a physician or other billing practitioner. The changes being made allow Medicare to continue to pay for these tests during the public health emergency when they are ordered by pharmacists and other health care professionals without such an arrangement.
- Aug. 17 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency [established](#) a five-year voluntary agreement that enhances coordination and cooperation with

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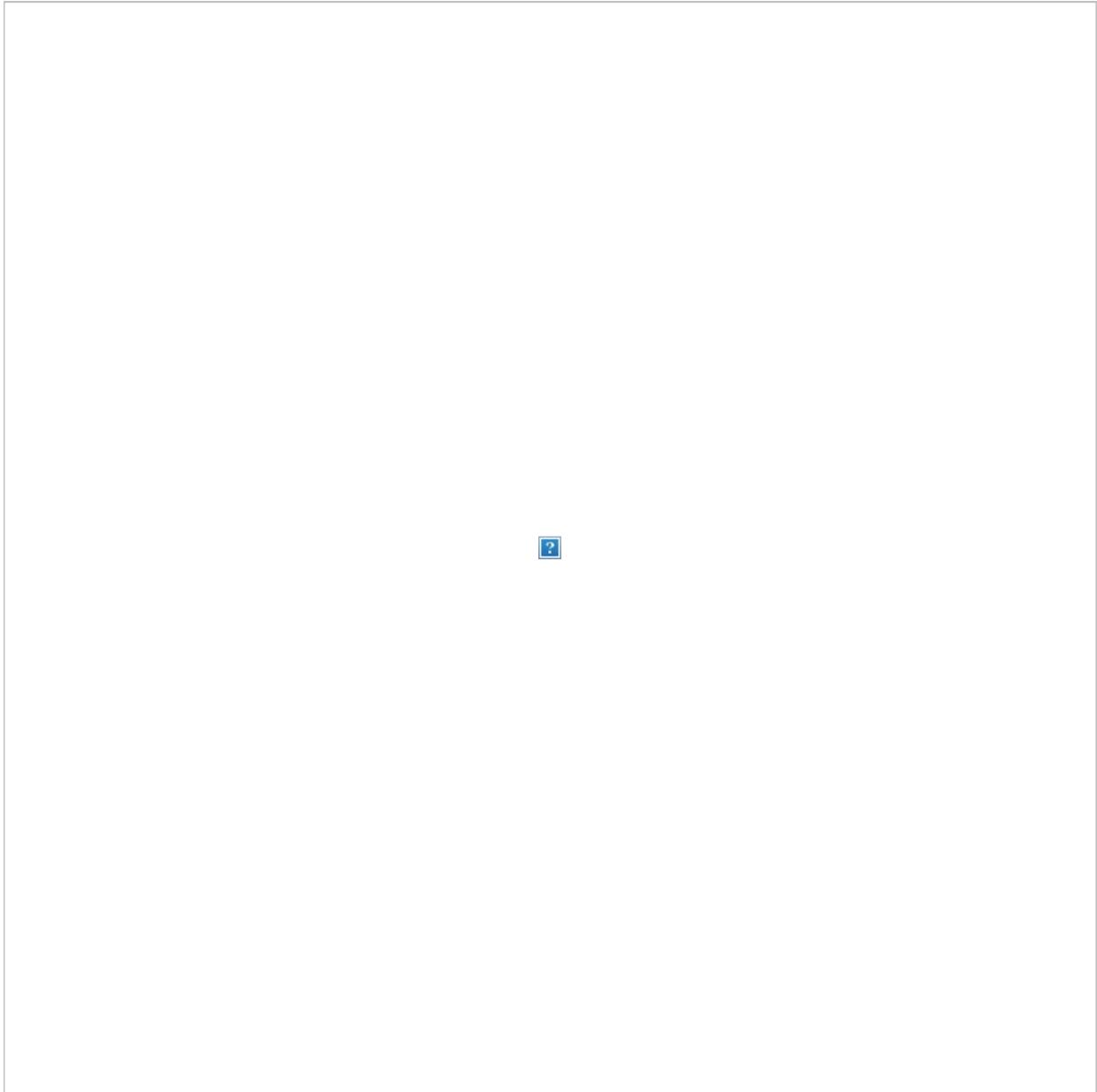
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COVID-19's Continuing Impact on School & Child Care



Five months in, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect schools, child care providers, young children, and families across Oregon. As schools prepare to reopen over the next few weeks, educators and parents are struggling to adjust to challenges brought on by the coronavirus crisis. In this series of three stories, reporter Bill Graves takes a deep dive look at how parents, educators, and the state are navigating the challenges ahead.



Parents Wrestle with School and Care Choices in Pandemic

Parents of Oregon's youngest students express varying views on how best to resume education this fall. They all must weigh the risk of infection against the risk of their children losing ground at a critical time in their early education.

“Some folks want to go back into the brick-and-

mortar no matter what,” says Don Grotting, superintendent of Beaverton School District. “Others say, ‘Until there is a vaccine, we are not sending our kids to school.’”

And parents who work outside their homes must find a place for their kids at a time when child care has become even scarcer than it was before the pandemic.

“Even if I can afford child care,” says Grotting, “where are those places going to be?”

[Read more.](#)



Schools Push for Equity Against Forces of Pandemic

Among the scores of challenges facing schools as they open in a pandemic this fall is how to ensure all children get an equal shot at quality education, no matter their zip code, race, household wealth, or disability status. State guidelines require schools to make their back-to-school plans through an “equity lens” with heightened attention to less advantaged students.

COVID-19 already has put children of color and low-income homes at a disadvantage by disproportionately infecting their parents, who are more likely to work in risky jobs such as driving buses, processing food or caring for the elderly, says Colt Gill, director of the Oregon Department of Education.

“That’s another trauma that some children are going through that others are not,” he says.

What’s more, most young children with disabilities experienced loss of services required by their Individual Education Plans when schools closed last March.

[Read more.](#)



Parents and Teachers Weigh Quality vs. Safety in Pandemic

As Oregon educators prepare to open schools this fall, they are searching for ways to give their youngest students quality education while keeping them safe in a pandemic. That goal poses an enormous challenge if they physically open and an even bigger one if they don’t and instead teach at a distance.

District administrators are preparing under [state guidelines](#) to keep students in small groups on campuses, stagger school time with distance lessons, or teach entirely online. If they do enter classrooms, teachers and most students will wear masks, distance from one another and avoid touching common surfaces.

All of these safety measures work against best education practices for preschoolers and kindergartners, who learn concepts and socialization through play, touch, and close interaction with one another and teachers. Preschool teachers wearing masks can't use facial expressions to help students sound out letters and words. They can't group children on the rug for reading. They can't let them explore the feel of water and sand on the sensory tables. And they can't expect preschoolers to observe all of their safety protocols.

“Trying to keep a bunch of 3-year-olds six feet apart — it's not even a reality,” says David Mandell, policy and research director for the Oregon Education Department's Early Learning Division.

[Read more.](#)



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COVID-19 Daily Update – Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

As Hurricane Laura strikes the Gulf Coast, our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the storm in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help during this time.

Tomorrow is the 57th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic march on Washington, where Dr. King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech. With thousands expected to gather in the District tomorrow, as a bipartisan organization, we come together to commemorate this moment in history and to rededicate ourselves to Dr. King's ideals of equality and justice.

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Spotlight: Florida Theme Park Roundtable

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis held a Theme Park Roundtable yesterday where he and theme park executives discussed the important role the parks play in providing jobs and supporting small businesses throughout the Central Florida region. Gov. DeSantis credited measures taken by Florida theme parks, such as mandatory temperature checks, mask wearing and social distancing, with allowing the parks to safely reopen to visitors from Florida and around the nation. He said the theme parks can begin to increase capacity. You can watch the full roundtable [here](#).

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COVID-19 Daily Update — Friday, Aug. 28, 2020

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Bill



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Today's Highlight

1. In partnership with Casey Family Programs, the National Governors Association [launched](#) a 13-state network linking governors' offices, child welfare leaders, state human services and education officials, and nonprofit partners to support child and family well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Spotlight: New Jersey "Baby Bond" Proposal

In his pandemic-delayed budget plan this week, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy proposed a statewide Baby Bonds initiative, which would provide a \$1,000 deposit for the approximately 72,000 babies born in 2021 into families whose income is less than 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$131,000 for a family of four. When these residents turn 18, they would be able to withdraw these funds to help them pursue higher education, buy a home, start a business, or pursue other wealth-generating activities. This would assist three of four children born in New Jersey.

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13 States Join Learning Network Supporting Child and Family Well-Being Throughout the Pandemic

As families and communities face increased uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, [13 states have joined a new network](#) linking governors' offices, child welfare leaders, state human services and education officials, and nonprofit partners to support child and family well-being.

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and Casey Family Programs today announced the launch of the Child and Family Well-Being Learning Cohort. Through the end of the year, the network will join governor's office representatives, state human services executives, child welfare leaders, education leaders and others in a collaborative network to coordinate strategic solutions to preventing child abuse and neglect and ensuring child and family well-being.

The states in the network are: Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai'i, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

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[Gov. Ivey allocated \\$10 million](#) of the Coronavirus Relief Fund toward state-wide grants of up to \$10,000 to assist Alabama timber owners who harvested timber during the months of March through July.

“The forestry industry has an economic impact of over \$23 billion in the state of Alabama and provides over 40,000 jobs in some of the most rural parts of our state,” she said. “CARES Act funds are intended to stabilize our economic losses and help our state recover from COVID-19. This program is designed to reduce the burden of Alabama’s 23 million acres of timberland and the subsequent jobs that depend on a healthy timber industry.”

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VP Call Notes – 8/31/20

HHS Sec. Azar

- Contract awarded to Abbott for new point-of-care (POC) test, POTUS will speak on it this afternoon--\$760M contract to deliver 150 million POC tests for around \$5 each, will strategically deploy where they are needed most, highlighted schools and vulnerable populations
 - FDA announced EUA last week for new antigen test, delivers results in 15 mins or less, simpler and less expensive than other tests
 - Expecting to start shipping to states in 2 weeks, first to states who have experienced disaster (loss of electricity, etc)
 - Late Oct/November – 30-40M per month; will ramp up to 48M per month
 - Has a personalized record of the test with smartphone app and will report results to healthcare authorities
 - Not a home test but can use in offsite locations outside of health care settings
 - Overwhelming majority of tests will be sent to Govs for schools, daycares and other areas prioritized by Governors
- FDA EUA for convalescent plasma for COVID
 - Encouraging Governors to encourage people who have recovered from COVID fully to go to Red Cross and donate
- Operation Warp Speed supporting experimental therapeutics
 - 2 candidates in phase 3 trials for vaccine, more expected in September
 - CDC working w/ 5 jurisdictions as a model for vaccine distribution
 - Want to encourage people to visit www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org

Dr. Fauci

- Need equitable distribution of volunteers for vaccine trials among diverse groups (Black, Latinx, Native American, etc)
- Interesting period approaching Labor Day, holidays create surges--can do it with proper distancing, masks, avoiding crowds, etc.

Admiral Giroir

- Overall 5.37% positivity rate in the U.S.
- Turnaround times at labs have decreased, 90.2% turning around in 3 days, 95% in 5 days, mean turnaround time of 2.7 days
- Will complete shipments of POC test systems and tests to all eligible nursing homes by the end of next week
- There was an issue with authorization for administering POC testing in nursing homes for asymptomatic individuals, and they are working to clear it up
 - FDA issued a FAQ on August 24
 - CMS also issued a statement on Friday night that allow point of care antigen tests on asymptomatic individuals
 - HHS Asst. Secretary also issued a statement

Dr. Birx

- New rules mandate testing in nursing home (condition of participation in Medicare and Medicaid)
 - Have released some regulatory guidance (Annie's Note: HHS told me on Friday that this guidance wouldn't be out until after Labor Day, so I'm trying to confirm if this is actually out or not)
 - If county positivity rate is below 5% testing can be conducted once a month, if it's between 5-10% once a week, and over 10% twice per week
- Encouraged Governors to check in with university presidents on isolation plans for COVID-positive students (test, isolate and care for and don't send home to multi-generational households)
- 35 percent declines in cases and hospitalizations and 20 percent decrease in mortality since peaks 4-6 weeks ago

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[Douglas County woman with COVID-19 dies in Portland hospital→](#)

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COVID-19 Response) Team send out our sincere condolences and prayers to the family. This is again a sobering reminder that the

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to the latest on **coronavirus** in oregon...state is seeing a decline in positive **coronavirus** tests. The **oregon health authority** released it's

[Latest OHA Report on Monday Shows Decline with 162 New COVID-19 Cases and One Fatality→](#)

KAJO 1270AM - September 1, 2020

The latest report from the **Oregon Health Authority** on **COVID-19** marked a sharp decline in the daily number of cases. OHA ...

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and the prospect of starting something new. Returning to school amid the **Covid-19** pandemic, however, has stirred up feelings of ...

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acceptable any longer. >>> Now to the fight against **covid-19**, the **oregon health authority** reported 162 new cases yesterday. The last time we

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counties reporting new **COVID-19** cases had only one case. THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR: Become a Sponsor One more Oregonian has died of <...

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latest on **coronavirus** in oregon... Overall... The state is seeing a decline in positive **coronavirus** tests. The **oregon health authority**

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to call police. >>> Now to the fight against **covid-19**, the **oregon health authority** reported 162 cases yesterday. The last time we were below

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us... Our daily **coronavirus** case numbers have dipped below 200 for the first time in two weeks. The **oregon health authority** is reporting 162

[Memorial island, wildlife upside, theater troubles: News from around our 50 states→](#)

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for **COVID-19** exposure if the Republican governor decides to allow that. But the group said Kemp should make sure rapid ...

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Turning to the **coronavirus** pandemic the number of confirmed **covid-19** cases in the U.S. has surpassed the 6 million mark. The **coronavirus** has

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active, and 125 people have recovered. State-wide, the **oregon health authority** is also reporting one of its lowest daily count of new cases

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cases of **covid-19** are directly linked to a memory care facility in eugene/// lane county public health reports -- 27 new positive **covid-19**

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the spread of **covid-19**. There were 162 cases reported yesterday and one death in oregon, according to the **oregon health authority** oregon has

[In summer of college athlete empowerment, what was gained?→](#)

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know that this isn't a movement for the present," said Jaydon Grant, an **Oregon** State defensive back and a leader of the Pac-12 We ...

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stores or franchisees are we'll keep you updated. Now to the **coronavirus** pandemic. As the united states passes six million cases and 183-

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contact which is going to be so important." vancouver schools plan to look at **covid-19** case numbers every three weeks -- to see if it's safe

[KEZI 9 News at 11:00→](#)

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. No homes have been damaged. Now to our **coronavirus** coverage this evening. Our daily **coronavirus** case numbers have dipped below 200 for the

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their authority. Turning in our to the fight against **covid-19**, the **oregon health authority** reported 162 new cases. If that number looks

[Campaign to recall Oregon Gov. Kate Brown falls short of signatures→](#)

The Oregonian (Premium) - September 1, 2020

campaign has fallen 2,796 signatures or less than 1% short, said **Oregon** GOP Chairman and recall chief petitioner Bill Currier in ...

[As protests continue in Portland after deadly clash, 2 sheriffs say they're not sending deputies to help→](#)

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announcement on Sunday that three neighboring law enforcement jurisdictions and **Oregon** State Police would help the Portland Police...

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cases INTERACTIVE: **Oregon coronavirus** data by age group INTERACTIVE: **COVID-19** Cases in **Oregon** ...

[Oregon reports 4 deaths, 269 COVID-19 cases Sunday→](#)

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COVID-19 has claimed four more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 458, the **Oregon Health Authority** ...

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Willamette Week - August 31, 2020

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown today extended the state's moratorium on foreclosures for home owners and businesses through the end of the...

[Jackson County COVID-19 numbers see dip Monday→](#)

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total to 811 cases. The **Oregon Health Authority** reported 162 new cases and one new death Monday. The state's **COVID-19** ...

