

# Photos of the Whole-of-America COVID-19 Response Volume 3

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WASHINGTON — The Whole-of-America response to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic continues this weekend, as President Donald Trump visited the men and women aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH-20) Saturday at Naval Station, Norfolk, Va., before the hospital ship deployed to New York in support of the nation's COVID-19 response efforts. Comfort will serve as a referral hospital for non-COVID-19 patients currently admitted to shore-based hospitals, allowing shore-based hospitals to focus their efforts on COVID-19 cases.

Meanwhile, National Guardsmen work diligently to restock grocery store shelves and operate COVID-19 test sites in cities throughout the country.

Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA, HHS and our federal partners are working with state, local, tribal and territorial governments to execute a whole of government response to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and protect the public.

To learn more about the federal government COVID-19 response, visit <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>.

## President Trump Visits USNS Comfort



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**NORFOLK, Va.** — President Donald Trump arrives at Naval Station Norfolk before speaking at USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), March 28, 2020. Comfort deployed in support of the nation's COVID-19 response efforts and will serve as a referral hospital for non-COVID-19 patients currently admitted to shore-based hospitals. This allows shore-based hospitals to focus their efforts on COVID-19 cases. DoD is supporting the FEMA, as well as state, local and public health authorities in helping protect the health and safety of the American people.

*U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jason Pastrick*

## **USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) Departs Norfolk**



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**NORFOLK, Va.** — The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) departs Naval Station Norfolk, Va. March 28, 2020. Comfort is deploying in support of the nation's COVID-19 response efforts and will serve as a referral hospital for non-COVID-19 patients currently admitted to shore-based hospitals. This allows shore-based hospitals to focus their efforts on COVID-19 cases.

*U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joshua D. Sheppard*

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Sgt. Alejandro Sanchez, 158 Charlie Company infantryman, stocks shelves at a local grocery store in Pima County, Ariz., March 28, 2020. The Arizona National Guard activated more than 700 Arizona soldiers and airmen to support grocery stores, food banks and other community needs during this state of emergency response

*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Matkin.*

## Illinois National Guardsmen operate COVID-19 testing site in Bloomington, Ill



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**Bloomington, Ill.** — U.S. Army Spc. Gabriel Eiter, left, a small arms/artillery repairer assigned to the 3637th Maintenance Company, Illinois Army National Guard, and Lt. Col. Jim Avery, a flight surgeon assigned to the 126th Medical Group, Illinois Air National Guard, handles COVID-19 testing equipment at a drive-thru testing site in Bloomington, Ill., March 28, 2020. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker activated Illinois Army and Air National Guard members to provide support to COVID-19 response operations.

*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Wynndermere Shaw*

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