

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

### MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Jim Mott, Barbara Rogers, Tim Barnes, Mark Mudry, Blake Mulder, Jeanne Pearl-Wright and Dairus Reynnet

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Colette Scrimger, Anne Barna, and John Fuentes

The Health and Human Services Committee met in virtual session on Monday, February 1, 2021, as permitted by PA 228 of 2020, as amended. The members made an announcement of the location from which they are participating remotely as follows:

Commissioner Mott, a residence in Newaygo County, MI  
Commissioner Rogers, their residence in Hamlin Township, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Barnes, their place of employment in Ionia County, MI  
Commissioner Mudry, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Mulder, a residence in Clare County, MI  
Commissioner Pearl-Wright, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Reynnet, an office in Lansing, MI

Chairperson Mott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 minutes, as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Colette Scrimger and Anne Barna, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, were present to provide an update on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration. It was reported that the District has received and administered 3,400 vaccine doses as of January 28, 2021. The Department is following the State's vaccination prioritization guidelines. Vaccine clinics continue to rely on staff and a large network of volunteers. The Department will continue to schedule clinics based on available supply. At present, demand far exceeds supply received on a weekly basis. It was reported that the data discussed represented Health Department vaccinations and did not include data from the hospital vaccinations in the County. Discussion held regarding scheduling limitations, supply uncertainty and vaccine technology.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Jim Mott, Chairperson



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January 28, 2021

Dear Barry and Eaton County Residents and Partners,

To date, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department has received a total of 3,400 doses of the Moderna vaccine to support already-scheduled clinics at our Hastings office, previous clinics at our Charlotte office, and our new mass vaccination clinic at the Lansing Mall. This includes 2,900 first doses and 500 second doses. Efforts to vaccinate the public have been met with incredible enthusiasm. However, our supply of the vaccine is still limited and unpredictable. We are urging everyone to be patient at this time as we try to vaccinate as many individuals as possible. The vaccine is the best protection we have yet against COVID-19.

We continue to follow State vaccination prioritization guidelines, and are currently vaccinating healthcare staff, law enforcement, fire, EMS, corrections, education staff, and individuals who are 65 and older who work or live in Barry or Eaton counties. The health department, with our incredible volunteers and National Guard units, has vaccinated 686 people at our Barry County office, and 1,910 people at our Charlotte Office or Lansing Mall locations. Our hospital partners have also vaccinated thousands more.

In the past month, 2,671 residents of Barry County and 7,210 residents in Eaton County have received their first dose of the vaccine. This could not have been accomplished without the community and the wonderful volunteers who have been devoting their time to support these clinics. With this vaccine we can protect ourselves and our loved ones, make businesses safer to reopen, and help the community and economy recover from the pandemic.

We know there are many, many, folks eager to get their first shot – we estimate that about 40,000 people in our district are eligible to get the vaccine. The pace is frustratingly slow. Know that we are working as fast as possible to get as many eligible folks vaccinated as we can. Sign up to be contacted regarding vaccinations at [www.barryeatonhealth.org](http://www.barryeatonhealth.org)

Even with the promise that the vaccine brings, please continue to follow COVID-19 safety measures like frequent handwashing, social distancing, and mask-wearing. Thank you all for your patience as we navigate the pandemic response together.

Sincerely,

Colette Scrimger, MSW  
Health Officer



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Data Report for Eaton County, MI