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confirmed 18 total cases, 12 residents and six staff. >>> A **coronavirus** vaccine could be coming sooner than you think. 3 this weekend the

[Central Oregon Daily News at 11pm→](#)

KOHD (ABC) - August 31, 2020

cases today crook County one Jefferson County not Saint Charles currently treating 4 **COVID-19** patients, one of whom is in the ICU and on a

[Trump goes mostly dark in TV advertising fight with Biden→](#)

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"law and order" after recent unrest in some cities, including Portland, **Oregon**, and Kenosha, Wisconsin. Nationwide, protests ...

[Alabama football players' march for equality ends at the spot where Blacks were told they weren't welcome years ago→](#)

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protests against racial injustice taking place daily in places like Portland, **Oregon**, and Kenosha, Wisconsin, where Jacob Blake ...

[Gov. Brown extends foreclosure moratorium amid pandemic→](#)

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provisions. The **Oregon** Bankers Association did not immediately respond to a request from the newspaper for comment. **Oregon**

[Trump wades into racial tensions with visit to Kenosha, Wis.→](#)

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team have seized upon the unrest in Kenosha, as well as in Portland, **Oregon**, where a Trump supporter was shot and killed, leaning ...

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an independent review of **coronavirus** vaccine trial data there is growing concern political pressure could be rushing the **covid-19** vaccine

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. Bounce forward, with Comcast Business. Today the **oregon health authority** reported 162 new cases of **covid-19**. The last time we were below

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Journal reported. "It's gut-wrenching to deliver this news," **Oregon** GOP Chair Bill Currier said over a Facebook livestream to ...

[Oregon reaches lowest COVID-19 positive weekly test percentage since June→](#)

Corvallis Gazette-Times - August 31, 2020

COVID-19 deaths and 5,972,356 total cases of the disease in the United States. Tags <...

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coronavirus vaccine in the United States, becoming the third company to start late-stage trials of a vaccine to prevent **Covid-...**

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than seven months since no one in the U.S. 3 had a confirmed case of **coronavirus**. Today the U.S. topped 6 million cases. That's according to

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of supplies. >>> Now to the latest on the **coronavirus**, today the **oregon health authority** reported 162 new cases. That is the lowest that

[NewsWatch 12 at 6:00→](#)

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today. The **oregon health authority** is reporting 162 new cases. There is also one new death. Today the **oregon health authority** also released

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a look at the latest **covid-19** numbers and oregon. There 162 new infections today statewide according to the **oregon health authority**. Estate

[Central Oregon Daily News at 6pm→](#)

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next week. According to the latest metrics released by the **Oregon health authority** the district needs exception for a small number of

[ABC World News Tonight With David Muir→](#)

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. 3 >>> **Covid-19** numbers now, the **oregon health authority** reports 152 new cases and 1 new death. 3 oregon's total **covid-19** cases stands at

[OHA Releases weekly testing summary, 4.4% under national average→](#)

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Stock photo SALEM, Ore. - Today the **Oregon Health Authority** released its Weekly **COVID-19** Testing Summary, which showed ...

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trying to make sure there's enough food on the table, the **COVID-19** pandemic has affected people's mental health and well-being in ...

[Oregon Gov. Kate Brown extends foreclosure moratorium through end of year→](#)

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people hurt financially by **COVID-19**, would've expired at the end of the month, had Brown not acted Monday under legislation ...

[Oregon GOP fails to recall Gov. Kate Brown, again→](#)

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appeared to be based in caution about **COVID-19**. Brown's political team argues it is illegal. "**Oregon** law mandates ...

[Gov. Brown extends foreclosure moratorium to Dec. 31→](#)

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business foreclosures in **Oregon**. The current moratorium was extended to Sept. 30 by the first 2020 special session of the ...

[Crook County schools: Latest numbers confirm Sept. 8 return for K-3 students→](#)

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soon PRINEVILLE, Ore. (KTVZ) -- Thanks to improving **COVID-19** metrics, parents and teachers in the Crook County School District ...

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Legislature granted in June when it passed House Bill 4204. The **Oregon** Bankers Association sued earlier this month, arguing that ...

[Oregon Reports One New COVID-19 Death→](#)

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>>> Now to news on the **coronavirus** in oregon. Today, the **oregon health authority** reported 162 new cases. That's the lowest new number of

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Governor Kate Brown Extends COVID-19 State of Emergency for 60 Days

*Labor Day weekend marks critical moment to prevent outbreaks at
beginning of school year*

(Salem, OR) — Governor Kate Brown today extended her [declaration of a state of emergency](#) regarding COVID-19 for an additional 60 days, until November 3, 2020. The declaration is the legal underpinning for the Governor's COVID-19 executive orders and the Oregon Health Authority's health and safety guidance. The Governor reviews and reevaluates her emergency orders every 60 days. She issued the following statement:

"When I last extended the COVID-19 state of emergency in June, I told Oregonians that we were at a crossroads: we could work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon, or we could watch infections and hospitalizations spike.

"Now, six months after this crisis began, we have made progress. Together, we have slowed the spread of this disease. Oregon has one of the lowest mortality rates in the country. But, as students across Oregon begin a school year far different than any other before, it is clear that, at current COVID-19 levels, it will not be safe in much of the state for children to return to in-classroom instruction for months to come.

"This Labor Day weekend is another critical moment in this crisis.

"We can work together to stay safe and put Oregon on the path to return more students to classrooms. Or, we could see Labor Day celebrations unknowingly sow the seeds of COVID-19 outbreaks that could set us back for months. Until there is an effective vaccine for COVID-19, this disease can spread like wildfire if we let our guard down.

"Small social get-togethers like barbecues and family celebrations have fueled wider community outbreaks in counties across Oregon. This weekend, you have a choice. Please, stay local this Labor Day, and practice safe COVID-19 habits. Wear a face covering, watch your physical distance, and wash your hands.

"We know this can work. We have seen it work in rural and urban communities that have experienced significant outbreaks. Last week, Multnomah and Hood River counties came off the Watch List. All we need now is the will to follow this through to the end.

"We have come this far together. And that's the only way we'll get through this—working

together, day by day, to keep each other healthy and safe until we reach the day that there is an effective vaccine or treatment for this disease.”

The state of emergency declaration is the legal underpinning for the executive orders the Governor has issued to keep Oregonians healthy and safe throughout this crisis, including her orders on reopening Oregon while maintaining essential health and safety protections, as well as orders around childcare, schools, and higher education operations. Extending the state of emergency declaration allows those orders to stay in effect.

The Governor reviews and reevaluates each of her emergency orders every 60 days, to determine whether those orders should be continued, modified, or rescinded. The findings of this review process are listed in the [executive order](#).

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COVID-19 Daily Update – Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

In testimony this afternoon to the House Select Subcommittee on COVID-19, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin affirmed the case for more federal assistance to states and for flexibility on using funds disbursed under the CARES Act. With no agreement among the House, Senate and administration on the amount of aid to state and local governments, Secretary Mnuchin said the Trump administration supports some additional stabilization funding. He said that agreements had been reached in the past, and more agreements could be reached in the future. Secretary Mnuchin also said that the administration supports additional flexibility in the legislative packages already passed and also in future legislation.

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



Coronavirus Resources

Today's Highlights

- The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released their [Discussion Draft](#) of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine.
- In support of safe school reopening for students, teachers and staff, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is [providing](#) up to 125 million cloth face masks to states and territories for distribution to schools.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture [extended](#) several school nutrition waivers through Dec. 31, 2020 to provide flexibility for schools, school districts and states to ensure school meals are available to students at no cost even if schools are fully or partially closed.

Mask Messaging By State/Territory

At least 48 states and Guam have disseminated messaging around masks. These messages often include images or videos highlighting the importance of wearing a mask and the #MaskUp or #MaskOn hashtag for the respective state or territory.

You can find a selection of recent examples and the types of messaging [here](#).

Spotlight: Governor Newsom Signs Statewide COVID-19 Tenant and Landlord Protection Legislation

California Governor Gavin Newsom [announced](#) that he has signed legislation to protect millions of tenants from eviction and property owners from foreclosure due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. These protections apply to tenants who declare an inability to pay all or part of the rent due to a COVID-related reason.

“COVID-19 has impacted everyone in California – but some bear much more of the burden than others, especially tenants struggling to stitch together the monthly rent, and they deserve protection from eviction,” said Gov. Newsom. “This new law

protects tenants from eviction for non-payment of rent and helps keep homeowners out of foreclosure as a result of economic hardship caused by this terrible pandemic. California is stepping up to protect those most at-risk because of COVID-related nonpayment, but it's just a bridge to a more permanent solution once the federal government finally recognizes its role in stabilizing the housing market. We need a real, federal commitment of significant new funding to assist struggling tenants and homeowners in California and across the nation.”

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

Memorandum Regarding Protests, Policing and COVID-19

In recent months, mass gatherings in the form of protests and demonstrations have occurred across the country. People have gathered to protest COVID-19 restrictions and closure orders as well as to call for law enforcement reform and racial justice. These events, alongside the COVID-19 public health crisis, have presented challenges for governors and state public health and public safety officials.

The National Governors Association issued [a memorandum](#) with strategies for governors to reduce the risks of spreading COVID-19 during protests while protecting public safety. The memo provides an overview of a harm reduction approach, considerations for law enforcement strategies and tactics for protest policing, and opportunities for governors and senior state officials to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy

issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor's office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state's point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Upcoming Calls

Unemployment Call

This week's unemployment call on **Thursday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. EDT** will focus on provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues and open state discussion of key concerns, questions and technical assistance needs. Staff from the NGA Office of Government Relations and the NGA Center for Best Practices will lead the discussion and provide updates. We invite you to bring questions on policy, state best practices or federal legislative and regulatory information to this week's call.

Dial-In: 877-853-5257

Meeting ID: 830-396-057#

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Sept. 1 – The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a [Discussion Draft](#) of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine. This independent panel and its report was commissioned by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As part of the study, the committee will consider what criteria should be used to set priorities for equitable distribution among groups of potential vaccine recipients, taking into account factors such as population health disparities; individuals at higher risk because of health status, occupation, or living conditions; and geographic distribution of active virus spread. In addition, the committee will consider how communities of color can be assured access to COVID-19 vaccines in

the United States and recommend strategies to mitigate vaccine hesitancy among the American public.

- Aug. 31 – In support of safe school reopening for students, teachers and staff, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is [providing](#) up to 125 million cloth face masks to states and territories for distribution to schools. The administration intends for these masks to support students, teachers and staff in public and private schools that are reopening, with an emphasis on students who are low-income (or otherwise with high needs) and schools providing in-person instruction. You can find the state allocations of the cloth face masks [here](#).
- Aug. 31 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture [extended](#) several school nutrition waivers through Dec. 31, to provide flexibility for schools, school districts and states, ensuring school meals are available to students at no cost even if schools are fully or partially closed. The extension of the waivers comes after a [letter](#) was sent to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue by Republicans on the House Education and Labor Committee urging USDA to extend all school nutrition waivers. The Republicans' letter follows a [coalition letter signed by NGA](#) that was sent to congressional leaders, urging their pressure on USDA to extend these critical waivers. Secretary Perdue had previously extended the below waivers through the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- Aug. 27 – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced](#) that a public meeting of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, Oct. 22, to discuss the general matter of the development, authorization and/or licensure of vaccines indicated to prevent COVID-19. This is FDA's mix of external and internal scientists who will have full visibility on any data reporting on the vaccine clinical trials and will provide valuable advice to FDA's lead on this undertaking, Dr. Peter Marks. Typically, advisory committees include a chair, several members, plus a consumer, industry and sometimes a patient representative. Additional experts with special knowledge may be added for individual meetings as needed. Although the committees provide advice to the agency, final decisions are made by the FDA.

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program and dental providers. The deadline to apply for Phase 2 General Distribution Funding has been extended to **Sept. 13, 2020**.

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campus in (south???) portland...researchers will be tracking **covid -19**. ...by testing the waste that runs through the campus' sewer

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COVID-19 Daily Update – Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



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Today's Highlights

- Louisiana First Lady Donna Edwards would like to invite all first spouses to attend the Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Virtual Summit on **Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. CST**. You can find a link to register [here](#).
- This week's unemployment call **tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. EDT** will focus on provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues and open state discussion of key concerns, questions and technical assistance needs. Dial-in information is below.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an [Order](#) under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

Mask Messaging By State/Territory

At least 48 states and Guam have disseminated messaging around masks. These messages often include images or videos highlighting the importance of wearing a mask and the #MaskUp or #MaskOn hashtag for the respective state or territory.

You can find a selection of recent examples and the types of messaging [here](#).

Spotlight: Hawai'i Safe Travels Application

The State of Hawai'i [announced](#) the new online [Safe Travels](#) application will be mandatory for all travelers beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1. This new digital application, which collects the required health and travel information, is critical to protecting the health of Hawai'i's residents and visitors alike. Safe Travels is one part of a multi-layered screening process which includes arrival temperature checks, and secondary screening for those with symptoms or temperatures of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

"I am pleased to launch this digital app which will allow our travelers to provide their required health and travel information before they arrive at the airport," said Hawai'i Governor David Ige. "It will also help us keep in contact with those who are required to be in quarantine. This is an important step in preparing to reopen our economy."

Safe Travels digitizes and simplifies the current paper-based process. Currently, there are two different types of forms – one each for inter-island and transpacific – for travel to and within Hawai'i. This platform provides a one-stop shop for both types of travelers.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As governors continue to release reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

NGA & NCSL State Leadership Meeting: Vaccine Preparedness, Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL.

For more information on the meeting and to RSVP, please see the [Request for Interest](#). **RSVPs must be submitted through the governor's office to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org by Sept. 2.** Following submission, each state's point of contact will receive a confirmation email from the NGA Center verifying receipt of your RSVP. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Upcoming Calls

Unemployment Call

This week's unemployment call **tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. EDT** will focus on provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues and open state discussion of key concerns, questions and technical assistance needs.

Staff from the NGA Office of Government Relations and the NGA Center for Best Practices will lead the discussion and provide updates. We invite you to bring questions on policy, state best practices or federal legislative and regulatory information to this week's call.

Dial-In: 877-853-5257

Meeting ID: 830-396-057#

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Sept. 2 – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an [Order](#) under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to **temporarily halt residential evictions** to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The order is pursuant to the executive action issued Aug. 8, directing the CDC to study the issue and consider measures to provide eviction relief.
- Sept. 1 – The Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and U.S. Department of Agriculture have [signed](#) a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to work together on the **Rural Telehealth Initiative**, a joint effort to collaborate and share information to address health disparities, resolve service provider challenges, and promote broadband services and technology to rural areas in America. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the critical importance of telehealth in delivering quality health care to rural Americans.
- Sept. 1 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency released its [updated guidance](#) on **reimbursement for emergency protective measures under Public Assistance for COVID-19**. FEMA notes: “This interim policy defines the framework, policy details, and requirements for determining the eligibility of work and costs under the PA Program to ensure consistent and appropriate implementation across all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations.”
- Sept. 1 – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) **assisted living facilities may now apply for funding under the Provider Relief Fund Phase 2**. This funding was made possible through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. Nearly 1 million older adults live in an estimated 28,000 assisted living facilities across the United States and are particularly vulnerable to the spread and impact of COVID-19. Eligible assisted living facilities will receive 2 percent of their annual revenue from patient care. Assisted living facilities, like all providers applying for the current Phase 2 General Distribution funding will have until Sept. 13, 2020 to begin their application by entering their Tax Identification Number for validation.
- Aug. 27 – Dr. Robert Redfield, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sent a [letter](#) to Governors regarding new distribution centers for COVID-19 vaccines. The letter notes that new distribution centers are needed to distribute potentially hundreds of millions of COVID-19 vaccine

doses across the country, once the vaccine is authorized or approved. Dr. Redfield requests that Governors help facilitate the full operation of new distribution centers by November 1 by expediting applications for permits and licenses from McKesson Corporation or its subsidiaries, the company CDC has contracted with for distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program and dental providers. The deadline to apply for Phase 2 General Distribution Funding has been extended to **Sept. 13, 2020**.

