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When disaster mitigation is cost effective, we are on the road to bringing disasters to an end.
Significant Incidents or Threats:
• COVID-19
• Freezing rain possible – Northern Plains
• Critical fire weather – Southern/Central Plains

Declaration Activity:
• Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – Texas, Florida, North Carolina, New Jersey
• Request: Major Disaster Declaration – Illinois, Puerto Rico, Guam, Kentucky
COVID-19 Update

**Situation:** FEMA and HHS continue to work requirements supporting state, tribal, and territorial requests.

- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, and 5 tribal nations are working directly with FEMA under the nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19.
- Using new acquisitions, the Strategic National Stockpile, and Department of Defense allocations, FEMA is leading the coordinated Federal agency efforts increasing hospital capacity, community-based testing sites (CBTS), and significant deployment of personal protective equipment and medical equipment.
- 17 states have issued shelter-in-place orders; 27 community-based testing sites in operation (HHS/FEMA COVID-19 SLB, as of 12:00 p.m. ET March 25).

**State / Local Response:**
- All State / Territories activated.
- National Guard has been activated in 32 states.

**FEMA / Federal Response:**
- NRCC: Level I in unified effort with HHS SOC; All RRCCs activated.
- 24 IMAT-As and 36 LNOs deployed.
- USNS Comfort expected to be operational by Apr 4 (HHS/FEMA COVID-19 SLB, as of 12:00 p.m. ET March 25).
- Dept. State posted Global Level 4 Health Advisory: Do Not Travel.
- Approved COVID-19 Major Disaster Declarations: 8 states/territories.
- COVID-19 Major Disaster Declarations requested by: 8 states/territories.

**COVID-19 Cases**

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(CDC Morning Report, as of 6:47 a.m. ET, Mar 26)
National Weather Forecast
Space Weather

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For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: [http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation](http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation)

**HF Communication Impact**

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Declaration Approved

**Declaration:** Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4488-DR-NJ for New Jersey

**Requested:** March 23, 2020

**Approved:** March 25, 2020

**Incident:** COVID-19 Pandemic

**Incident Period:** January 20, 2020 and continuing

**Provides:**

- **IA:** Individual Assistance limited to the Crisis Counseling Program in all areas in the State of New Jersey
- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B) not authorized under other Federal statutes, including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding statewide

**FCO:** Robert Little III
Declaration Approved

**Declaration:** Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4485-DR-TX for Texas

**Requested:** March 23, 2020

**Approved:** March 25, 2020

**Incident:** COVID-19 Pandemic

**Incident Period:** January 20, 2020 and continuing

**Provides:**
- **IA:** Crisis Counseling Program statewide
- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B) not authorized under other Federal statutes, including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding statewide

**FCO:** George A. Robinson
Declaration Approved

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4486-DR-FL for Florida
Requested: March 22, 2020
Approved: March 25, 2020
Incident: COVID-19 Pandemic
Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing

Provides:
- **IA:** Crisis Counseling Program statewide
- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B) not authorized under other Federal statutes, including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding statewide
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Under review

FCO: Gracia B. Szczech
Declaration Approved

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4487-DR-NC for North Carolina
Requested: March 22, 2020

Approved: March 25, 2020
Incident: COVID-19
Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing

Provides:
- **IA:** Under review
- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B), not authorized under other Federal statutes, including direct Federal Assistance under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent funding statewide
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Under review

FCO: Gracia B. Szczech
Declaration Request

Declaration: Illinois - Major Disaster
Requested: March 24, 2020

Incident: COVID-19 Pandemic
Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing

Includes:
• IA: All programs, statewide
• PA: Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, statewide
Declaration Request

Declaration: Puerto Rico - Major Disaster Requested: March 21, 2020

Incident: COVID-19 Pandemic
Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing

Includes:

- **IA**: Crisis Counseling Program and Disaster Unemployment Assistance for entire commonwealth
- **PA**: Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance for entire commonwealth
Declaration Request

**Declaration:** Guam - Major Disaster  
**Requested:** March 25, 2020  
**Incident:** COVID-19 Pandemic  
**Incident Period:** January 20, 2020 and continuing

**Includes:**
- **IA:** All Programs, for the entire territory  
- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, for the entire territory  
- **Hazard Mitigation:** For the entire territory
Declaration Request

Declaration: Kentucky - Major Disaster
Requested: March 25, 2020

Incident: COVID-19 Pandemic
Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing

Includes:
• IA: All programs for the entire commonwealth
• PA: Categories A-G for the entire commonwealth
• Hazard Mitigation: For the entire commonwealth
### Declaration Requests in Process – 12

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