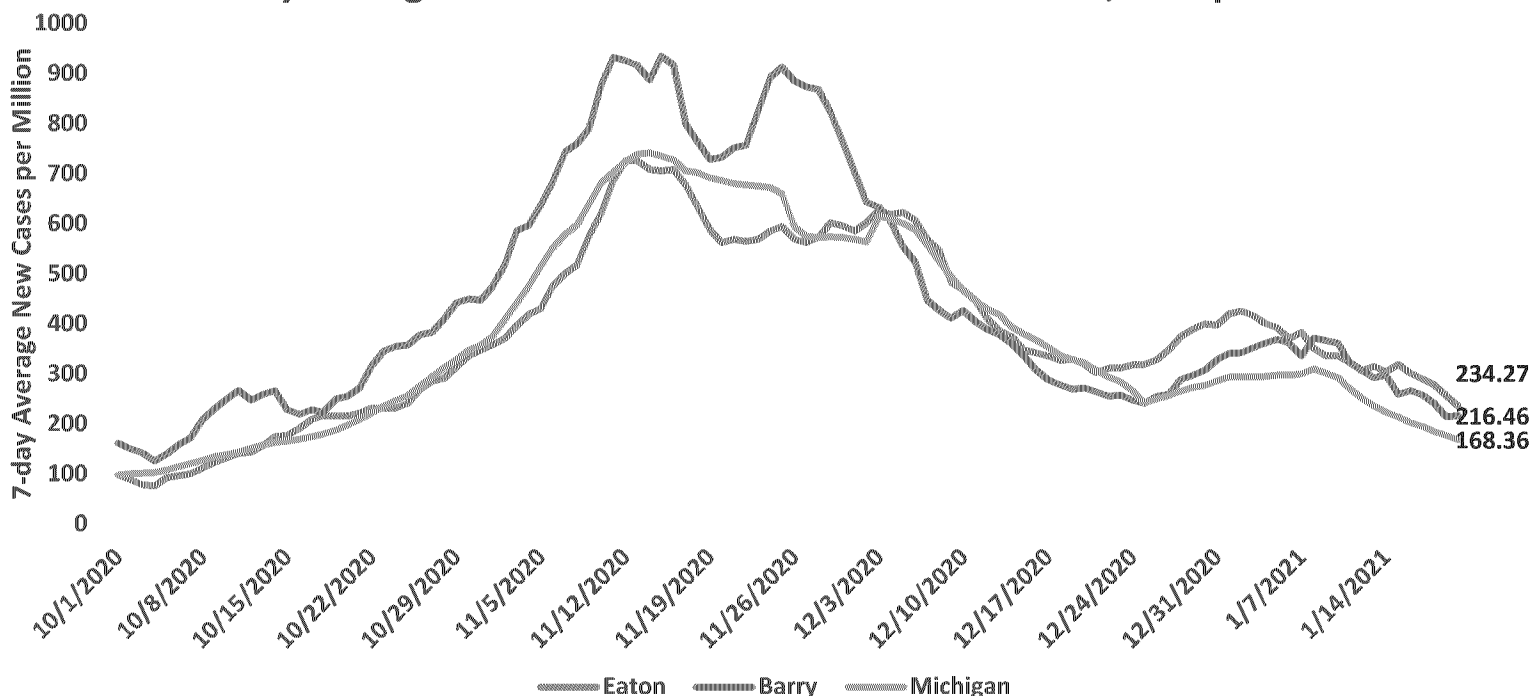
Report Date: 01/25/2021

This report contains preliminary data on persons testing positive for COVID-19. It may be revised as new information is gathered during case investigation. The health department plans to update this data report weekly each Tuesday. A similar report is prepared and released for Barry County, MI each Monday.

### Summary Data

**Total Cases: 5196   Recovered Cases: 4868   Active Cases: 201   Deaths: 127   In Quarantine: 298   Probable Cases: 457**