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learning more about how people are experiencing long-term symptoms from **covid-19**. Officials with the douglas public health network says 81%

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future the **oregon health authority** says they may begin doing routine testing especially as rapid testing becomes more available. **Covid-19**

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and students will be required to have their temperature taken and complete a **COVID-19** screening. FOX 12 spoke with a couple of ...

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mid to upper 90s inland. Tonight: mostly clear. Lows in the 50s. In **coronavirus** coverage this morning... There is some good news... Oregon

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metrics set by the **Oregon Health Authority** and Oregon Department of Education to help curb the spread of the **coronavirus**

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it under the "as seen on" section. We are nearing six months since the **covid-19** pandemic began -- and this morning we want to take a look at

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the previous week. The **oregon health authority** reports, 3 new **covid-19** related deaths and 140 new confirmed **covid-19** cases these are numbers

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for that vaccine there is some good news from the **oregon health authority**. Daily **coronavirus** cases are down. During the week of august

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, a senior health adviser with the **Oregon Health Authority**. **COVID-19** has killed a total of 468 people in **Oregon**

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always popular outdoors, and to keep things fun and safe, the **Oregon** State Marine Board suggests taking the time to plan your ...

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saw the fewest **COVID-19** cases since the end of June, OHA said. From Aug. 24, through Aug. 30, the **Oregon Health Authority**

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arts editor of the Portland Mercury alternative newspaper but was laid off during **COVID-19** pandemic, said it was the first time ...

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a pandemic, but when your gambit to stay afloat post-**coronavirus** shutdown proves so popular it eventually spins off into another ...

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COVID-19 Daily Update – Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020

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Spotlight: Gov. Reynolds Announces the Reopening of the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant Program

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant Program will be reopened to provide relief grants to bars, taverns, and other establishments impacted by the Aug. 27 COVID-19 disaster proclamation that closed bars in six counties – Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Polk and Story County. Eligible businesses will receive a one-time \$10,000 grant to assist with cash flow.

“One of our goals since day one of this pandemic has been to provide appropriate and timely economic relief to the businesses most impacted by COVID-19,” Gov. Reynolds said. “A business that is forced to close, even temporarily, means a business owner, workers and families are affected. This short-term program can help bridge the gap for those local businesses as we work to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

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Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

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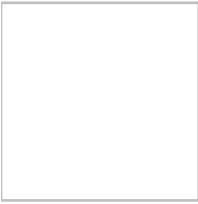


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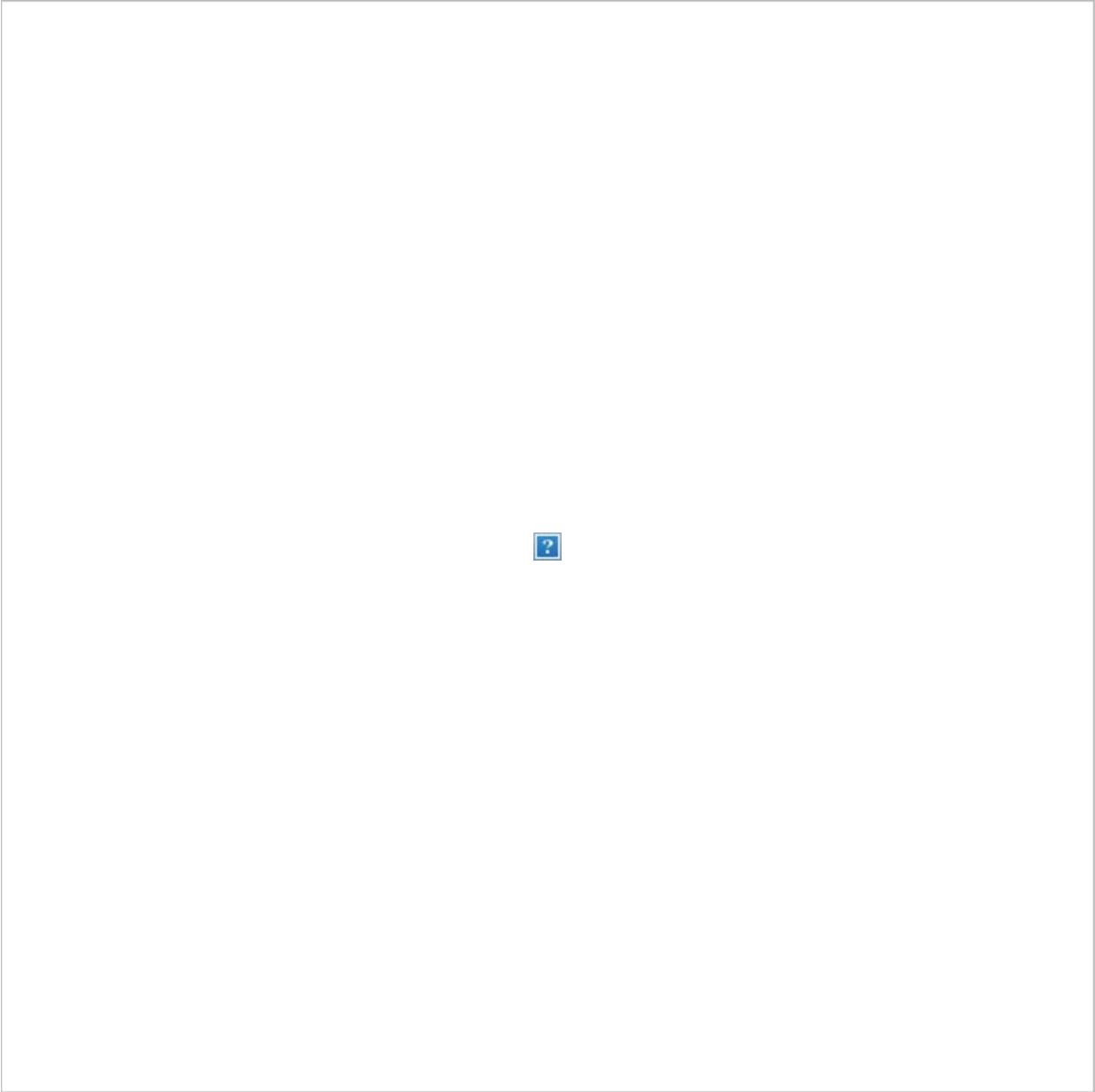


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Spotlight: Gov. Evers Announces \$5 Million COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant Program

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) the launch of a \$5 million [COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant program](#) yesterday. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the program aims to assist Wisconsin cultural organizations that have been economically harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our nonprofit art and cultural organizations are a great source of pride, history, and expression for all Wisconsinites,” said Gov. Evers. “These organizations also play a pivotal role in both local and statewide economies, including significant tourism activity, and will be critical to our state’s financial recovery.”

Eligible organizations can receive grant awards up to \$250,000 to cover pandemic-related impacts, including: lost revenue, increased work compensation costs, cleaning and sanitation and purchases of services or equipment to facilitate telework by employees. This effort is funded through federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars.

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NGA Activities

[Enhancing Our Defense Communities Fall Virtual Workshop](#)

The National Governors Association – in partnership with the Department of Defense and state leaders – is hosting a virtual workshop series to identify cross-sector policy connections that enhance the readiness and resilience of military installations and defense communities across the country. *Enhancing our Defense Communities* is the first in the Fall virtual workshop series and will be focused on enhancing the experience of our military connected students, military spouses seeking licensure, and veterans re-entering the workforce. We welcome the participation of state experts from any fields that relate — housing, education, workforce development, economic policy and military advisors alike — since ours is a whole-of-community effort. Please join us as we explore best practices for enhancing federal and state collaboration and refining state structures. Please register for the event [here](#). If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Amanda Winters at awinters@nga.org.

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Next week's unemployment call on **Thursday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. EDT** will focus on provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues and open state discussion of key concerns, questions, and technical assistance needs. Staff from the NGA Office of Government Relations and the NGA Center for Best Practices will lead the discussion and provide updates. We invite you to bring questions on policy, state best practices, or federal legislative and regulatory information to this week's call.

Dial-In: 877-853-5257

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Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Sept. 2 – The U.S. Department of the Treasury released [updated guidance](#) for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) in the CARES Act. The updated guidance adds two sections, “Supplemental Guidance on Use of Funds to Cover Payroll and Benefits of Public Employees” and “Supplemental Guidance on Use of Funds to Cover Administrative Costs.” States have expressed concerns that the Treasury Office of Inspector General's recent FAQs were inconsistent with the Treasury's previous assertions regarding the administrative convenience and presumption of public health and public safety employee payroll eligibility for CRF. The first new section attempts to remedy this confusion between the guidance issued by the Treasury and Office of Inspector General.

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Making sure you received the read aheads in advance of the 1pm TF call. Looks like the primary topic is vaccines.

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Your Governor is **CONFIRMED** for today's Governors-only Briefing Video Teleconference on COVID-19 response and recovery, and an update on efforts to develop, approve, manufacture, and distribute a safe and effective vaccine.

Briefing Call/VTC Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020
- **Time:** 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (expected to last 60-90 minutes)

- **Dial-In Information:** Audio and VTC dial-in information already provided.
- **Reminder:** This is a Governor-only briefing (i.e., one call-in per state). Participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their state health official, state vaccine coordinator, state emergency manager, and other state leaders working on the state's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

Read-Ahead & Additional Documents for the Briefing

Today's briefing will focus on COVID-19 response and recovery, and an update on efforts to develop, approve, manufacture, and distribute a safe and effective vaccine. Below and attached are documents we wanted to provide to you and your team as a read-ahead and additional background information.

Attachment 1: Read-Ahead Documents

- Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed
- HHS Secretary Azar Op-Ed in the USA Today: How We're Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at 'Warp Speed'
- Dr. Slaoui & Dr. Hepburn Op-Ed in The New England Journal of Medicine: Developing Safe & Effective Covid Vaccines - Operation Warp Speed's Strategy & Approach
- FDA Commissioner Hahn Op-Ed in the Washington Post: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval

Attachment 2: Additional Documents

- Governor Letter from Director Robert Redfield, *M.D., Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)* (August 27, 2020)
- State & Local Public Health Leaders Letter from Nancy Messonnier, *M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)* (August 4, 2020)
- CDC Document – COVID-19 Vaccination Program Planning Assumptions for Jurisdictions
- CDC Document – Early COVID-19 Vaccination Program Action Items for Jurisdictions
- CDC Document – COVID-19 Vaccination Scenarios for Jurisdictional Planning—Phase 1, Q4 2020

Federal Participants (Subject to Change)

Below is a list of expected participants for today's briefing focused on COVID-19 response and recovery, and an update on efforts to develop, approve, manufacture, and distribute a safe and effective vaccine.

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
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Explaining Operation Warp Speed

What's the goal?

Operation Warp Speed's goal is to produce and deliver 300 million doses of safe and effective vaccines with the initial doses available by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics (collectively known as countermeasures).

How will the goal be accomplished?

By investing in and coordinating countermeasure development, OWS will allow countermeasures such as a vaccine to be delivered to patients more rapidly while adhering to standards for safety and efficacy.

Who's working on Operation Warp Speed?

OWS is a partnership among components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), and the Department of Defense (DoD). OWS engages with private firms and other federal agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. It will coordinate existing HHS-wide efforts, including the NIH's Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) partnership, NIH's Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative, and work by BARDA.

What's the plan and what's happened so far?

DEVELOPMENT: To accelerate development while maintaining standards for safety and efficacy, OWS has been selecting the most promising countermeasure candidates and providing coordinated government support.

Protocols for the demonstration of safety and efficacy are being aligned, which will allow these harmonized clinical trials to proceed more quickly, and the protocols for the trials will be overseen by the federal government (NIH), as opposed to traditional public-private partnerships, in which pharmaceutical companies decide on their own protocols. Rather than eliminating steps from traditional development timelines, steps will proceed simultaneously, such as starting manufacturing of vaccines and therapeutics at industrial scale well before the demonstration of efficacy and safety as happens normally. This increases the financial risk, but not the product risk.

Select actions to support OWS vaccine and therapeutic development so far include:

- **March 30:** HHS [announced](#) \$456 million in funds for Johnson & Johnson's (Janssen) candidate vaccine. Phase 1 clinical trials began in Belgium on July 24th and in the U.S on July 27th.
- **April 16:** HHS [made](#) up to \$483 million in support available for Moderna's candidate vaccine, which began Phase 1 trials on March 16 and received a fast-track designation from FDA. This agreement was expanded on July 26 to include an additional \$472 million to support late-stage clinical development, including the [expanded](#) Phase 3 study of the company's mRNA vaccine, which began on July 27th.
- **May 21:** HHS [announced](#) up to \$1.2 billion in support for AstraZeneca's candidate vaccine, developed in conjunction with the University of Oxford. The agreement is to make available at least 300 million doses of the vaccine for the United States, with the first doses delivered as early as October 2020, if the product successfully receives FDA EUA or licensure. AstraZeneca's large-scale Phase 3 clinical trial began on August 31, 2020.
- **July 7:** HHS [announced](#) \$450 million in funds to support the large-scale manufacturing of Regeneron's COVID-19 investigational anti-viral antibody treatment, REGN-COV2. This agreement is the first of a number of OWS awards to support potential therapeutics all the way through to manufacturing. As part of the manufacturing demonstration project, doses of the medicine will be packaged and ready to ship immediately if clinical trials are successful and FDA grants EUA or licensure.
- **July 7:** HHS [announced](#) \$1.6 billion in funds to support the large-scale manufacturing of Novavax's vaccine candidate. By funding Novavax's manufacturing effort, the federal government will own the 100 million doses expected to result from the demonstration project.
- **July 22:** HHS [announced](#) up to \$1.95 billion in funds to Pfizer for the large-scale manufacturing and nationwide distribution of 100 million doses of their vaccine candidate. The federal government will own the 100 million doses of vaccine initially produced as a result of this agreement, and Pfizer will deliver the doses in the United States if the product successfully receives FDA EUA or licensure, as outlined in FDA [guidance](#), after completing demonstration of safety and efficacy in a large Phase 3 clinical trial, which began July 27th.
- **July 31:** HHS [announced](#) approximately \$2 billion in funds to support the advanced development, including clinical trials and large scale manufacturing, of Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline's (GSK) investigational adjuvanted vaccine. By funding the manufacturing effort, the federal government will own the approximately 100 million doses expected to result from the demonstration project. The adjuvanted vaccine doses could be used in clinical trials or, if the FDA authorizes use, as outlined in agency guidance, the doses would be distributed as part of a COVID-19 vaccination campaign.
- **August 5:** HHS [announced](#) approximately \$1 billion in funds to support the large-scale manufacturing and delivery of Johnson & Johnson's (Janssen) investigational vaccine candidate. Under the terms of the agreement, the U.S. Government will own the resulting 100 million doses of vaccine, and will have the option to acquire more. The company's investigational vaccine relies on Janssen's recombinant adenovirus technology, AdVac, a technology used to develop and manufacture Janssen's Ebola vaccine with BARDA support; that vaccine received European Commission approval and was used in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda during the 2018-2020 Ebola outbreak that began in the DRC.

- **August 11:** HHS [announced](#) up to \$1.5 billion in funds to support the large-scale manufacturing and delivery of Moderna's investigational vaccine candidate. Under the terms of the agreement, the U.S. Government will own the resulting 100 million doses of vaccine, and will have the option to acquire more. The vaccine, called mRNA-1273, has been co-developed by Moderna and scientists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. NIAID has continued to support the vaccine's development including nonclinical studies and clinical trials. Additionally, BARDA has supported phase 2/3 clinical trials, vaccine manufacturing scale up and other development activities for this vaccine. The [Phase 3](#) clinical trial, which began July 27, is the first government-funded Phase 3 clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine in the United States.
- **August 23:** As part of the agency's efforts to combat COVID-19, the FDA [issued](#) an emergency use authorization (EUA) for investigational convalescent plasma. Based on available scientific evidence, the FDA determined convalescent plasma may be effective in lessening the severity or shortening the length of COVID-19 illness in hospitalized patients, and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks. The EUA authorizes the distribution of convalescent plasma in the U.S. as well as its administration by health care providers, as appropriate, to treat suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to learn more about EUAs.

