FEMA Provides $4.7 Million to Premier Health

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) announced today that $4,798,142 in federal funding has been made available to Premier Health for costs related to the state's response to COVID-19 under the federal disaster declaration of March 31, 2020.

This funding will reimburse Premier Health for costs to disinfect and expand medical care facilities, purchase protective equipment, provide security, disseminate safety information and provide contracted medical care to potential and positive COVID-19 patients.

"FEMA is committed to supporting Ohio's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Premier Health's actions protected the health and safety of Ohio residents and helped reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus."

"Premier Health is a great example of a healthcare system that not only provides medical care for those sickened by the coronavirus, but also serves as a key resource for guidance and information on COVID-19," said Governor Mike DeWine. "With FEMA's grant assistance, Premier Health will continue its work to ensure residents in southwest Ohio have the proper information and resources needed to stay safe and to protect themselves and others from the coronavirus."

"I would like to thank FEMA Region 5 for its continued funding support to Ohio's healthcare systems like Premier Health," said Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick. "This federal funding allows Premier Health to continue to provide the communities it serves with reliable guidance and resources on COVID-19 testing availability, healthcare services, and other pertinent information."

FEMA provides a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project. FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit. For more information about FEMA's COVID-19 vaccine support efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support.

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