### 7-day Average of New Confirmed and Probable Cases, Rate per 1m

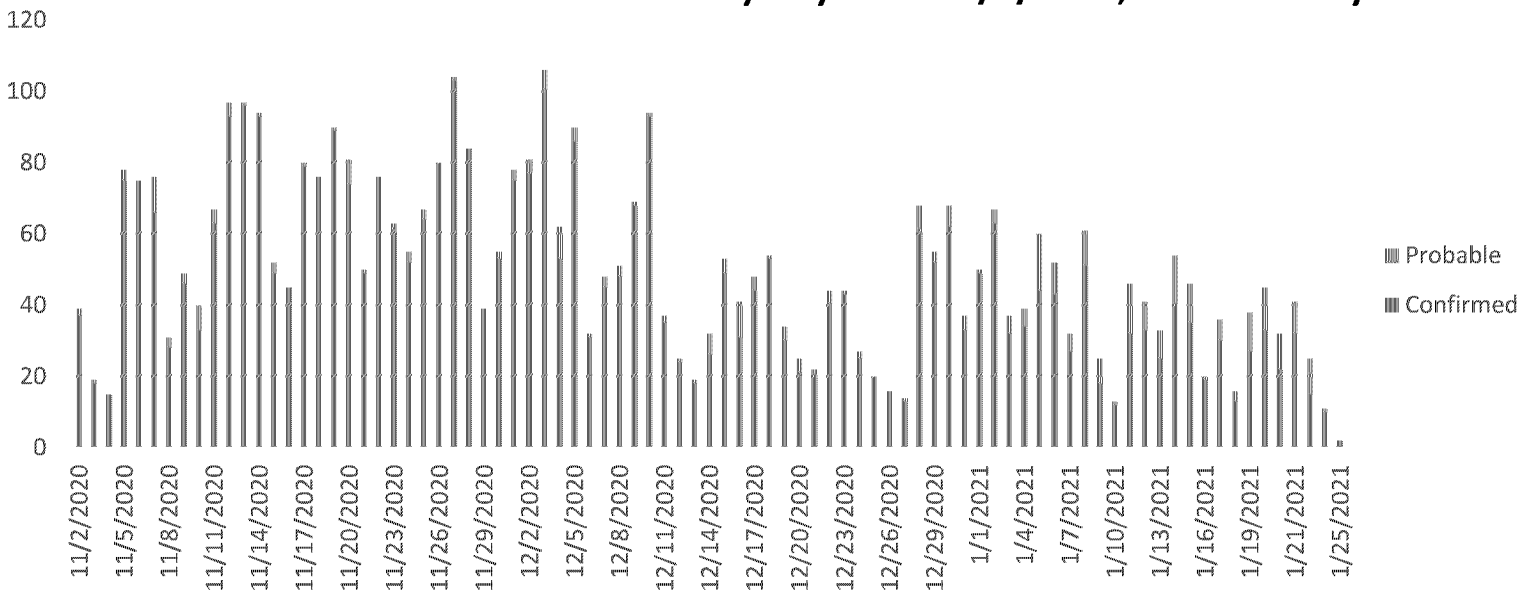


Source: Michigan Disease Surveillance System & Outbreak Management System (MDSS)

Active Cases = Total Cases – Deaths – Recovered Cases

For data on probable cases, visit Michigan's COVID-19 Data Website, at [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163\\_98173---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html)

### Confirmed and Probable Cases by Day since 11/1/2020, Eaton County



Race	Cases	% Cases	% Pop	Deaths	Death Rate
<b>White</b>	3865	74.4%	87.50%	98	2.5%
<b>Black or African American</b>	382	7.4%	7.00%	15	3.9%
<b>Asian</b>	120	2.3%	2.50%	0	0.0%
<b>Unknown/Other</b>	829	16.0%	3.00%	14	1.7%

Ethnicity	Cases	% Cases	% Pop	Deaths	Death Rate
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	301	5.8%	5.50%	5	1.7%
<b>Arab</b>	23	0.4%	*	2	8.7%

Race and ethnicity are asked as separate questions on the disease investigation forms.

Persons who identify as Hispanic/Latino or Arab can identify as any race.

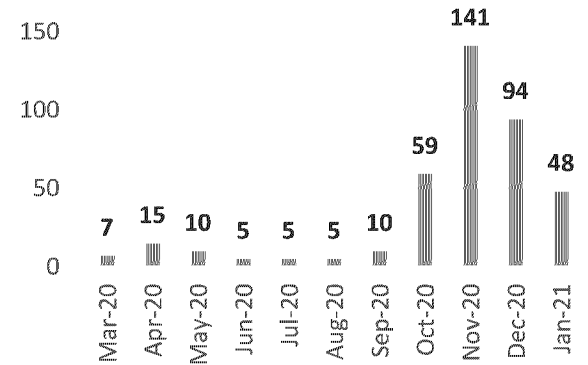
### Hospitalization Data

**Inpatient:** 399 (7.0%)

**Died:** 127 (2.3%)

**Not Hospitalized:** 5134 (90.7%)

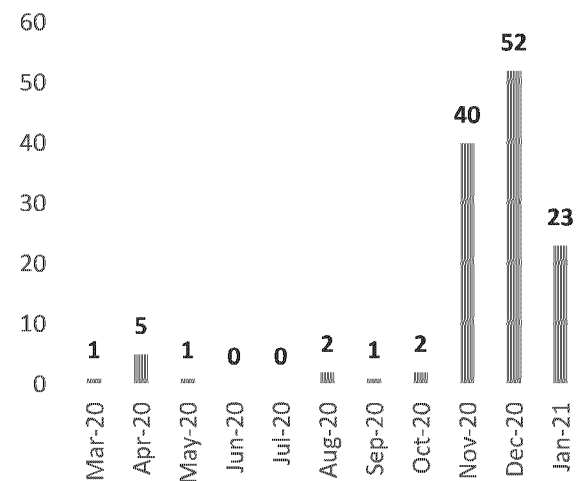
### Eaton County Hospitalizations by Month