As [announced](#) on May 15, the vaccine development plan is as follows, subject to change as work proceeds:

- **Fourteen** promising candidates have been chosen from the 100+ vaccine candidates currently in development—some of them already in clinical trials with U.S. government support.
- **The 14** vaccine candidates are being narrowed down to about seven candidates, representing the most promising candidates from a range of technology options (nucleic acid, viral vector, protein subunit), which will go through further testing in early-stage clinical trials.
- **Large-scale** randomized trials for the demonstration of safety and efficacy will proceed for the most promising candidates.

MANUFACTURING: The federal government is making investments in the necessary manufacturing capacity at its own risk, giving firms the confidence to invest aggressively in development which will allow faster distribution of an eventual vaccine. Manufacturing capacity for selected candidates will be advanced while they are still in development, rather than scaled up after approval or authorization. Manufacturing capacity developed will be used for whatever vaccine is eventually successful, if possible given the nature of the successful product, regardless of which firms have developed the capacity.

Select actions to support OWS manufacturing efforts so far include:

- **The May 21, April 16, and March 30** HHS agreements with AstraZeneca, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson respectively include investments in manufacturing capabilities.
- **June 1:** HHS [announced](#) a task order with Emergent BioSolutions to advance domestic manufacturing capabilities and capacity for a potential COVID-19 vaccine as well as therapeutics, worth approximately \$628 million, using Emergent's BARDA-supported Center for Innovation in Advanced Department and Manufacturing.

- **July 27:** HHS [announced](#) a task order with Texas A&M University and FUJIFILM to advance domestic manufacturing capabilities and capacity for a potential COVID-19 vaccine, worth approximately \$265 million, using another BARDA-supported CIADM.
- **August 4:** Grand River Aseptic Manufacturing Inc., (GRAM) Grand Rapids, Michigan, was awarded a \$160 million firm-fixed-price contract for domestic aseptic fill and finish manufacturing capacity for critical vaccines and therapeutics in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DISTRIBUTION: Before the countermeasures are approved or authorized, the program will build the necessary plans and infrastructure for distribution.

HHS plans for a tiered approach to vaccine and therapeutic distribution, which will build on allocation methodology developed as part of pandemic flu planning and be adjusted based on experience from the COVID-19 response so far, data on the virus and its impact on populations and the performance of a given countermeasure, and the needs of the essential workforce. OWS will expand domestic manufacturing and supplies of specialized materials and resources, such as glass vials, that can be necessary for distribution. DoD's involvement will enable faster distribution and administration than would have otherwise been possible.

Select actions to support OWS vaccine and therapeutic development so far include:

- **May 12:** DoD and HHS [announced](#) a \$138 million contract with Apiject for more than 100 million prefilled syringes for distribution across the United States by year-end 2020, as well as the development of manufacturing capacity for the ultimate production goal of over 500 million prefilled syringes in 2021.
- **June 9:** HHS and DoD announced a joint effort to increase domestic manufacturing capacity for vials that may be needed for vaccines and treatments.
- **June 11:** HHS [announced](#) \$204 million in funds to Corning to expand the domestic manufacturing capacity to produce approximately 164 million Valor Glass vials per year if needed. Valor Glass provides chemical durability to minimize particulate contamination. The specialized glass allows for rapid filling and capping methods that can increase manufacturing throughput by as much as 50 percent compared with conventional filling lines, which in turn can reduce the overall manufacturing time for vaccines and therapies.
- **June 11:** HHS [announced](#) \$143 million to SiO₂ Materials Science to ramp up capacity to produce the company's glass-coated plastic container, which can be used for drugs and vaccines. The new lines provide the capacity to produce an additional 120 million vials per year if needed.
- **August 14:** HHS and DoD [announced](#) that McKesson Corporation will be a central distributor of future COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies needed to administer the pandemic vaccinations. The CDC is executing an existing contract option with McKesson to support vaccine distribution. The company also distributed the H1N1 vaccine during the H1N1 pandemic in 2009-2010. The current contract with McKesson, awarded as part of a competitive bidding process in 2016, includes an option for the distribution of vaccines in the event of a pandemic. Detailed planning is underway to ensure rapid distribution as soon as the FDA authorizes one or more vaccines. Once these decisions are made, McKesson will work under CDC's guidance to ship COVID-19 vaccines to administration sites.

Who's leading Operation Warp Speed?

HHS Secretary Alex Azar and Defense Secretary Mark Esper oversee OWS, with Dr. Moncef Slaoui designated as chief advisor and General Gustave F. Perna confirmed as the chief operating officer. To allow these OWS leaders to focus on operational work, in the near future the program will be announcing separate points of contact, with deep expertise and involvement in the program, for communication with Congress and the public.

What are you doing to make these products affordable for Americans?

The Administration is committed to providing free or low-cost COVID-19 countermeasures to the American people as fast as possible. Any vaccine or therapeutic doses purchased with US taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost.

How is Operation Warp Speed being funded?

Congress has directed almost \$10 billion to this effort through supplemental funding, including the CARES Act. Congress has also appropriated other flexible funding. The almost \$10 billion specifically directed includes more than \$6.5 billion designated for countermeasure development through BARDA and \$3 billion for NIH research.

How we're developing a COVID-19 vaccine at 'Warp Speed': Alex Azar

Date: September 2, 2020

By: Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Moncef Slaoui

Summary: We are encouraged by the progress so far, and hope to celebrate the successful delivery of a safe and effective vaccine soon.

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President Trump launched Operation Warp Speed (OWS) to accomplish something the world has never done before: harnessing the full power of the Federal government, the private sector, the military and the scientific community to deliver substantial quantities of a safe and effective vaccine within a year after the discovery of a new virus. The strategy we devised for OWS will allow us to accomplish this goal while following all the same procedures for safety and efficacy, applied by the same apolitical FDA experts, that Americans expect with all vaccines.

So far, the OWS strategy is working. We originally established our objective — substantial quantities of a safe and effective vaccine no later than January 2021 — as an optimistic target. While one can never guarantee success in any scientific endeavor, it is now becoming increasingly likely we will deliver this historic victory for the American people and the world.

The strategy of OWS meant to accelerate the timeline

The strategy behind OWS was recently described in a [perspective published](#) in The New England Journal of Medicine. In brief, the strategy aims to accelerate the timeline and maximize the probability of delivering a safe and effective vaccine by carefully selecting scientifically sound and promising candidates, building a diverse portfolio of vaccine candidates to mitigate risk of technical failure, providing unprecedented levels of support for clinical trials, and engaging simultaneously in industrial-scale manufacturing "at risk"— i.e., manufacturing the vaccine candidates while still conducting the clinical trials.

Each of these elements of the strategy makes OWS a unique public-private partnership and an unprecedented alliance of scientific and industrial expertise. This partnership will substantially shorten the timeline needed to bring a vaccine to the American people and, through transparent sharing of all safety and efficacy data with the scientific community, ensure that FDA's assessment meets the same standards as those applied for any other vaccine, without undue pressure or influence.

To select the candidates, four criteria were developed in consultation with experts across the Federal Government — from the National Institutes of Health, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Defense's scientific components, and elsewhere.

Candidate vaccines needed robust scientific data supporting them. They needed the potential to enter large-scale Phase 3 trials for efficacy by the summer or fall of 2020. They had to be based on vaccine technologies that permit rapid and effective manufacturing. Finally, they had to use one of four vaccine-platform technologies we believed most likely to yield a safe and effective vaccine against COVID-19. These four platforms — the messenger RNA platform, the replication-defective live-vector platform, the recombinant subunit adjuvanted protein platform, and the attenuated replicating live-vector platform — represent a continuum, from unproven but highly promising technologies to technologies used to deliver vaccines for decades. By aiming to select eight candidates for support, two from each platform, we have built a portfolio that will maximize our chances at success.

Each of the candidates selected has received support for some combination of research and development, clinical trials, and industrial manufacturing. These financial investments, thus far totaling more than \$10 billion, combined with significant technical and logistical support, allow each company to undertake several steps of the vaccine development process in parallel, mitigating its financial risk without compromising the safety and efficacy of its vaccine.

For instance, companies have used these investments to conduct clinical trial site preparation for Phase 3 trials as soon as they began Phase 1 studies. With the active support of Federal partners, companies are recruiting [30,000](#) to 50,000 volunteers in each of the Phase 3 trials, which is a larger scale than typical vaccine trials, to allow fast answers on efficacy and a broader set of data for determining safety. More patients are enrolling in trials at a faster pace than we have ever seen, and work continues with trusted partners to ensure we have diverse populations represented in these trials.

Things are underway with OWS

OWS is supporting the selected companies in building or adapting manufacturing facilities needed for the vaccines, while also supporting manufacturing of ancillary products such as needles, syringes, stoppers and vials. The messenger RNA vaccines are already being manufactured at scale, while manufacturing sites for other candidates are in the process of being refurbished and will soon begin manufacturing.

Results from all these efforts are promising: three OWS-supported candidates are in Phase 3 trials in the United States, and more are expected to enter United States Phase 3 trials by the end of September. While there are no guarantees in science, we can assure Americans that OWS is structured, resourced and led to maximize the probability of success.

Thanks to OWS, the entire process for delivering a safe and effective vaccine — to be assessed by FDA's apolitical scientific experts just as any other vaccine would be — is underway and on track. We are immensely encouraged by the progress so far, and hope to celebrate the successful delivery of a safe and effective vaccine in large quantities in the months to come.

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Perspective

Developing Safe and Effective Covid Vaccines — Operation Warp Speed’s Strategy and Approach

Moncef Slaoui, Ph.D., and Matthew Hepburn, M.D.

Announced on May 15, Operation Warp Speed (OWS) — a partnership of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the private sector

— aims to accelerate control of the Covid-19 pandemic by advancing development, manufacturing, and distribution of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. OWS is providing support to promising candidates and enabling the expeditious, parallel execution of the necessary steps toward approval or authorization of safe products by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The partnership grew out of an acknowledged need to fundamentally restructure the way the U.S. government typically supports product development and vaccine distribution. The initiative was premised on setting a “stretch goal” — one that initially seemed impossible but that is becoming increasingly achievable.

The concept of an integrated structure for Covid-19 countermeasure research and development across the U.S. government was based on experience with Zika and the Zika Leadership Group led by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the assistant secretary for preparedness and response (ASPR). One of us (M.S.) serves as OWS chief advisor. We are drawing on expertise from the NIH, ASPR, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), and the DOD, including the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. OWS

has engaged experts in all critical aspects of medical countermeasure research, development, manufacturing, and distribution to work in close coordination.

The initiative set ambitious objectives: to deliver tens of millions of doses of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine — with demonstrated safety and efficacy, and approved or authorized by the FDA for use in the U.S. population — beginning at the end of 2020 and to have as many as 300 million doses of such vaccines available and deployed by mid-2021. The pace and scope of such a vaccine effort are unprecedented. The 2014 West African Ebola virus epidemic spurred rapid vaccine development, but though preclinical data existed before the outbreak, a period of 12 months was required to progress from phase 1 first-in-human trials to phase 3 efficacy trials. OWS aims to compress this time frame even further. SARS-CoV-2 vaccine devel-

opment began in January, phase 1 clinical studies in March, and the first phase 3 trials in July. Our objectives are based on advances in vaccine platform technology, improved understanding of safe and efficacious vaccine design, and similarities between the SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 disease mechanisms.

OWS's role is to enable, accelerate, harmonize, and advise the companies developing the selected vaccines. The companies will execute the clinical or process development and manufacturing plans, while OWS leverages the full capacity of the U.S. government to ensure that no technical, logistic, or financial hurdles hinder vaccine development or deployment.

OWS selected vaccine candidates on the basis of four criteria. We required candidates to have robust preclinical data or early-stage clinical trial data supporting their potential for clinical safety and efficacy. Candidates had to have the potential, with our acceleration support, to enter large phase 3 field efficacy trials this summer or fall (July to November 2020) and, assuming continued active transmission of the virus, to deliver efficacy outcomes by the end of 2020 or the first half of 2021. Candidates had to be based on vaccine-platform technologies permitting fast and effective manufacturing, and their developers had to demonstrate the industrial process scalability, yields, and consistency necessary to reliably produce more than 100 million doses by mid-2021. Finally, candidates had to use one of four vaccine-platform technologies that we believe are the most likely to yield a safe and effective vaccine against Covid-19:

the mRNA platform, the replication-defective live-vector platform, the recombinant-subunit-adjuvanted protein platform, or the attenuated replicating live-vector platform.

OWS's strategy relies on a few key principles. First, we sought to build a diverse project portfolio that includes two vaccine candidates based on each of the four platform technologies. Such diversification mitigates the risk of failure due to safety, efficacy, industrial manufacturability, or scheduling factors and may permit selection of the best vaccine platform for each subpopulation at risk for contracting or transmitting Covid-19, including older adults, frontline and essential workers, young adults, and pediatric populations. In addition, advancing eight vaccines in parallel will increase the chances of delivering 300 million doses in the first half of 2021.

Second, we must accelerate vaccine program development without compromising safety, efficacy, or product quality. Clinical development, process development, and manufacturing scale-up can be substantially accelerated by running all streams, fully resourced, in parallel. Doing so requires taking on substantial financial risk, as compared with the conventional sequential development approach. OWS will maximize the size of phase 3 trials (30,000 to 50,000 participants each) and optimize trial-site location by consulting daily epidemiologic and disease-forecasting models to ensure the fastest path to an efficacy readout. Such large trials also increase the safety data set for each candidate vaccine.

With heavy up-front investment, companies can conduct clin-

ical operations and site preparation for these phase 3 efficacy trials even as they file their Investigational New Drug application (IND) for their phase 1 studies, thereby ensuring immediate initiation of phase 3 when they get a green light from the FDA. To permit appropriate comparisons among the vaccine candidates and to optimize vaccine utilization after approval by the FDA, the phase 3 trial end points and assay readouts have been harmonized through a collaborative effort involving the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Coronavirus Prevention Network, OWS, and the sponsor companies.

Finally, OWS is supporting the companies financially and technically to commence process development and scale up manufacturing while their vaccines are in preclinical or very early clinical stages. To ensure that industrial processes are set, running, and validated for FDA inspection when phase 3 trials end, OWS is also supporting facility building or refurbishing, equipment fitting, staff hiring and training, raw-material sourcing, technology transfer and validation, bulk product processing into vials, and acquisition of ample vials, syringes, and needles for each vaccine candidate. We aim to have stockpiled, at OWS's expense, a few tens of millions of vaccine doses that could be swiftly deployed once FDA approval is obtained.

This strategy aims to accelerate vaccine development without curtailing the critical steps required by sound science and regulatory standards. The FDA recently reissued guidance and standards that will be used to assess each vaccine for a Biologics License

Application (BLA). Alternatively, the agency could decide to issue an Emergency Use Authorization to permit vaccine administration before all BLA procedures are completed.

Of the eight vaccines in OWS's portfolio, six have been announced and partnerships executed with the companies: Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech (both mRNA), AstraZeneca and Janssen (both replication-defective live-vector), and Novavax and Sanofi/GSK (both recombinant-subunit-adjuvanted protein). These candidates cover three of the four platform technologies and are currently in clinical trials. The remaining two candidates will enter trials soon.

Moderna developed its RNA vaccine in collaboration with the NIAID, began its phase 1 trial in March, recently published encouraging safety and immunogenicity data,¹ and entered phase 3 on July 27. Pfizer and BioNTech's RNA vaccine also produced encouraging phase 1 results² and started its phase 3 trial on July 27. The ChAdOx replication-defective live-vector vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University is in phase 3 trials in the United Kingdom, Brazil, and South Africa, and it should enter U.S. phase 3 trials in August.³ The Janssen Ad26 Covid-19 replication-defective live-vector vaccine has demonstrated excellent protection in nonhuman primate models and began its U.S. phase 1 trial

on July 27; it should be in phase 3 trials in mid-September. Novavax completed a phase 1 trial of its recombinant-subunit-adjuvanted protein vaccine in Australia and should enter phase 3 trials in the United States by the end of September.⁴ Sanofi/GSK is completing preclinical development steps and plans to commence a phase 1 trial in early September and to be well into phase 3 by year's end.⁵

On the process-development front, the RNA vaccines are already being manufactured at scale. The other candidates are well advanced in their scale-up development, and manufacturing sites are being refurbished.

