

FEMA Deploys Response Team to Virginia to Support COVID-19 Vaccinations

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PHILADELPHIA - FEMA Region 3 has deployed an Incident Management Assistance Team – Advance (IMAT-A) team to support vaccine efforts in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Coordinating with our federal partners the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Defense, the IMAT-A provides direct support to the Commonwealth of Virginia. This includes Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as they coordinate the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution effort. Working on-site and virtually with VDEM the IMAT-A brings planning, operations and logistical support to the Commonwealth.

Additionally, FEMA is providing funding through our Public Assistance program for an existing site in Arlington County with a capacity of 1,000 vaccines per day. This funding will support Arlington County in procuring personal protective equipment (PPE), supplies required for storing, handling, distributing/transporting, and administering COVID-19 vaccines, emergency medical care needs that may arise in the administration of the vaccine, facility support costs for leasing space including utilities, maintenance, and security, as well as additional staff as necessary for the safe and effective vaccination efforts. Working together, Loudoun County was able to lease a facility for the safe administration and storage of vaccines, with a target rate of 3,000 vaccinations per day.

“FEMA is working collaboratively with the Commonwealth to provide funding opportunities that will allow the state to execute the vaccination mission,” said Janice Barlow, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 3.

“This cooperative effort has led to more than 890,000 people in Virginia being administered the vaccine and over \$3 million being obligated to the Commonwealth in support of vaccination efforts,” added Barlow.



This mission is federally supported, state managed and locally executed.

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