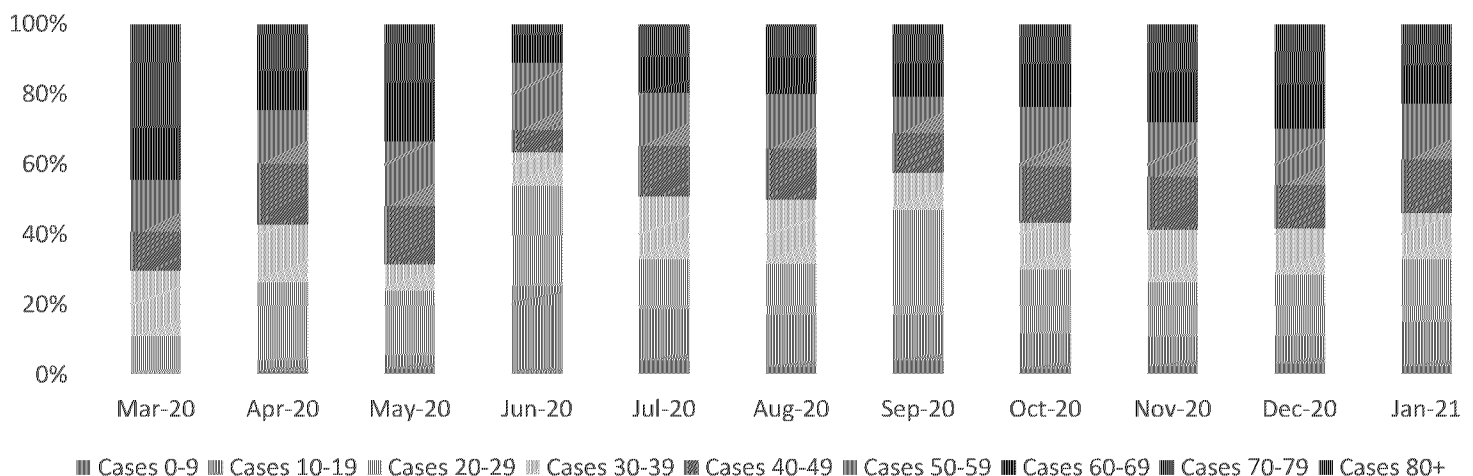
\*Data not available

Eaton County Breakdown by Age Data as of 01/25/2021				
Age Group	# Cases	% Cases	# Deaths	Death Rate
<b>Cases 0-9</b>	137	2.6%	0	0.0%
<b>Cases 10-19</b>	484	9.3%	0	0.0%
<b>Cases 20-29</b>	908	17.5%	1	0.1%
<b>Cases 30-39</b>	718	13.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Cases 40-49</b>	743	14.3%	1	0.1%
<b>Cases 50-59</b>	826	15.9%	7	0.8%
<b>Cases 60-69</b>	661	12.7%	20	3.0%
<b>Cases 70-79</b>	425	8.2%	35	8.2%
<b>Cases 80+</b>	294	5.7%	63	21.4%