While development and manufacturing proceed, the HHS–DOD partnership is laying the groundwork for vaccine distribution, subpopulation prioritization, financing, and logistic support. We are working with bioethicists and experts from the NIH, the CDC, BARDA, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to address these critical issues. We will receive recommendations from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and we are working to ensure that the most vulnerable and at-risk persons will receive vaccine doses once they are ready. Prioritization will also depend on the relative performance of each vaccine and its suitability for particular populations. Because some technologies have limited previous data on safety in hu-

mans, the long-term safety of these vaccines will be carefully assessed using pharmacovigilance surveillance strategies.

No scientific enterprise could guarantee success by January 2021, but the strategic decisions and choices we've made, the support the government has provided, and the accomplishments to date make us optimistic that we will succeed in this unprecedented endeavor.

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FDA Commissioner: No Matter What, Only a Safe, Effective Vaccine Will Get Our Approval

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Since the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic, developing a safe and effective vaccine has been an urgent worldwide priority: to save lives, and to bolster the public's confidence in returning to a semblance of normal life.

At the Food and Drug Administration and our parent agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, we recognize the vital importance of vaccine development. The framework in the United States to support a covid-19 vaccine is now in place. Testing is underway and manufacturing capacity is rapidly expanding. But let's be clear: The development effort must adhere to standards that will ensure any covid-19 vaccine's safety and effectiveness.

Large-scale clinical trials already have begun for several promising vaccine candidates. The data from these trials will enable the scientists at the FDA to determine which of these candidates has the greatest potential to provide protection from the virus, what the possible side effects are and how long immunity is likely to last. FDA scientists will need the information to decide whether approval of the vaccine for general use is justified. This fall, we expect to start identifying which vaccine candidates are truly viable.

At the same time, our colleagues at Operation Warp Speed, which operates independently of the FDA as a partnership between HHS and the Defense Department, have been arranging for the stockpiling of vials and other equipment needed for a national immunization program.

Success will hinge, of course, on the data that emerges from clinical trials. This testing by its very nature takes time: It takes time for the human body to develop immunity, and it often takes time for side effects to emerge. While speed is essential in this global emergency, we at the FDA are committed to maintaining strict scientific principles and protection of those who volunteer as vaccine test subjects.

To prepare for the completion of tests and data submission, our agency has announced that any authorized or approved covid-19 vaccine would need to show that it prevents the disease or decreases its severity in at least 50 percent of people who are vaccinated. This is a reasonable standard given the nature and impact of the pandemic.

One key element in the FDA's testing requirements is assuring diversity among the test subjects. All phases of vaccine clinical development should include the people most affected thus far by covid-19, specifically racial and ethnic minorities, elderly individuals, and people with other medical conditions. Only by gathering data on these populations can we gain a full understanding of a vaccine candidate's safety and effectiveness.

I have been asked repeatedly whether there has been any inappropriate pressure on the FDA to make decisions that are not based on good data and good science. I have repeatedly said that all FDA decisions have been, and will continue to be, based solely on good science and data. The public can count on that commitment.

Once FDA scientists determine that a covid-19 vaccine candidate meets the appropriate regulatory standards for safety and efficacy, a pathway will be created by the government to make the vaccine available without delay. And, of course, after authorization or approval by the FDA, the safety of any vaccine will be closely monitored.

Since we at the FDA are the final arbiters of whether a particular vaccine is safe and effective, I cannot make any predictions about timing of an emergency use or final approval of a covid-19 vaccine. But I can attest that every FDA resource has been, and will continue to be, at the ready to facilitate clinical testing programs, and to review clinical data and manufacturing facilities. I can further provide assurances that any vaccine authorized for widespread use will meet the appropriate standards for quality, safety and efficacy.

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- **Governor Letter from Director Robert Redfield, M.D., Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)** (August 27, 2020)
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- **CDC Document – COVID-19 Vaccination Scenarios for Jurisdictional Planning—Phase 1, Q4 2020**



August 27, 2020

Dear Governors:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are rapidly making preparations to implement large-scale distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in the fall of 2020. This vaccine distribution program is expected to be a public health effort of significant scale, potentially involving hundreds of millions of vaccine doses to be distributed across the U.S. CDC has contracted with McKesson Corporation ("McKesson") to distribute these vaccines to state and local health departments, medical facilities, doctor offices and other vaccine providers. In order to accomplish this massive task, McKesson must quickly open new distribution centers and obtain new permits and licenses. These applications may be submitted in McKesson's name or in the name of one of its subsidiaries. The normal time required to obtain these permits presents a significant barrier to the success of this urgent public health program.

In the near future, the appropriate state licensing agency will receive permit applications for the new McKesson distribution facilities. These permits are needed to allow McKesson to distribute the vaccine into or from your state. McKesson may also be applying for related business and building permits from local and state governmental entities. CDC urgently requests your assistance in expediting applications for these distribution facilities and, if necessary, asks that you consider waiving requirements that would prevent these facilities from becoming fully operational by November 1, 2020. The requirements you may be asked to waive in order to expedite vaccine distribution will not compromise the safety or integrity of the products being distributed.

Your assistance in helping expedite the issuance of necessary licenses and permits required for distribution centers to become operational will be critical to the success of this public health effort to mitigate the threat presented by COVID-19. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. Redfield M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert R. Redfield, M.D.
Director, CDC

cc: Governor's Chief of Staff
Director of State Health Department
Director of State Licensing Agency



August 4, 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccination Planning: Update for State and Local Public Health Programs

Dear Colleague:

CDC is working with other federal members of [Operation Warp Speed](#) (OWS) to plan and implement a COVID-19 vaccination program as soon as vaccine(s) is available. Thoughtful allocation of COVID-19 vaccine will be critical to prevent morbidity and mortality and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on society. Prioritization of populations to be reached early in the vaccination response when vaccine supply is limited is being considered by the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) and the [National Academy of Medicine](#).

To better assist in updating and implementing of existing pandemic vaccination plans and assess needs, five selected jurisdictions are serving as pilot sites for joint planning missions. These jurisdictions are:

- North Dakota
- Florida
- California
- Minnesota
- Philadelphia

The pilot jurisdictions will work with a multiagency federal team, including staff from CDC and Department of Defense, to plan and prepare for the COVID-19 vaccination response in their specific jurisdictions. In addition to supporting state, local, and tribal efforts in the selected jurisdictions, these will serve as a pilot for supporting other jurisdictions and will provide valuable insight into state/local planning efforts. A planning tool with model approaches will be developed from this work that will facilitate CDC and OWS support for all jurisdictions' COVID-19 vaccination planning efforts.

Although operational guidance for state programs has not been finalized, in this communication we are providing interim assumptions and recommended action steps.

Planning Assumptions

Many vaccine candidates are in development, and clinical trials are being conducted simultaneously with large-scale manufacturing. It is not known which vaccines will be approved. Planning needs to be flexible, but for the purpose of planning, certain vaccination assumptions will be made.

- Limited COVID-19 vaccine doses will be available in fall 2020.
- Initial populations recommended for COVID-19 vaccination will likely be those in the critical workforce who provide health care and maintain essential functions of society and

staff and residents in long term care facilities.

- Initial doses of COVID-19 vaccine may be authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), based on available safety and efficacy data.
- Two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, separated by ≥ 21 or ≥ 28 days, will be needed for immunity for some vaccine candidates; both doses will need to be with the same product. This will require tracking vaccine administered and patient reminders.
- Some vaccine candidates require ultra low cold (ULC) chain.
- Recommendations for groups to target will likely change after vaccine is available, depending on characteristics of each vaccine, vaccine supply, and disease epidemiology.
- Because of uncertainty, planning needs to include high demand and low demand scenarios.
- Routine immunization programs will continue.

Although plans may change, CDC currently assumes COVID-19 vaccine distribution and tracking based on the following principles:

- COVID-19 vaccine distribution will be managed centrally, although vaccines may be handled through more than one distributor. Distribution may be expanded to include additional healthcare organizations and vaccination providers who can provide pandemic vaccinations to targeted groups. Vaccine will be sent directly to vaccination providers (e.g. physician's office) or designated depots for secondary distribution to administration sites (e.g. chain drug stores central distribution).
- COVID-19 vaccine will be allocated to each jurisdiction and selected commercial and federal partners. The amount of COVID-19 vaccine allocated to each jurisdiction will be based on several factors, including population size.
 - Pre-planning by jurisdictions should assume vaccine will be distributed directly to vaccine providers, whether directly by USG or by another entity.
 - COVID-19 vaccine providers must enroll with their jurisdiction's immunization program to receive vaccine. Multijurisdictional providers may have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the federal government and will need agreed-upon channels for communicating with each jurisdiction.
 - Enrolled vaccination providers receiving vaccine through their jurisdiction allocations will order COVID-19 vaccine from their jurisdiction's immunization program's allocation.
 - Jurisdictions should anticipate that allocations may shift during the course of the program based on supply, demand and disease epidemiology.
- COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies (including needles and syringes for vaccine reconstitution and administration and limited masks and face shields) will be procured and distributed to providers proportionately by the federal government at no cost to enrolled pandemic vaccination providers.
- Insurance reimbursement for vaccine and administration costs are under consideration.
- Dose level accountability and reporting for ordering, distribution, and administration of two-dose vaccine series.

State and local public health programs should be completing these prioritized COVID-19 vaccination planning efforts:

- Convene a COVID vaccine program planning team that includes the relevant collaborators from your jurisdiction, HHS Regional Directors, professional organizations, etc.
- Develop/modify COVID-19 vaccination plan, in coordination with immunization and emergency preparedness counterparts. Jurisdictions should anticipate review of their plans by CDC and OWS. Plan should be drafted before October 1st, to coincide with earliest possible release of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Plans should include timelines, deliverables and metrics. CDC will be providing additional detail on these deliverables and metrics and monitoring progress weekly prior to and during the vaccination campaign.
- Identify critical occupational groups (frontline HCP, safety, emergency, education, and other essential services) in each jurisdiction, and ensure relationships and plans are in place for targeted vaccination efforts.
- Finalize plans for temporary mass vaccination clinics.
- Prepare for dose level accountability and reporting for ordering, distribution, and administration of two-dose vaccine series.
 - Immunization information systems (IISs) that meet CDC's standards for COVID-19 response, including data sharing via the Immunization Gateway, timeliness, and completeness, may be used to document vaccination.
 - CDC is developing additional systems and tools for jurisdictions that are unable to meet these standards. A Vaccine Administration Monitoring System (VAMS) is in development to facilitate vaccination clinic scheduling, record-keeping for the vaccine recipient, and reporting.
- Augment routine community vaccination services to rapidly vaccinate the public when COVID-19 vaccine supply is sufficient.
 - Conduct additional outreach and onboard pharmacies, health systems, and long-term care partners that may be needed to rapidly execute a COVID-19 immunization program.
 - Sign agreements with providers specifying requirements to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccines. A federal provider agreement will be forthcoming.
 - Finalize legal agreements needed to connect to the Immunization Gateway to share data with federal response partners and other jurisdictions.
 - Onboard health care providers treating persons at highest risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19 (e.g., those with advanced age, hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, immunosuppression, liver disease) to ensure efficient education and vaccination of these groups when COVID-19 vaccine supply increases.
- Identify communities at highest risk where additional vaccination outreach, including strong partnerships with trusted agents and community health centers, mobile outreach, and other efforts may be required to achieve high vaccine uptake.

USG actions to support jurisdictional planning efforts

- CDC will provide model plans, including concept of operations for targeting select populations (essential workers, long term care facilities, underserved communities).
- CDC will review jurisdiction-specific plans, and provide technical assistance as needed to ensure success.
- The Federal government will establish Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with multijurisdictional providers (select large drug store chains, federal providers). Additional details on MOA and resources that may be provided are in development.

Assuming SARS-CoV-2 continues to circulate, vaccination plans must continue to ensure those seeking vaccine are protected from exposure. Health care settings must continue to include considerations for personal protective equipment (PPE), social distancing or spacing of patients and staff, and scheduling individual vaccination appointments, among other approaches. Vaccination clinics held at satellite, temporary, or off-site locations, including mass vaccination clinics, will require additional considerations. Additionally, curbside and drive-through clinics may provide the best option for staff and patient safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate all you and your staff have done over the past few months to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to working with you as we continue to plan and execute the COVID-19 vaccination response.

Sincerely,

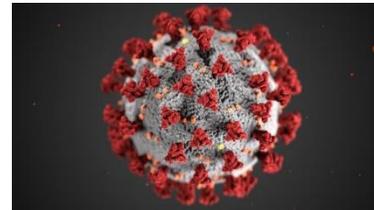


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COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS FOR JURISDICTIONS

Many COVID-19 vaccine candidates are in development, and clinical trials are being conducted simultaneously with large-scale manufacturing. It is not known which vaccines will be approved. COVID-19 vaccination program plans must be flexible and accommodate multiple scenarios. For the purpose of initial planning, consider the following assumptions.



COVID-19 VACCINE

- Limited COVID-19 vaccine doses may be available by early November 2020, but COVID-19 vaccine supply will increase substantially in 2021.
- Initially available COVID-19 vaccines will either be approved as licensed vaccines or authorized for use under an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Cold chain storage and handling requirements for each COVID-19 vaccine product will vary from refrigerated (2° to 8°C) to frozen (-20°C) to ultra-cold (-60° to -80°C) temperatures, and ongoing stability testing may impact these requirements. *Note: These temperatures are based on information available as of August 26, 2020. Updated information will be provided as it becomes available.*
- Jurisdictions should develop strategies to ensure the correct match of COVID-19 vaccine products and dosing intervals. For most vaccines, two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, separated by either ≥ 21 or ≥ 28 days, will be needed for immunity, and second-dose reminders for patients will be necessary. Both doses will need to match each other (i.e., be the same vaccine product).
- Some COVID-19 vaccine products will likely require reconstitution with diluent or adjuvant at the point of administration.

COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION

- The federal government will issue guidance on groups to prioritize for initial COVID-19 vaccination; populations of focus for initial COVID-19 vaccination will likely be:
 - Critical workforce that provides health care and maintains essential functions of society (see <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>)
 - Staff and residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities
- Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to jurisdictions will be based on multiple factors, including:
 - Populations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (with input from the National Academy of Medicine)
 - Current local spread/prevalence of COVID-19
 - COVID-19 vaccine production and availability
- Jurisdictions should anticipate that allocations may shift during the response based on supply, demand, and risk.
- Each jurisdiction should plan for high-demand and low-demand scenarios.

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDER OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT

- To receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies, vaccination providers must enroll in the United States Government (USG) COVID-19 vaccination program, coordinated through their jurisdiction's immunization program, by signing and agreeing to conditions outlined in the *COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement*.
- CDC will make this agreement available to each jurisdiction's immunization program for use in conducting outreach and enrolling vaccination providers. Jurisdictions will be required to maintain these agreements on file for a minimum of three years.
- Jurisdictions will be required to collect and submit to CDC information on each enrolled vaccination provider/site, including provider type and setting, patient population (i.e., number and type of patients served), refrigerated/frozen/ultra-cold temperature storage capacity, and logistical information for receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments.

- Some multijurisdictional vaccination providers (e.g., select large drugstore chains, Indian Health Service [IHS], and other federal providers) will enroll directly with CDC to order and receive COVID-19 vaccine. These direct partners will be required to report vaccine supply and uptake information back to each respective jurisdiction. CDC will share additional information when available on these procedures to ensure jurisdictions have full visibility for planning and documentation purposes.
- Jurisdictions may choose to partner with commercial entities to reach the initial populations of focus.
- Routine immunization programs will continue.

