

FEMA Awards Over \$151M to Pennsylvania in support of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

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PHILADELPHIA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Region 3 has obligated more than \$151 million to Pennsylvania to aid vaccine distribution to combat COVID-19.

As of Feb. 16, 2021, FEMA has obligated \$3.22 billion to our partners across the country. This funding is for critical supplies and staffing that can help protect and save lives.

Items that are funded can include:

- Supplies and commodities needed to safely store and administer the vaccine.
- Transportation support and reasonable, necessary security for refrigerated trucks.
- Staffing for medical and support staff.
- Communication materials that keep the public informed.
- Training personnel on vaccine distribution and administration.

“This federal support will help us mobilize our plans to quickly and equitably distribute COVID-19 vaccine to all eligible Pennsylvanians,” said PEMA Director Randy Padfield. “Having the needed funds to efficiently implement those plans in collaboration with our federal, state and county partners is critical to combatting the ongoing pandemic.”

“FEMA has acted quickly to get crucial funding to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as we work together to contain the spread of the virus and protect the public,” said Janice Barlow, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 3. “Safe and equitable vaccine distribution is at the forefront of all FEMA efforts across the country, and FEMA will work side by side with all our state and local partners until this mission is complete.”



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Grants for emergency protective measures are funded through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant program, which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private non-profit organizations. COVID-19 Vaccines and support kits are provided to state and local governments through a separate federal program.

For information on Pennsylvania's vaccination response, phases and future vaccine phases go to <https://www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/>.

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