### Deaths by Month, Eaton County



### Eaton Percentage of COVID-19 Cases by Age Group, Each Month



# Testing Capacity and Positivity Rate - MiStartMap

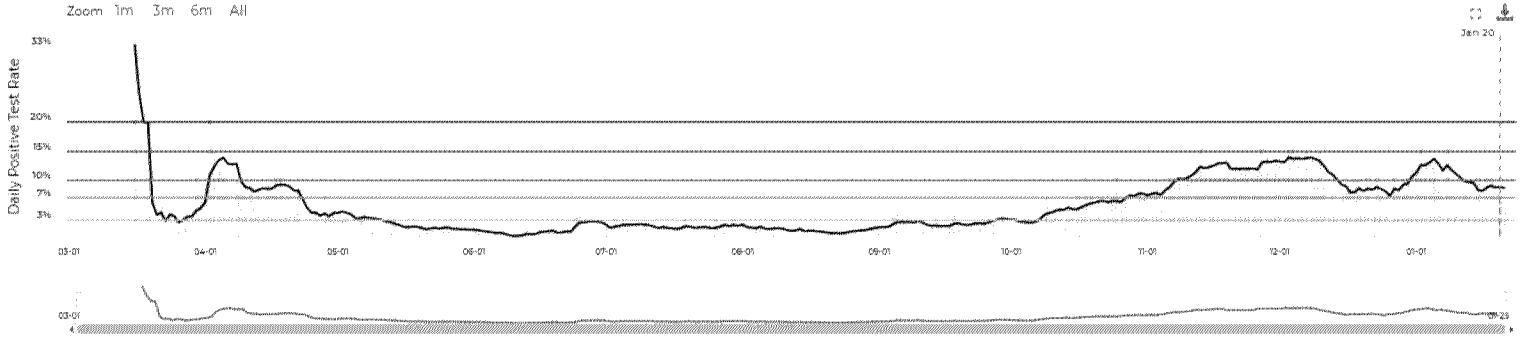
Test Results

8.7%  
positive tests \*

379.8  
daily tests  
administered \*

### Daily Positive Test Rate

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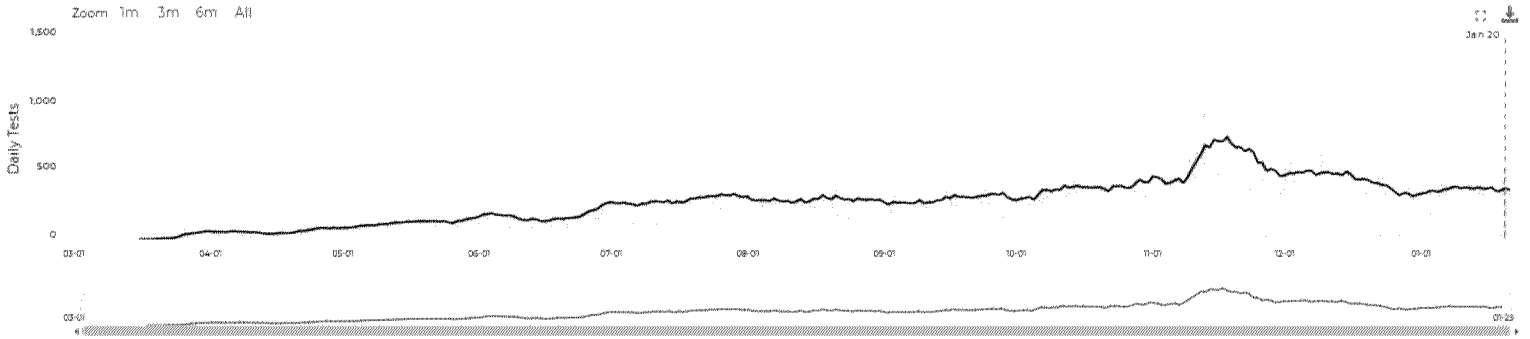
### Test Thresholds

Percent Positive



### Daily Tests

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# FEMA's Role in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

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In alignment with President Biden's plan to respond to COVID-19, FEMA will work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal agencies and coordinate with state, tribal and territorial authorities and private sector partners and others to assist, augment and expedite vaccinations in the United States.

## Key Messages

- At the President's direction, FEMA has increased its support to states, tribes and territories for vaccination sites. FEMA has already obligated more than **\$1.2 billion** to states, tribes and territories, and Washington, D.C. for vaccination sites. We expect that number to climb in the days ahead, and we will work with other federal agencies to provide federal support for critical staffing, supplies and other shortfalls that can help get more Americans vaccinated.
- FEMA is supporting vaccination sites by providing expedited financial assistance, providing federal equipment and supplies, and deploying federal personnel to states, tribes, territories, and other eligible applicants for vaccination efforts.
- FEMA is coordinating with all 10 regions and other federal agencies to identify potential sites, determine requirements and provide staff for potential deployment.