To be determined:

- *Method of communicating provider enrollment and profile data between jurisdictions and CDC*
- *Specific multijurisdictional providers to be served directly by CDC*
- *Jurisdiction responsibility/involvement concerning multijurisdictional provider training*

COVID-19 VACCINE ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION

- COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies will be procured and distributed by the federal government at no cost to enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers. CDC will share more information about reimbursement claims for administration fees as it becomes available.
- CDC will use its current centralized distribution contract to fulfill orders for most COVID-19 vaccine products as approved by jurisdiction immunization programs. Some vaccine products, such as those with ultra-cold temperature requirements, will be shipped directly from the manufacturer.
- Jurisdiction-enrolled vaccination providers will follow the jurisdiction's vaccine ordering procedures.
- COVID-19 vaccination providers will be required to report ongoing COVID-19 vaccine inventory.
- Vaccine orders will be approved and transmitted in CDC's Vaccine Tracking System (VTrckS) by jurisdiction immunization programs for vaccination providers they enroll.
- Vaccine (and adjuvant, if required) will be shipped to provider sites within 24 hours of order approval by the immunization program, if supply is available. Ancillary supply kits and diluent (if required) will ship separately from the vaccine due to different cold chain requirements, but shipment will be timed to arrive with or before the vaccine.
- Ancillary supply kits will include needles, syringes, alcohol prep pads, COVID-19 vaccination record cards for each vaccine recipient, and a minimal supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), including surgical masks and face shields, for vaccinators.
 - Each kit will include supplies needed to administer 100 doses of vaccine.
 - Jurisdictions may need to plan for additional PPE, depending on vaccination site needs.
 - For COVID-19 vaccines that require reconstitution with diluent or mixing adjuvant at the point of administration, these ancillary supply kits will include additional necessary syringes, needles, and other supplies for this purpose.
 - Sharps containers, gloves, bandages, and other supplies will not be included.
- Minimum order size for CDC centrally distributed vaccines will be 100 doses per order for most vaccines. Minimum order size for direct-ship vaccines may be much larger. CDC will provide more detail as it becomes available.
- Vaccine will be sent directly to vaccination provider locations for administration or designated depots for secondary distribution to administration sites (e.g., chain drugstores' central distribution).
- Once vaccine products have been shipped to a provider site, the federal government will not redistribute product.
- Jurisdictions will be allowed to redistribute vaccines while maintaining the cold chain. However, with the challenge of meeting cold chain requirements for frozen or ultra-cold vaccines, jurisdictions should be judicious in their use of redistribution and limit any redistribution to refrigerated vaccines only.
- Jurisdictions are not advised to purchase ultra-cold storage equipment at this time; ultra-cold vaccine may be shipped from the manufacturer in coolers that are packed with dry ice, can store vaccine for an extended period of time, and can be repacked for longer use. CDC will provide additional detail as it becomes available.

To be determined:

- *Frequency requirement for provider-level COVID-19 vaccine inventory reporting*
- *Vaccine disposal/recovery procedures*

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION DATA REPORTING

- Jurisdictions will be required to report CDC-defined data elements related to vaccine administration daily (i.e., every 24 hours). CDC will provide information on these data elements to jurisdictions.
- All vaccination providers may be required to report and maintain their COVID-19 vaccination information on CDC's [Vaccine Finder](#).
- CDC's Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) will be available to jurisdictions/provider sites that need assistance in patient registration and scheduling, clinic flow, supply management, patient record management, and reporting.
- CDC has prioritized jurisdiction onboarding to the Immunization (IZ) Gateway* to allow Immunization Information Systems (IISs) to receive data directly from national providers, nontraditional vaccination providers, and VAMS, as well as to report vaccine administration data to CDC.
- Data Use Agreements (DUAs) will be required for data sharing via the IZ Gateway and other methods of vaccine administration data sharing with CDC, and will be coordinated by each jurisdiction's immunization program.

To be determined:

- *Jurisdiction responsibility/involvement concerning reporting of data from multijurisdictional providers*
- *Method and frequency for vaccination providers to report information to Vaccine Finder*

COMMUNICATION

- CDC will develop communication resources for jurisdictions to use with key audiences. These resources will be available on a public-facing website currently under development, but jurisdictions will likely need to tailor messaging and resources specific to special populations in their communities.
- CDC will work with national organizations to disseminate key messages.
- Communication and educational materials about COVID-19 vaccination provider enrollment, COVID-19 vaccine ordering, COVID-19 vaccine storage, handling, administration (i.e., reconstitution, adjuvant use, administration techniques), etc. will be available in a variety of formats.
- When vaccine supply is available for expanded groups among the general population, a national COVID-19 vaccine finder will be available on the public-facing [Vaccine Finder](#).
- A screening tool on the CDC website will help individuals determine their own eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine and direct them to the Vaccine Finder.

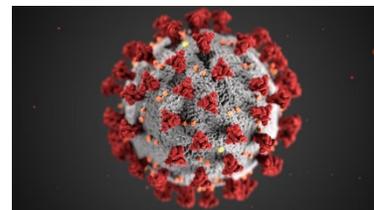
COVID-19 VACCINE SAFETY

- Clinically important adverse events following any vaccination should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System ([VAERS](#)).
- Adverse events will also be monitored through electronic health record (EHR)- and claims-based systems (e.g., [Vaccine Safety Datalink](#)).
- Additional vaccine safety monitoring may be required under the EUA.

* The IZ Gateway is a portfolio of project components which share a common IT infrastructure. The IZ Gateway aims to rapidly onboard IISs to support readiness for COVID-19 vaccine response through data exchange, both among IIS and between IIS and federal providers, mass vaccination reporting and consumer access tools. The IZ Gateway aims to increase the availability and volume of complete and accurate immunization data stored within IIS and available to providers and consumers regardless of their jurisdictional boundaries.

EARLY COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS FOR JURISDICTIONS

Use this checklist to assist in **early** planning for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Jurisdictions must be prepared to **immediately** vaccinate identified critical populations when the earliest COVID-19 vaccine doses are available and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Jurisdictions should also begin planning for vaccination of the rest of the general population when COVID-19 vaccine supply allows.



DETERMINE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PARTNER INVOLVEMENT

- Convene internal planning and coordination team(s) whose members represent a wide array of expertise.
 - Include representatives from immunization program, preparedness program, emergency management agency, health care coalition, media/public affairs, and crisis and emergency risk communications to develop plans and coordinate activities.
 - Assign roles and responsibilities based on areas of expertise.
- Establish COVID-19 vaccine implementation committee(s) of community members with expertise in care and access issues for critical populations to enhance development of plans, reach of activities, and risk/crisis response communication messaging and delivery.
 - Include representatives from key vaccination providers for groups identified by CDC as being at increased risk of severe COVID-19 and others likely to be prioritized for initial vaccination.
 - Include representatives from other sectors within the community, such as health systems, pharmacies, long-term care/assisted living facilities, business, education, corrections, religious, tribal, and racial and ethnic minority-serving organizations, etc.

IDENTIFY GAPS IN PREPAREDNESS

- Review and use current CDC-provided planning assumptions.
- Review experience and lessons learned from 2009 H1N1 pandemic vaccination campaign.
- Consider tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercises to test operational plans and capabilities for access to vaccine, communications, data reporting, and possible cold chain challenges.
- Determine baseline readiness and address any barriers to launching the COVID-19 vaccination program.

REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESS CAPACITY OF IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (IIS) OR OTHER REPORTING SYSTEM

- Determine baseline IIS capacity for a substantial increase in users, documenting vaccine administration, dose-level accountability, ordering, inventory management, and reporting CDC-defined core data elements.
- Facilitate onboarding to the Immunization Gateway (IZ Gateway) for both Connect and Share to use a national immunization data exchange solution for mass vaccine administration.
- Identify vaccination providers not currently reporting to the IIS for outreach and onboarding opportunities.
- Determine internal processes (e.g., Institutional Review Board [IRB] review, internal department reviews, etc.) needed to execute the signing of Data Use Agreements with CDC and/or other entities deemed critical by CDC.
- If the IIS does not meet all of CDC's technology and data requirements, develop a plan to use the

Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), including necessary training of immunization program staff and providers.

- Identify opportunities to adopt 2D barcode scanning technology during vaccine inventory management and administration to improve data quality and minimize transcription errors during mass vaccination events.

IDENTIFY CRITICAL POPULATIONS

- Identify and estimate sizes of critical populations, particularly those to receive first available doses of vaccine, and other populations that may require special consideration in each jurisdiction for distribution and expanded access:
 - Critical infrastructure/essential workers (e.g., health care, homeland and national security, public safety, education, food, and agriculture workers)
 - People at increased risk for severe illness (e.g., persons ≥ 65 years of age, people with underlying medical conditions that are risk factors for severe COVID-19, long-term care/assisted living facility residents, people from tribal communities, and people from racial and ethnic minority populations)
 - People living in group settings (e.g., people who are incarcerated/detained, experiencing homelessness or living in shelters, attending colleges/universities)
 - People with limited access to vaccination services (e.g., rural communities, individuals with disabilities, under- or uninsured people)
- Describe and identify where these critical populations live, including places of employment for critical workforce.

PREPARE FOR EARLY COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

- Identify vaccination providers and settings for rapid vaccination of early populations of focus: likely healthcare and other essential workforce. Focus on arrangements that will allow for maximum throughput of persons to be vaccinated while maintaining [social distancing and other infection control procedures](#). Consider collaborating with:
 - Large hospitals and health systems
 - Commercial partners (e.g., pharmacies)
 - Mobile vaccination providers
 - Occupational health for large employers
- Target these vaccination providers for immediate enrollment.
- Determine points of contact for each population group to be vaccinated and establish methods of communication and coordination.
- Secure locations for temporary clinics and develop logistical plans for each.

PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDER OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT

- After finalizing initial vaccination plans for healthcare and other critical workforce populations, determine vaccination provider types and settings to target for enrollment when vaccine supply increases to expand access to COVID-19 vaccination services.
- Identify all existing community vaccination providers and services to serve other critical populations as well as the general population. Consider:
 - Healthcare provider offices and other outpatient settings
 - Inpatient settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care facilities)
 - Pharmacies
 - School-based health centers
 - Workplaces and other occupational health settings
 - Satellite, temporary, or off-site clinics
- Identify and document the locations of these vaccination providers and services.

- Develop and implement a vaccination provider outreach and training plan, focusing first on vaccination providers and services likely to serve remaining critical populations.
- Determine each vaccination provider's vaccination capacity by reviewing patient panel size and vaccine administration data from the peak week of 2019–20 influenza vaccination.
- Determine each vaccination provider's storage capacity *by volume* at routine refrigerated (2° to 8°C), frozen (-20°C), and ultra-cold (-60° to -80°C) temperatures. *Note: These temperatures are based on information available as of August 26, 2020. Updated information will be provided as it becomes available.*
- Determine need for additional vaccination services, such as satellite, temporary, or off-site clinics, to serve critical populations, particularly those with limited access to vaccination services. Work with partners to implement vaccination in these settings.
- Ensure all providers participating in the COVID-19 vaccination program:
 - Understand and have signed a *CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement*.
 - Collect and submit all CDC-required COVID-19 vaccination provider profile data elements to CDC.
 - Have capacity to store and handle COVID-19 vaccine according to manufacturer specifications.
- Onboard enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers to the jurisdiction's chosen system for (1) vaccine ordering and (2) vaccine administration documentation and reporting.
- Provide training and related CDC resources to ensure providers understand:
 - COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, when available
 - Ordering and receiving COVID-19 vaccine
 - Vaccine storage and handling, including transport requirements, specific to COVID-19 vaccine
 - Vaccine administration, including reconstitution, use of adjuvants, diluents, etc.
 - Documenting and reporting vaccine administration via the jurisdiction's IIS or other mass vaccination module
 - Managing and reporting vaccine inventory (e.g., IIS, VAMS)
 - Documenting and reporting vaccine wastage/spoilage
 - Procedures for reporting to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)
 - Providing Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) fact sheets and/or vaccine information statements (VISs) to vaccine recipients
- Enter ship-to site information for each enrolled provider into the Vaccine Tracking System (VTrckS).

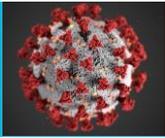
DETERMINE COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATIONS

- Determine allocation method to COVID-19 vaccination providers for identified critical populations in early and limited supply scenarios.
- Base allocation plans on:
 - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations (when available)
 - Estimated number of doses allocated to jurisdiction and timing of availability
 - Vaccination provider site vaccine storage and handling capacity

DEVELOP COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

- Determine process for frequent communication with participating COVID-19 vaccination providers about vaccine recommendations, supply, ordering, reporting, etc.
- Engage with community leaders and vaccination providers of critical populations on supplementary dose allocations when vaccine supply is limited.
- Determine culturally and linguistically responsive communication approaches for critical populations as well as the general public, based on CDC messaging.
- Explore use of multiple methods and systems to provide second-dose reminders for vaccine recipients as warranted.

COVID-19 VACCINATION SCENARIOS FOR JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING—PHASE 1, Q4 2020



The planning scenarios described below should be used by state and local jurisdictions to develop operation plans for early COVID-19 vaccination when vaccine supply may be constrained. The scenarios describe potential COVID-19 vaccine requirements, early supply estimates after vaccine product approvals, and populations that may be recommended for vaccination during this early period. These scenarios are designed to support jurisdictional, federal, and partner planning, but they are still considered hypothetical. The COVID-19 vaccine landscape is evolving and uncertain, and these scenarios may evolve as more information is available.

Planners should assume that by January 2021 significantly more COVID-19 vaccine will be available for distribution and plans will need to evolve to address additional vaccine availability. Please refer to COVID-19 vaccine planning assumptions and additional guidance from CDC.

Scenario 1: Vaccine A demonstrates sufficient efficacy/safety for EUA in 2020

Availability Assumptions

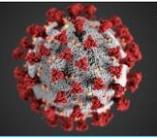
Candidate	Vaccine availability by			Notes
	End of Oct 2020	End of Nov 2020	End of Dec 2020	
Vaccine A	~2M doses	10–20M doses	20–30M doses	Ultra-cold (-70 °C), for large sites only

Distribution, Storage, Handling, and Administration Assumptions

Vaccine A	
<p>SHIPMENT</p> <p><i>3 separately acquired components (mixed on site)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from manufacturer (on dry ice) Multidose vials (5 doses/vial) Diluent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) Ancillary supply kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) 	<p>ON-SITE VACCINE STORAGE</p> <p><i>Frozen (-70 °C ± 10 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be used/recharged within 10 days Storage in shipping container OK (replenish dry ice as needed) <p><i>Thawed but NOT reconstituted (2–8 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 24-48 hours <p><i>Reconstituted (room temperature)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 6 hours
<p>ORDERS</p> <p><i>Large quantities, to large administration sites only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum order: ~1000 doses Maximum order: ~5,000 doses 	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><i>2-dose series (21 days between doses)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-site mixing required; reconstitute with diluent just prior to administration Administer by intramuscular (IM) injection
<p>PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS AND ANTICIPATED VACCINE ADMINISTRATION SITES</p> <p><i>Health care professionals (incl. LTCF staff)</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + potential for mobile clinics</p> <p><i>Essential workers (specifics TBA)</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + potential for mobile clinics</p> <p><i>National Security populations</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + DoD sites</p> <p><i>LTCF residents & staff</i> – potential for mobile clinics to facilities</p>	

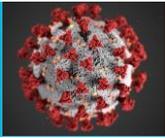
Additional Considerations for Early Vaccination Planning

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- Jurisdictions should plan for real-time shipment of doses.
- Administration sites (during Phase 1) will not be required to store vaccine products beyond the period of time Vaccine A can be stored in the ultra-cold shipment box.
- Vaccine will be free of cost, but administration fees may not be reimbursable while a vaccine product is administered under an EUA.
- Given the challenging storage, handling, and administration requirements, early vaccination should focus on administration sites that can reach prioritized populations with as much throughput as possible.
- Stability testing is ongoing for Vaccine A; the storage and handling requirements presented here may shift. The requirements in these scenarios are likely the strictest set of requirements for which planning is needed.
- Jurisdictions should consider partnering with the private sector and with local hospital systems to provide vaccine in closest proximity to the prioritized populations as possible, given the limitations with the product. For example: Vaccine A may be administered through mobile clinics if multiple mobile clinics are planned over a short period of time to ensure high enough throughput.

