

The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of New York

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

– President Donald J. Trump

“The federal government stepped up and was a great partner. . . I’m the first one to say it. We needed help, and they were there.”

– Governor Andrew Cuomo

Overview: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, State managed, and Federally supported. Successful emergency management requires nationwide cooperation and unity of effort, combining the strength and ingenuity of our citizens and private sector with a sweeping, all-inclusive, and whole-of-government response. The below is a partial overview of Federal assistance provided to the State of New York and the people of New York to combat the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of New York. Implementation of the CARES Act is ongoing and will also bring additional support to New York. President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have appreciated the strong State-Federal partnership with Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Supportive Actions by President Donald J. Trump:

- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency:** On March 13, President Trump **declared** a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all states, including New York, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- **New York’s Major Disaster Declaration:** On March 16, Governor Cuomo submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 20, President Trump **approved** the request declaring a major disaster in the State of New York and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, local, and tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation’s history, every state and territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.
- **Historic Economic Relief:** On March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* into law. The law provides unprecedented economic relief to American citizens, small businesses, workers, healthcare providers, and State, local, and tribal governments and builds on the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*. More **here**. Additional New York allocation information is found below.
- **National Guard Support:** On March 22, President Trump **directed** FEMA to fund 100% of the emergency assistance activities provided by New York National Guard personnel in Title 32 duty status, per Governor Cuomo’s request.
- **Hospital Ship USNS Comfort:** **At President Trump’s direction**, the *United States Naval Ship Comfort* **docked in New York City** harbor on March 30 to aid in COVID-19 response. The ship eased the stress on New York hospitals with its 1,000 beds and 1,200 staff, 12 operating rooms, a blood bank, a medical lab, a pharmacy, an optometry lab and a CAT scan. On April 21, Governor Cuomo announced the state would no longer need the *USNS Comfort* because of declining cases in New York City.

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

- HHS, the Centers for Disaster Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are providing unprecedented regulatory flexibilities, resources, and guidance to expand the availability of testing and to assist States, including New York, in scaling testing. Learn more from the CDC [here](#) and FDA [here](#). In addition, CARES Act and other supplemental disbursements, alongside FEMA resources, are important avenues for States to scale testing.
- The Federal government has supported mobile testing efforts to increase testing capacity and availability in New York.
- In support of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA and HHS are coordinating a whole-of-America approach to source personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other critical resources for States, Tribes, and Territories. The effort is led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For more on the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, read more [here](#).
- The Trump Administration is coordinating [Project Air Bridge](#), a coordinated public-private partnership designed to expedite the movement of critical supplies from other countries to the United States. The below table shows recently delivered supplies to New York entities, including Project Air Bridge efforts to bolster private sector supply chains.

PPE	April 1 - 7	April 8 - 14	Total
N-95 Masks	1,033,300	882,500	1,915,800
Surgical & Procedural Masks	2,147,200	1,126,600	3,273,800
Eye & Face Shields	58,700	33,100	91,800
Isolation & Surgical Gowns	2,335,200	2,048,700	4,383,900
Surgical & Exam Gloves	56,485,100	38,876,200	95,361,300

- In addition to the Project Air Bridge efforts, as of April 22, total medical supplies and equipment provided to New York include 12 M N95 respirators, 3 M surgical masks, 379,374 face shields, 313,810 surgical gowns, 8,060 coveralls, 3 million gloves, and 4,540 ventilators.
- As of April 20, FEMA obligated \$1.36 B for New York to respond to COVID-19 and will continue to obligate additional dollars per validated State requests.
- At Governor Cuomo’s request, FEMA issued a \$6 million mission assignment to HHS to provide round the clock medical staff to care for non-critical patients in New York.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) worked with the State of New York to increase hospital capacity in New York by 4,060 beds (as of April 20) in four COVID-19 facilities. The USACE is providing resources and personnel to create alternate care facilities in New York City (Javits Center – 1,900 beds), Stony Brook (SUNY – 1,038 beds), Old Westbury (1,022 beds), and White Plains (Westchester County Center – 100 beds). More [here](#).
- Construction of the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal as a temporary hospital has completed buildout and can be operationalized in 7 days if deemed necessary. The site includes 630 beds as well as 20 ICU beds 250 low acuity beds for Phase 1 and is frozen for potential use as of April 20.
- Using the FEMA national ambulance contract, 525 ambulances and 1,190 emergency personnel from across the country are supporting New York and New Jersey to supplement the state medical transportation and support capabilities.

- The Defense Logistics Agency awarded a contract to Battelle Critical Care Decontamination Systems for 60 N95 decontamination system units for the sanitation and reuse of N95 respirators. Two systems have been deployed in New York.

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

- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**

- Through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided more than \$28 M to the State of New York. More [here](#).
- As of April 21, HHS has awarded more than \$76.6 M in CARES Act funding to 63 health centers across New York to assist in combatting COVID-19. More [here](#).
- Medical providers in New York were allocated over \$1.85 B for the first round of funding from the Provider Relief Fund, with most of that provided Friday, April 10.
- The Indian Health Service (IHS) has distributed \$6 M in COVID-19 supplemental appropriations to the State New York, benefiting IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organization Health Programs within the IHS Nashville Area. More [here](#).
- As of April 20, the State of New York has received a total of over \$2.18 B from HHS, through the Provider Relief Fund, CDC State and local funding, HRSA health centers, and other HHS grants.
- On April 22, organizations in New York were awarded more than \$1.7 M to support small rural hospitals and promote telehealth in rural communities. More [here](#).
- On March 23, the State of New York submitted an 1135 Medicaid Waiver request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS). On March 26, CMS [approved](#) New York's waiver request offering new flexibilities to focus resources on combatting the outbreak and providing the best possible care to Medicaid beneficiaries in New York.
- HHS, CMS, and FDA have issued guidance on several topics to help inform decisions made by State and local health officials and private sector partners, including operational guidance for New York nursing homes, telemedicine, elective surgery, and insurers. Learn more from CMS [here](#), CDC [here](#), and FDA [here](#).

- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

- As a result of the CARES Act, the SBA created four [additional loan/funding programs](#) to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of April 20, the SBA issued over \$20.3 B loans to 81,075 New York small businesses. Nationally, SBA executed more loans in 14 days of the CARES Act implementation than the agency had done in the previous 14 years. More [here](#).
- On March 17, SBA [declared](#) an economic disaster in New York at the request of Governor Cuomo. The disaster declaration creates access to low interest loans for small businesses across New York. SBA continues to process and allocate disaster loans to eligible parties in New York. As of April 20, the SBA has approved 51,428 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances of up to \$10,000 for New York small businesses impacted by COVID-19; these funds, as authorized by the CARES Act, do not need to be repaid and have totaled \$211.1 M in the State of New York.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT)**

- As of Monday, April 13, Economic Impact Payments authorized by the CARES Act have gone out to 80 million Americans in New York and across the country, including New York. These payments are being automatically issued to eligible 2019 or 2018 federal tax return filers who received a refund using direct deposit. More [here](#). Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More [here](#).
- Treasury is operationalizing stimulus relief to States, Tribes, and eligible units of local government as authorized under the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund. The State of New York, combined with eligible units of local government in the State that apply, will receive more than \$7.5 B. Governmental entities in the State of New York have already received over \$5.2 B of this allocation. More [here](#).

- On April 9, the Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities in New York and across the Nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MLF will provide up to \$500 B in direct financing to states, counties, and cities across the Nation to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More [here](#). MLF term sheet and guidance can be found [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
 - HUD made \$298.1 M in COVID-19 funding available to New York via CARES Act authorizations. More [here](#).
 - On April 1, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide up to one year of payment forbearance for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family borrowers in New York and across the Nation who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. More [here](#).
 - On April 10, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide FHA multifamily borrowers in New York and across the Nation with forbearance for up to three months if they agree not to evict tenants during that period. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**
 - As a result of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, DOL [expanded paid sick, family, and medical leave](#); the Department has offered flexibilities and emergency administrative capacity expansion grants for unemployment insurance that will help the people of New York.
 - DOL has awarded over \$32.3 M in emergency unemployment insurance grants and \$12 M in dislocated worker grants to the State of New York.
- **U.S. Department of Education (DoED)**
 - On March 20, DoED [suspended](#) Federal student loan payments and waived interest during the Federal emergency, which could help up to 2.2 M direct loan borrowers in New York.
 - DoED has also provided unprecedented reporting flexibilities to New York to allow the State to best meet the needs of students and teachers during the emergency. More [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).
 - In April, DoED announced allocations under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act totaling \$920.6 M to support postsecondary education students and institutions of higher education in New York. More [here](#) and [here](#).
 - On April 14, DoED [announced](#) an allocation in The Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF), authorized by the CARES Act, of \$164.2 M for New York. This is an extraordinarily flexible “emergency block grant” designed to enable governors to decide how best to meet the needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - On April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program ([CFAP](#)) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in response to COVID-19. This \$19 B relief program will provide \$16 B in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and \$3 B in purchases of fresh produce, dairy and meat, including producers in New York.
 - USDA has provided numerous flexibilities and resources to the State of New York to ensure children and low income Americans have access to food during the national emergency. More [here](#).
 - USDA published a [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) for rural residents, businesses, and communities across New York to find information about federal funding and partnership opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - DOT allocated \$4.1 B in Federal Transit Administration funds to help the New York public transportation systems respond to the challenges of COVID-19. More [here](#).

- DOT awarded \$411.2 M from the Federal Aviation Administration to help fund continuing operations and lost revenue for airports in New York. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**
 - With the \$19.6 B allocated under the CARES Act, the VA is hiring new staff and procuring additional resources to deal with the evolving needs of the pandemic. This includes expanding free or subsidized telehealth services and waiving a requirement that VA State homes maintain a 90 percent occupancy rate in order to receive Federal benefits for times when the Veteran is not in the home. More [here](#).
 - The VA traditionally provides Veterans' healthcare, benefits and memorial affairs. In times of national crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, VA provides services to the Nation based on requests from states, while being clear that Veterans are our first priority. This is known as VA's [Fourth Mission](#). The VA is assisting New York with ICU and medical/surgical bed capacity.
 - The U.S. Department of the Treasury and VA [announced](#) that VA benefit recipients in New York and across the Nation will automatically receive \$1,200 in Economic Impact Payments provided for under the CARES Act.
 - On April 3, the VA announced a number of actions to provide Veterans in New York and across the Nation with financial, benefits and claims help as part of the VA's COVID-19 response. The financial relief actions include – until further notice – (i) suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and (ii) suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of State (DOS)**
 - The State Department launched an unprecedented global effort to bring home citizens from every corner of the globe and has repatriated thousands of Americans from multiple countries. As of April 20, DOS coordinated the repatriation of nearly 70,000 Americans, including individuals from New York. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**
 - DOJ allocated more than \$45 M in funds to New York through the [Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \(CESF\) Program](#) to assist the State and local government response to COVID-19. This includes \$27.8 M in funding to the State and \$17.2 M to local governments. More [here](#).