## Federal Funding to Accelerate State Vaccine Efforts

- FEMA, in accordance with President Biden's Jan. 21 Memorandum, will provide reimbursement to states, local, tribal and territorial governments and the District of Columbia for the use of their National Guard to respond to COVID-19 and other assistance, which may include support to vaccination distribution and administration, at a 100% cost share until Sept. 30, 2021.
- FEMA is supporting COVID-19 vaccine distribution by providing reimbursement to governments for costs associated with vaccine distribution and administration. Prior to the executive orders to expand vaccination efforts, FEMA obligated more than \$57.5 billion towards COVID-19 response efforts to support our state, tribal and territorial partners during this pandemic.
- As of Jan. 26, the Disaster Relief Fund balance is more than \$19 billion. These funds will support continued response to COVID-19, including expanded vaccination efforts across the country by providing financial assistance to governments and other eligible applicants for vaccination efforts as well as personal protective equipment, alternative care sites and durable medical equipment.



# FEMA

- FEMA is expediting reimbursement for eligible emergency work projects to ensure resources are available to support vaccine distribution and administration.
- As of Jan. 26, FEMA obligated more than **\$1.2 billion** to states, territories, and tribes for expenses related to COVID-19 vaccination at 100% federal cost share:
  - \$219.5 million to Maryland.
  - \$216 million to New Jersey.
  - \$466.8 million to New York.
  - \$1.6 million to Pennsylvania.
  - \$76.6 million to Puerto Rico.
  - \$2.5 million to the U.S. Virgin Islands.
  - \$2.2 million to Virginia.
  - \$2.3 million to Washington, D.C.
  - \$1 million to West Virginia.
- These funds cover emergency protective measures to include:
  - Supplies and commodities needed to safely store and administer the vaccine.
  - Transportation support and reasonable, necessary security for refrigerated trucks and support for leasing space to store and/or administer vaccines including utilities, maintenance and security.
  - Medical and support staff including onsite infection control measures, personal protective equipment for staff, cloth face coverings for patients, temperature scanners, physical barriers and disinfection of the facility in accordance with CDC guidance.
  - Dissemination of public information and communication regarding vaccinations.
- The costs of purchasing the vaccine and support kits are not covered by these obligations and do not duplicate any HHS funding.
- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 appropriates \$2 billion to FEMA to provide financial assistance to individuals and households for COVID-19-related funeral expenses at a 100% federal cost.
  - The appropriation covers eligible funeral expenses incurred through Dec. 31, 2020.
  - FEMA is reviewing the legislation and evaluating potential options for implementation.



## Federal Coordination to Identify and Fill Resource Gaps

- FEMA will work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to using Defense Production Act authorities wherever necessary so private sector companies can increase vaccine supply and spur vaccine manufacturing.
- FEMA released “FEMA COVID-19 Vaccination Planning FAQ,” a document to help assist governments with their vaccine distribution efforts and reimbursements for associated costs.

## FEMA Supporting and Establishing Vaccine Sites

- FEMA, through its National Response Coordination Center and 10 regional offices across the nation, will coordinate with other federal agencies to meet state, tribal and territory needs. FEMA will provide support to established vaccination locations, establish new community vaccination centers and support National Guard operations to expand access to vaccines.
- FEMA is committed to ensuring every American who wants a vaccine can get one. To reach underserved and rural communities, FEMA, in collaboration with federal partners, will coordinate efforts to establish and support fixed facilities and establishing pop-up or temporary vaccination sites and mobile vaccination clinics.
- FEMA has deployed staff to Arizona and Nevada to support state vaccination centers with personnel and technical assistance. Additional staff across the country are supporting virtually.

## Vaccine Guidance

- As of Jan. 25, CDC has administered more than 22.7 million vaccine doses. More than 41.4 million vaccine doses have been distributed to locations across the country.
- Because the supply of COVID-19 vaccine in the United States is limited, CDC is providing recommendations to federal, state, and local governments about who should be vaccinated first. CDC’s recommendations are based on those of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an independent panel of medical and health experts.
- FEMA is working with the Ad Council to encourage hesitant or underrepresented Americans to get vaccinated. This research-driven public education campaign provides federal, non-profit, and medical stakeholders with insights and communications strategies to tailor communications to reach diverse audiences.
- Each state has its own plan for deciding which groups of people will be vaccinated first. You can contact your state health department for more information on its plan for COVID-19 vaccination.
- The vaccine is not a perfect fix. Everyone should continue to practice other precautions like wearing a mask, social distancing, handwashing and other hygiene measures until public health officials say otherwise.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Office of External Affairs:

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