COVID-19 VACCINATION SCENARIOS FOR JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING—PHASE 1, Q4 2020



Scenario 2: Vaccine B demonstrates sufficient efficacy/safety for EUA in 2020

Availability Assumptions

Candidate	Vaccine availability by			Notes
	End of Oct 2020	End of Nov 2020	End of Dec 2020	
Vaccine B	~1M doses	~10M doses	~15M doses	Central distro capacity required (-20 °C)

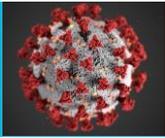
Distribution, Storage, Handling, and Administration Assumptions

Vaccine B	
SHIPMENT <i>2 separately shipped components</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To central distributor (at -20 °C) Multidose vials (10 doses/vial) Ancillary supply kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) 	ON-SITE VACCINE STORAGE <i>Frozen (-20 °C)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage in shipping container OK <i>Refrigerated (2–8 °C)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 7-14 days <i>Room temperature</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 6 hours
ORDERS <i>Central distribution capacity required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required by Dec 2020 Maintained at -20 °C 	ADMINISTRATION <i>2-dose series (28 days between doses)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No on-site mixing required Administer by intramuscular (IM) injection
PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS AND ANTICIPATED VACCINE ADMINISTRATION SITES <i>Health care professionals (incl. LTCF staff)</i> – health care clinics + health care occupational health clinics + public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + mobile clinics <i>Essential workers (specifics TBA)</i> – hospital occupational health + hospital clinics + public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics <i>National Security populations</i> – DoD + closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + mobile clinics <i>LTCF residents & staff</i> – commercial pharmacy partners + mobile clinics	

Additional Considerations for Early Vaccination Planning

- Jurisdictions should plan for real-time shipment of doses.
- Administration sites (during Phase 1) will not be required to store vaccine products beyond the period of Vaccine B can be stored at 2–8 °C.
- Vaccine will be free of cost, but administration fees may not be reimbursable while a vaccine product is administered under an EUA.
- Given the challenging storage, handling, and administration requirements, early vaccination should focus on administration sites that can reach prioritized populations with as much throughput as possible.
- Stability testing is ongoing for Vaccine B; the storage and handling requirements presented here may shift. The requirements in these scenarios are likely the strictest set of requirements for which planning is needed.
- Jurisdictions should consider partnering with the private sector and with local hospital systems to provide vaccine in closest proximity to the prioritized populations as possible, given the limitations with the product.

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Scenario 3: Vaccines A and B demonstrate sufficient efficacy/safety for EUA in 2020

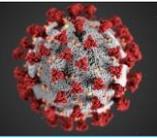
Availability Assumptions

Candidate	Vaccine availability by			Notes
	End of Oct 2020	End of Nov 2020	End of Dec 2020	
Vaccine A	~2M doses	10–20M doses	20–30M doses	Ultra-cold (-70 °C), for large sites only
Vaccine B	~1M doses	~10M doses	~15M doses	Central distro capacity required (-20 °C)
Total	~3M doses	20–30M doses	35–45M doses	

Distribution, Storage, Handling, and Administration Assumptions

Vaccine A	
<p>SHIPMENT</p> <p><i>3 separately acquired components (mixed on site)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from manufacturer (on dry ice) Multidose vials (5 doses/vial) Diluent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) Ancillary supply kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) 	<p>ON-SITE VACCINE STORAGE</p> <p><i>Frozen (-70 °C ± 10 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be used/recharged within 10 days Storage in shipping container OK (replenish dry ice as needed) <p><i>Thawed but NOT reconstituted (2–8 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 24-48 hours <p><i>Reconstituted (room temperature)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 6 hours
<p>ORDERS</p> <p><i>Large quantities, to large administration sites only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum order: ~1,000 doses Maximum order: ~5,000 doses 	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><i>2-dose series (21 days between doses)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-site mixing required; reconstitute with diluent just prior to administration Administer by intramuscular (IM) injection
<p>PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS AND ANTICIPATED VACCINE ADMINISTRATION SITES</p> <p><i>Health care professionals (incl. LTCF staff)</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + potential for mobile clinics</p> <p><i>Essential workers (specifics TBA)</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + potential for mobile clinics</p> <p><i>National Security populations</i> – public health closed temporary mass vaccination clinics + DoD sites</p> <p><i>LTCF residents & staff</i> – potential for mobile clinics to facilities</p>	
Vaccine B	
<p>SHIPMENT</p> <p><i>2 separately shipped components</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To central distributor (at -20 °C) Multidose vials (10 doses/vial) Ancillary supply kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct to site from USG (at room temperature) 	<p>ON-SITE VACCINE STORAGE</p> <p><i>Frozen (-20 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage in shipping container OK <p><i>Refrigerated (2–8 °C)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 7-14 days <p><i>Room temperature</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use within 6 hours
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LTCF residents & staff – commercial pharmacy partners + mobile clinics

Additional Considerations for Early Vaccination Planning

- Jurisdictions should plan for real-time shipment of doses.
- Administration sites (during Phase 1) will not be required to store vaccine products beyond the period of time Vaccine A can be stored in the ultra-cold shipment box or Vaccine B can be stored at 2–8 °C.
- Vaccine will be free of cost, but administration fees may not be reimbursable while a vaccine product is administered under an EUA.
- Given the challenging storage, handling, and administration requirements, early vaccination should focus on administration sites that can reach prioritized populations with as much throughput as possible.
- Stability testing is ongoing for Vaccine A and Vaccine B; the storage and handling requirements presented here may shift. The requirements in these scenarios are likely the strictest set of requirements for which planning is needed.
- Jurisdictions should consider partnering with the private sector and with local hospital systems to provide vaccine in closest proximity to the prioritized populations as possible, given the limitations with the product. For example: Vaccine A may be administered through mobile clinics if multiple mobile clinics are planned over a short period of time to ensure high enough throughput.



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VP Call – 9/9/20

HHS Sec. Azar

- Operation Warp Speed
 - Manufacturing commercial-grade products as soon as FDA approval is received—done through 2 pronged process--
 - Using govt. agencies to manage risk of financial losses and compress those timelines so that they're ready to go when it's clinically indicated its ready to move forward
 - Manufacturing biologics is hard; Investing in that capacity at the exact same time as clinical trial work; contracted and invested with 6 vaccine companies to scale when appropriate.
 - 4 star general at DOD leading planning and logistics with other relevant govt. agencies.
 - Data will drive process.
 - HHS asked National Academy of Sciences to put forward recommendations on vaccine prioritization, and it will be a public process.
 - Dr. Slaoui (Chief Advisor, Operation Warp Speed)
 - We are betting on and financing many companies making vaccines bc several will fail
 - Rapid manufacturing and scaling up (typically takes 4-8 years)...need to select technology to develop faster and at larger scale
 - Clinical development on accelerated timeline, without affecting quality of work, by stacking phases closely
 - Running very large clinical trials to assess efficacy.
 - Intent to submit formal approval like every vaccine that comes through FDA for approval; though we may achieve efficacy and request an EUA for faster approval process
 - 3 of 6 vaccines in phase 3 trials (Moderna, Pfizer and AstraZeneca). 10 million doses of each vaccine in Nov. and 20 million of each in December, for very high risk populations.
 - 2 more out of the 6 will move into phase 3 trials in next few weeks or October.

Dr. Birx

- Comparison diagram in state report comparing cases now and a month ago. Virus has moved up from FL panhandle into heartland and MN, IL, ND, SD
- Tracking increase in test positivity in 19-24 yr olds (dramatic increase) static in 0-18 year olds and decreasing in all other age categories
- Asked university presidents to do surge testing to cover a quarter of student and provide care on campus through COVID-specific dormitories and nursing care on sites, and not send students home.
- Students now do not want to be tested for fear of being the reason that their university shuts and moves to online classes, “driven them underground”; looked

at as a punitive action and not a public health action by moving online.

- They need to be found and treated on campus.
- Significant decline in mortality for individuals over 70 (therapeutics--remdesivir, plasma, proper care--credited with that trend)...dropped from 30 percent to 8 percent last month
- Spread is now happening at neighborhood and family events (weddings and backyard BBQs); contribute to significant viral spreading
- Next week, the state specific report will highlight what each state has done as part of the recommendations to show what you've done to mitigate the virus

CMS Administrator Verma

- Last week, CMS put out guidance related to testing in nursing homes. Some governors raised concerns.
- In small rural communities, not a lot of testing going on, and nursing homes may test more than they need.
- They will use enforcement discretion.
- If there's counties with less than 10 tests in the previous week, it's already coded green that staff testing should only be done once a month.
- Working to modify and use enforcement discretion to address this.
- End of the week, all CLIA certificate nursing homes should have the testing machines and kits.

FDA Commissioner Hahn

- Working to enhance public trust and confidence in the vaccine by talking about how we looked at quality, safety, efficacy of process to produce an effective vaccine; well-designed trials that give us the answers that we need
- Need your help in ensuring people enroll in the trials, diverse population
- For licensure or authorization, need over 50% effectiveness over a placebo
- FDA will ensure topline results from these trials...is the vaccine working? Is it safe? Does it prevent COVID-19?
- Most important parts will meet that higher standard even if they go through the EUA process vs. immediate licensure

CDC Redfield

- Flagging letter to states that asked to have distribution plans for vaccines ready by November
- Leveraging existing CDC systems and building state and local planning underway
- Met w/ 5 jurisdictions to assess their plans and talk through challenges from city and state perspectives
 - Issues that came up:
 - COVID vaccination is going to be resource intensive, beyond what current jurisdictions have available.
 - Some uniqueness of COVID mitigation, ie social distancing, have to be worked through
 - Need to build public confidence and a vaccination culture
 - Guidance to other states should be out before the end of the month

DoD General Perna, Chief Operation Officer, OWS, Army Materiel Command

- 4 tenants
 - Control and visibility of all vaccines; understanding total amount at all times
 - Must be able to track the uptake of vaccines as they are administered by location so flow can continue where required on a consistent basis
 - Must be able to obtain traceability as it is administered to persons (2 dose regimens); who received what vaccines to initiate reminders and understanding how its doing safety-wise 2 years down the road
- Must create coverage beyond brick and mortar places where you administer vaccines (doc offices, CVS, Walmarts, etc)
- Believe we will be able to execute it with the commercial capacity of the country, with pharma distribution capabilities
- Working with FedEx, UPS and Amazon to enhance capacity, also Walgreen, CVS, Walmart, Krogers to help distribution
- Establishing rehearsals to work through scenarios as distribution would occur (different vaccines require different storage temps, etc.)

Governors Burgum and Walz (2 of 5 pilot jurisdictions)

- ND—Issues to work through around Tribal, cold chain logistics (keeping some vaccines in super cold temps) and vaccine skepticism messaging
- MN—Pursuing plan to move immunization information data to amazon web service to handle large number of data submissions; upping outreach and seeking input from communities of color around medical exploitation and working through mistrust;

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National and local Oregon coverage



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National and local Oregon coverage

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anticipated this year, but she has noticed a difference due to the **COVID-19** pandemic's impact. "People are coming here just to ...

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weekly unemployment boost, but **Oregon** and other states are still in the process of paying out that benefit. **Oregon** ...

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loss of human lives and property due to wildfire in our state's history," **Oregon** Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, said Wednesday. ...

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and **COVID-19** symptoms If you are exposed to wildfire smoke, it can cause symptoms and conditions similar to those linked to a

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increase in demand for food assistance, according to the **Oregon** Policy Analysis Lab at **Oregon** State University. But there...

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a statewide emergency and said **Oregon** its most extreme fire conditions in three decades. Air quality is poor throughout much of <...

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the Pacific Northwest, causing smoky skies across the state. The **Oregon** DEQ is monitoring air quality across the region and says ...

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like heart attacks and clots are well documented. In most of Western **Oregon**, the AQI is high enough that everyone should take ...

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this season, depending on what the status is in Umatilla County under the **COVID-19** situation. In July, Greg Walden and his family ...

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to reporting **COVID-19** cases in workplaces will give Oregonians more information to help people avoid the risks of **COVID-19**

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COVID-19 has claimed eight more lives in Oregon, increasing the state's death toll to 494. The **Oregon Health Authority** ...

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positive for the **coronavirus** since fall classes began Aug. 10, according to the college's **COVID-19** case count. ECU's ...

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. Eight deaths, 125 **coronavirus** cases reported in Oregon; lowest since June 25 PORTLAND, Ore. — The **Oregon Health Authority**

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." The **Oregon Health Authority** is responsible for providing access to mental services for nearly 1 million people through the

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their current state." Even though a mask may help stop the spread of **COVID-19**, they don't all protect you from wildfire smoke. Dr...

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next round of **coronavirus** relief. Majority leader mitch mcconnell says the senate will take an initial vote on the republican's **coronavirus**

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town. Hours later, she stood in the parking lot of Clackamas Community College in **Oregon** City, and cried. "This year, for lack of ...

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, fielded a question about how to prepare the system for a **COVID-19** vaccine. She said any existing obstacles to primary care will ...

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Brown and the **Oregon Health Authority**, to reopen the economy). The county has had around 3,700 total cases of the **coronavirus**...

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evacuees; Red Cross deals with **COVID-19** health risks C. Oregonians seek to help evacuees; Red Cross deals with **COVID-19** ...

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a 41st death from **COVID-19** has been reported in Umatilla County, along with six more people newly confirmed to have the ...

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there. The **oregon health authority** says poor air quality, it really can affect our respiratory infections including possibly **covid-19**. It

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Stay current on shots

-  Flu shot every year
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COVID-19 Daily Update — Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

The Senate voted today on the Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act, commonly referred to as the "[Skinny Bill](#)," but the bill did not receive the 60 votes needed to advance. The package included federal aid for unemployed workers, small businesses, schools and vaccine development. It did not include another round of stimulus checks for American workers or aid to state and local governments.

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



Coronavirus Resources

Today's Highlight

- The White House has notified several Governor's offices that the decision has been made to maintain the 75 percent federal cost share for the use of National Guard members under Title 32 until the end of the year. NGA and majority of Governors had [advocated](#) for equity and maintaining 100 percent federal cost share for Title 32.

Mask Messaging By State/Territory

At least 48 states and Guam have disseminated messaging around masks. These messages often include images or videos highlighting the importance of wearing a mask and the #MaskUp or #MaskOn hashtag for the respective state or territory.

You can find a selection of recent examples and the types of messaging [here](#).

Spotlight: Governor DeWine Announces an Update for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine [announced](#) that thousands of Ohio children, who qualify for free or reduced-price meals but are currently learning remotely, will soon receive additional money to purchase nutritious foods through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program made possible by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

"Our goal is to ensure that every single eligible child gets the benefit from this program," said Gov. DeWine.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will issue this second round of benefits later this month to eligible children. Ohio previously issued more than \$250 million in P-EBT benefits to more than 850,000 students through the program in the spring.

Parents do not need to apply to receive these benefits. The benefits will be automatically loaded onto existing Ohio Direction cards or a pre-loaded card will be sent in the mail.

NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As Governors continue to refine their reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

Enhancing Our Defense Communities Fall Virtual Workshop

The National Governors Association – in partnership with the Department of Defense and state leaders – is hosting a virtual workshop series to identify cross-sector policy connections that enhance the readiness and resilience of military installations and defense communities across the country. The workshop will take place **Sept. 16-18 from 12-4 p.m. EDT**. *Enhancing our Defense Communities* is the first in the fall virtual workshop series and will be focused on students in military families, military spouses seeking licensure, and veterans re-entering the workforce. Participation is open to military advisors and state experts from any fields that relate — housing, education, workforce development, economic policy. The virtual workshop series will highlight best practices for enhancing federal and state collaboration and refining state structures. Please register for the event [here](#). If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Amanda Winters at awinters@nga.org. You can find more details on the launch of the two-year cooperative agreement between NGA and the Department of Defense [here](#).

