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Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – April 9, 2020

WHITE HOUSE

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing, [April 7, 2020](#) and [April 8, 2020](#)

CONGRESS

- An effort by Senate Republicans to provide an additional \$250 billion to the SBA's [Paycheck Protection Program](#) failed after Senate Democrats objected. Republicans required unanimous consent to move forward. Democrats objected to the Senate GOP proposal because they favor a [more expansive interim package](#).

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
 - [Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Testing in the US](#), April 9, 2020
 - [Cases in US](#), April 9, 2020
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**
 - [CMS Issues New Wave of Infection Control Guidance Based on CDC Guidelines to Protect Patients and Healthcare Workers from COVID-19](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services and Treatment Recommendations](#), updated April 7, 2020
- **Drug Enforcement Administration**
 - [DEA Takes Additional Steps to Allow Increased Production of Controlled Substances Used in COVID-19 Care](#) and [Final Order](#), April 7, 2020
- **Federal Communications Commission**
 - [Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers; COVID-19 Telehealth Program; Correction](#), scheduled for Federal Register publication on April 13, 2020
 - [FCC Provides Guidance on the COVID-19 Telehealth Program Application Process](#), April 8, 2020
- **FEMA**
 - [Advisory - FEMA COVID-19 Supply Chain Task Force: Supply Chain Stabilization](#), April 8, 2020
 - [Guidance - FEMA Letter to Distributors on Delivery of Medical Supplies](#), April 8, 2020
 - [FEMA-CBP Joint Statement on Defense Production Act for PPE](#), April 8, 2020
- **Food and Drug Administration**
 - [Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma](#) and [Guidance](#), April 2020
 - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: Daily Roundup](#), April 8, 2020
- **National Institutes of Health**
 - [NIH Clinical Trial of Hydroxychloroquine Begins](#), April 9, 2020

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➤ **Small Business Administration**

- [Application](#) for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders to Participate in Paycheck Protection Program

➤ **US Department of Health and Human Services**

- [HHS Awards \\$1.3 Billion to Health Centers in Historic US Response to COVID-19](#), April 8, 2020
- [HHS Statements on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests](#), April 8, 2020
- [Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity Under PREP Act](#), April 8, 2020
- [HHS Announces Ventilator Contract with Phillips Under Defense Production Act](#), April 8, 2020

Indian Health Service

- [Indian Health Service Expands Telehealth Services](#), April 8, 2020

Office for Civil Rights

- [OCR Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Community-Based Testing Sites and Notification Document](#), April 9, 2020
- [OCR Reaches Early Case Resolution with Alabama After It Removes Discriminatory Ventilator Triaging Guidelines](#), April 8, 2020

Office of Inspector General

- Work Plan [Recently Added Items](#)
 - o [CMS's Internal Controls Over Hospital Preparedness for Emerging Infectious Disease Epidemics](#), April 2020
 - o [Audit of Child Care Development Fund Childcare Services](#), April 2020

➤ **US Department of Labor**

- [Paid Leave Under Families First Coronavirus Response Act; Correction](#), scheduled for publication April 10, 2020

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

- [US Department of Labor Reminds Employers That They Cannot Retaliate Against Workers Reporting Unsafe Conditions During Pandemic](#), April 8, 2020
- [US Department of Labor Expands Temporary Guidance for Respirator Fit-Testing to All Industries](#) and [Enforcement Memo](#), April 8, 2020
- [US Department of Labor Issues Alert to Keep Retail Workers Safe](#) and [Alert](#), April 8, 2020

➤ **US Department of the Treasury**

- [Treasury, Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide up to \\$2.3 Trillion in Financing](#), April 9, 2020

STATES

➤ **National Conference of State Legislatures**

- [State Legislation Responding to COVID-10](#), Updated Daily
- [How States Are Leveraging Their Medicaid Programs to Respond to COVID-19](#), April 9, 2020
- [State Quarantine and Isolation Statutes](#)

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- **National Governors Association**
 - [What Steps Have States Taken to Address Coronavirus?](#)

ASSOCIATIONS

- **America's Health Insurance Plans**
 - [New Study: COVID-19 Healthcare Costs Could Reach \\$556 Billion Over Two Years and Report](#), April 8, 2020
- **American College of Surgeons**
 - [ACS Statement on Importance of Maintaining Emergency Care System](#), April 7, 2020
- **American Medical Association**
 - [COVID-19 Volunteer Guide for Healthcare Professionals](#), April 8, 2020