



March 6, 2020



## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

Come on Eileen

It came to our attention in the D.C. office this week that you can sing "COVID-19" to the tune of famed Dexy's Midnight Runners song, "[Come on Eileen](#)".

"COVID-19, oh keep your hands clean  
 Oh come on let's clean off everything  
 Don't touch your face, save those face masks  
 Oh come on let's clean off everything"

Please pardon our terrible lyrical skills. We encourage you all to come up with your own, better versions of this and other songs. As you all out in the states work to respond to potential and confirmed cases, please let us know if there is any way in which we can be helpful to you.

Earlier this week, both the House and Senate passed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, which the President signed this morning. A summary from the House Appropriations Committee is available [here](#). NEMA, IAEM, BCEM, and NACo joined forces late last week in advocating for an additional \$100 million in EMPG funds to be included in the supplemental. While there was ultimately not a DHS title in this bill, in anticipation of a second supplemental in the future, [state directors have been asked to begin informally tracking agency costs in responding to/managing this event to bolster the case for additional EMPG funding.](#)

The Department of Homeland Security also released this week that the FY2020 preparedness grants deadline (for SHSP, UASI, OPSG, and NPSG) has been extended by two weeks to April 30, 2020 at 5:00pm EST.

### Hearings the Week of March 9, 2020

#### [Community Perspectives on Coronavirus Preparedness and Response](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security  
 Tuesday, March 10, 2:00pm EST

#### [FEMA's Priorities for 2020 and Beyond: Coordinating Mission and Vision](#)

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
 Wednesday, March 11, 10:00am EST

[Reauthorization of the National Institute of Standards and Technology](#)

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00am EST

[Resourcing DHS' Cybersecurity and Innovation Missions: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request for CISA and DHS S&T](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security

Wednesday, March 11, 11:00am EST

[Confronting the Coronavirus: The Federal Response](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security

Wednesday, March 11, 2:00pm EST

*More News from the Nation's Capital...***Senate HSGAC Holds Hearing on the Federal Interagency Response to Coronavirus**

Acting Deputy Secretary Ken Cuccinelli from DHS and HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Robert Kadlec reported out on their agencies' efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

[Read More](#)**2019 National Household Preparedness Survey Results**

Earlier this year FEMA released their 2019 National Household Survey results, including that people in flood regions take the same or fewer flood preparedness actions when compared to national estimates.

[Read More](#)*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*GovTech: [Coronavirus: Necessary Hospital Guidelines Have Been Slow to Develop](#)StateScoop: [Counties Need Cyber Disaster Plans, Too](#)Fast Company: [What an Equitable Coronavirus Response Should Look Like](#)Stateline: [States Have 'Immense' Powers to Fight Coronavirus](#)

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