Upcoming and Recent Calls

Unemployment Calls

Today's unemployment call focused on provision of a federal update on unemployment and workforce issues and opened state discussion of key concerns, questions and technical assistance needs. Staff from NGA's Office of Government Relations and the Center for Best Practices led the discussion and provided updates. A link to a recording of the call can be found [here](#).

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Sept. 9 – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued [guidance](#) under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act to expand access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines when they are available. This guidance authorizes state-licensed pharmacists, and state-licensed or registered pharmacy interns acting under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist, to order and administer COVID-19 vaccinations to persons ages 3 or older, subject to certain requirements.
- Sept. 9 – Beginning Sept. 14, the U.S. government will [remove requirements](#) directing all flights carrying airline passengers arriving from, or recently had a presence in, or are arriving from, certain countries to land at one of 15 designated airports. The directive also halts enhanced entry health screening for these passengers. Currently, enhanced entry health screening is conducted for those arriving from, or with recent presence in, China (excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, the Schengen region of Europe, the United Kingdom (excluding overseas territories outside of Europe), Ireland and Brazil.

Reminder: Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an application deadline extension for the Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program and dental providers. The deadline to apply for Phase 2 General Distribution Funding has been extended to **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020**.

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Spotlight: Governor Pritzker Announces \$16.6 Million Investment to Help Connect Residents with 1,300 Positions Created in Response to COVID-19

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker joined the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and local officials at Cara Chicago on Friday to highlight newly awarded grants to help leverage dislocated workers in employment and training to assist with local disaster relief programs and in demand industries connected to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. The recently announced workforce training programs will provide out-of-work Illinoisans with new skills, allowing them to access jobs in industries that are central to the statewide economic recovery. Funded positions include COVID-19 recovery-related temporary jobs to help mitigate COVID-19 in communities, such as contact tracers, COVID-19 protocol workers, building sanitization workers, temperature screeners, and food preparation and distribution workers identified by local communities.

"Yesterday, in Rockford, I announced one way in which we're lifting people up all around the state in these difficult times: a new \$16.6 million investment to expand job opportunities for Illinoisans who have become unemployed in the COVID-19 pandemic – to place, train and hire nearly 1,300 people for an array of jobs across the state – including approximately 700 right here in Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's jurisdiction," said Gov. Pritzker. "This federal funding – made possible by the Department of Labor's Employment Recovery and Disaster Recovery Grant programs – will help us address a goal for reinvigorating our economy that is two-fold – returning more of our residents to the job while simultaneously addressing new economic demands brought on by COVID-19."



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This past Saturday's map included eight counties in either orange or red status, which, in its current format, means schools must utilize a fully-virtual instruction model, with no in-person instruction or extracurricular activities.

"It's plenty tough for everybody," Gov. Justice said. "It's tough from a daycare issue. It's tough from an economic issue. It's tough for our parents who worry about sickness. It's tough for our numbers going up. It's tough for our medical teams. It's tough in every different way.

"I can tell you this: I am trying with all my soul to continue to change and adapt this system to where it works the very best for all of us, where it keeps us safest, and where it works in a better way for all of us," Gov. Justice continued.



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- Sept. 14 – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma announced the withdrawal of the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule. According to her [tweet](#): “The proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule (MFAR) was designed to increase transparency in Medicaid financing and ensure that taxpayer resources support the health care needs of our beneficiaries. We’ve listened closely to concerns that have been raised by our state and provider partners about potential unintended consequences of the proposed rule, which require further study. Therefore, CMS is withdrawing the rule from the regulatory agenda.” NGA has [requested](#) CMS to rescind this rule since its introduction because it would have significantly curtailed the longstanding flexibility states have to fund and pay for services in their Medicaid programs.

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Wildfire

- 9/14 - [Brown wants Trump to step up wildfire aid as ten confirmed dead in Oregon](#) – The Center Square
- 9/14 - [Oregon leaders: Weather brings optimism even as wildfires rage](#) – OPB
- 9/14 - [Oregon Republicans criticize Gov. Brown over wildfire, forest management policies](#) – KATU Staff
- 9/14 - [Chehalem Mountain-Bald Peak fire is now 100% contained](#) – Oregonian
- 9/14 - [At least 10 dead, 22 missing in Oregon fires; Brown seeks federal major disaster declaration](#) – KTVZ
- 9/14 - [Jackson County reduces wildfire death toll by 2, saying found remains were not human](#) – Oregonian
- 9/14 - [Governor declares emergency for human-caused fire in Lake County, now 30K acres](#) – Oregonian
- 9/14 - [Clackamas County fire update: Improved conditions help firefighters, changed evacuation levels, increased law enforcement](#) – Oregonian
- 9/14 - [Brown and Wyden: Planning for wildfire recovery starts now](#) – Portland Tribune
- 9/14 - [What role is climate change playing in this year's historic wildfire season?](#) – OPB
- 9/14 - [Oregon officials hopeful as more than 5,600 firefighters tackle wildfires around the state, but winds and lightning loom](#) – Oregonian
- 9/14 - [Scientists, Walden weigh in on climate debate amid massive Oregon wildfires](#) – KTVZ
- 9/14 - [As weather aids fire efforts, Gov. Brown announces recovery fund](#) – Portland Business Journal
- 9/14 - [10 Dead, 22 Missing as Oregon Reels From Immense Wildfires](#) – Willamette Week
- 9/15 - [Alaska Airlines suspends all flights in and out of Portland, Spokane amid wildfire](#)

[smoke](#) – USA Today + Affiliates

9/15 - [At least ten dead and 22 missing amid million-acre wildfires in Oregon](#) – Oregon Capital Insider

9/15 - [Massachusetts Task Force members head to Oregon to help residents impacted by fires](#) – WCVB

9/15 - [Gov. Kate Brown announces vetoes to help fund wildfire response](#) – Jefferson Public Radio

9/15 - [Oregon Governor Says State Has Been 'Pushed to Its Limits' by Wildfires](#) – Voice of America

9/15 - [Oregon Seeks Presidential Disaster Declaration](#) – FM News 101 KXL

9/15 - [Oregon wildfires on Tuesday: Firefighters make progress; death toll drops to 8 as blazes continue burning](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Oregon's 'unprecedented' wildfires didn't come out of nowhere: Beat Check podcast](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Which Oregon wildfire is now 100% contained? New details, maps, evacuation information for biggest blazes](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Cómo puede ayudar a las víctimas de incendios forestales de Oregon](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Latest: Oregon seeks presidential disaster declaration](#) – AP + affiliates

9/15 - [Easing fires not as simple as climate change vs. forest work](#) – AP + affiliates

9/15 - [Oregon opens first mobile morgue amid wildfires](#) – The Hill

9/15 - [National Guard deployed to Oregon to help contain wildfires](#) – New York Post

9/15 - [Oregon wildfires: Lyons, part of Mehama now level 2; Beachie Creek Fire 15 percent contained](#) – Statesman Journal

9/15 - [Live updates: Poor air quality remains as officials see progress in fighting Oregon wildfires](#) – OPB

9/15 - [Level 2 evacuation alert on Warm Springs Reservation due to Lionshead Fire](#) – KTVZ

Vetoes

9/14 - [Gov. Kate Brown, citing Oregon wildfire emergency, plans to veto budget line items](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [Gov. Brown issues notice of potential vetoes to preserve over \\$65 million for wildfire response, maintain balanced budget](#) – Klamath Falls News

9/14 - [Gov. Kate Brown to veto 34 sections of budget bills to preserve wildfire response funds](#) – Statesman Journal

9/14 - [Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announces vetoes to help fund wildfire response](#) – OPB

Coronavirus

9/14 - [Coronavirus in Oregon: 151 new cases, 2 deaths as wildfires appear to hinder testing](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [How are fires, smoke affecting coronavirus spread in Oregon?](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [OHSU doctor sees potential 'record-breaker' vaccine for COVID-19 by next spring](#) – OPB

Wildfire Impacts

9/14 - [In Oregon, you can vote a ballot for your home address, even if your home burned and you're staying elsewhere](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [Oregon's inmate transfers due to wildfires 'did not go as smoothly' as intended, state concedes](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [What are the long-term health problems caused by exposure to wildfire smoke? The data doesn't exist yet](#) – Oregonian

9/14 - [Oregon wildfire smoke shuts down outdoor work for many, but 'there are some people who may not have a choice'](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Oregon air quality remains poor Tuesday; chance of showers expected in Portland](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Wildfire smoke from Oregon, western fires spreads east across U.S.](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Wildfires are making life unbearable in Oregon, but nowhere in the U.S. is safe from Mother Nature's wrath, now more than ever](#) – Oregonian

9/15 - [Choking air from Western fires just won't ease up](#) – AP + affiliates

9/15 - [Fires Are Bringing Portland's Summer Of Discontent To A Terrible End](#) – BuzzFeed

Miscellaneous

9/15 - [Governor's High-Level Behavioral Health Group Ends With Disappointment](#) – Lund Report

9/15 - [Judge says Oregon GOP didn't miss voter guide deadline](#) – AP + affiliates

9/15 - [Canzano: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown still keeping silent squeeze on the Pac-12 Conference](#) – Oregonian

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The state also has made substantial progress on its delivery of 60,000 at-home internet connections in the way of personal hotspots and broadband service. All of the 12,744 personal hotspots that were ordered have been delivered, and fulfillment of broadband service is underway for approximately 40,000 students.

“From the beginning of this pandemic, we knew that our state had an obligation to tens of thousands of schoolchildren around Connecticut to make sure they had the tools necessary to further their educations, as we didn't know how long this public health emergency would last,” Gov. Lamont said. “Now, our students are in a position where they have the tools necessary to participate and engage with this technology, and we can keep as many students as possible connected throughout this school year.”



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COVID-19 Daily Update — Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

For the latest in-depth look at state and territory actions on the pandemic, check out [NGA's coronavirus resource website](#). This email provides highlights of the most recent state and federal activities, as well as NGA support material, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Respectfully,

Bill



Today's Highlight

- Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar [declared](#) a public health emergency in Oregon due to wildfires, following President Trump's emergency declaration for the state.

Spotlight: Governor Lee Announces Law Enforcement Reform Partnership Recommendations

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee [announced](#) recommendations from the State's Law Enforcement Reform Partnership to strengthen policing policies, improve information sharing around disciplinary actions and increase officer training. In addition to enhanced policies, a total of \$300,000 in CARES Act funding will be utilized for 90 additional cadet scholarships for the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy.

"Through this partnership, our state has created one of the most comprehensive and collaborative law enforcement advancements in recent Tennessee history while also working to recruit top-tier talent to our force," said Gov. Lee. "I am confident the outcomes of this partnership will help ensure our law enforcement officials are effectively protecting communities across the state while serving every Tennessean with dignity and respect."

Gov. Lee announced the Law Enforcement Reform Partnership on July 2, 2020 and charged them with providing recommendations by early September. Partnership members represent a diverse group of individuals and organizations across all three Grand Divisions, and include members of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, state legislators and community leaders.



Mask Messaging By State/Territory

At least 48 states and Guam have disseminated messaging around masks. These messages often include images or videos highlighting the importance of wearing a mask and the #MaskUp or #MaskOn hashtag for the respective state or territory.



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NGA's State-by-State Trackers of Reopening Plans

As Governors continue to refine their reopening plans, NGA has launched four trackers covering state actions regarding emergency orders and public health criteria around the reopening of business, schools, child care and summer programs, highlighting actions across a range of economic sectors.

- [State-By-State Summary Of Public Health Criteria In Reopening Plans](#)
- [Summary Of State Actions Addressing Business Reopenings](#)
- [Status of State COVID-19 Emergency Orders](#)
- [State by State Summary of Reopening Plans and Guidance for Schools, Colleges, Child Care, Athletics and Summer Programs](#)

Please note that these trackers are snapshots of a rapidly evolving situation and will be continually updated.

NGA Activities

NGA Briefing on "The Role of States in a Vaccine Distribution Plan"

NGA and representatives from Operation Warp Speed (OWS) will host a briefing and discussion on the recently released CDC "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations." According to this playbook, states are required to submit their vaccination plans to the CDC by Oct. 16, 2020. This briefing is an opportunity for Governors' offices to hear directly from OWS representatives and ask questions regarding this distribution strategy for a COVID-19 vaccine. To join the briefing scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. EDT**, [click here to register](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. If you have any questions, please reach out to Maribel Ramos at mramos@nga.org.

NGA Letter Urging Preparedness for Fall Flu Season

Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker sent a [letter](#) to members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education urging Congress to provide additional funding and resources to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that will help ensure states and territories are fully prepared for flu season, while dealing with the current impact of COVID-19 and planning for a potential resurgence in COVID-19 this fall.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year. This is why it is important to make the flu vaccine readily available and promote strong public awareness to help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses and reduce the burden on our hospitals, community health centers, clinics and health care workers. It will take additional funding and resources from the federal government to help ensure states and territories are ready for flu season, while also dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are concerned flu season will strain our personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies, as our health care workers will need medical grade masks, gowns and gloves to ensure they are protected from COVID-19. In addition, states need to have critical testing supplies to provide adequate and timely tests."

Enhancing Our Defense Communities Fall Virtual Workshop

The National Governors Association – in partnership with the Department of Defense and state leaders – is hosting a virtual workshop series to identify cross-sector policy connections that enhance the readiness and resilience of military installations and defense communities across the country. The workshop continues today, Sept. 17 and tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 18, taking place from noon to 4 p.m. EDT both days. *Enhancing our Defense Communities* is the first in the fall virtual workshop series and will be focused on students in military families, military spouses seeking licensure, and veterans re-entering the workforce. Participation is open to military advisors and state experts from any fields that relate — housing, education, workforce development, economic policy. The virtual workshop series will highlight best practices for enhancing federal and state collaboration and refining state structures. Please register for the event [here](#). If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Amanda Winters at awinters@nga.org. You can find more details on the launch of the two-year cooperative agreement between NGA and the Department of Defense [here](#).



Policy and Planning During COVID-19

On **Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. EDT**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the National Conference of State Legislatures will host a half-day virtual convening of state policymakers interested in vaccine policy issues. State policy leaders and national experts will discuss policy and planning considerations for distribution of a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, strategies for strengthening seasonal and routine childhood vaccine efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect health system capacity, as well as strategies for addressing vaccine hesitancy, combating misinformation, and engaging at-risk and vulnerable communities. The meeting is open to all states and territories and will be a joint convening of leaders from state executive offices and state legislatures. The NGA Center will arrange for up to three individuals from executive branch offices in interested states to participate. Executive branch attendees will be joined by state legislators invited by NCSL. Questions may be directed to Michelle LeBlanc at mleblanc@nga.org or 202-595-2679.

Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Congress

- Sept. 16 – Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar [declared](#) a public health emergency in Oregon due to wildfires, following President Trump's emergency declaration for the state. The public health emergency declaration and related waiver determination give health care providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting the health needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries affected by the wildfires. Air quality and extensive smoke produced by the wildfires can present a significant health threat for people with asthma and other lung conditions and can increase demands on the healthcare system, a particular concern as health care providers respond to COVID-19 cases in the state. The air quality index in many areas has been reported at or above 300, which can cause health problems even among otherwise healthy people.

State Coronavirus Resource

Google has launched a new [search trends symptoms dataset](#) that aggregates and anonymizes search data to show trends in search patterns, helping to identify top information needs in a timely manner. This granular data will hopefully help public health experts study the relationship between symptom search trends, social distancing measures, and the impacts of COVID-19 in the community, and detect and respond to emerging outbreaks. The dataset is available on the Cloud, [COVID-19 Free Public Dataset Program](#), and

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they protect their health and safety. They will work with the **oregon health authority** in how to implement the safety procedures and how to

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