



NEMA Support in Action: COVID-19 Response

NEMA's members are playing a critical role in the response to COVID-19 and we couldn't be more proud. From state emergency management agencies coordinating government response; to private sector partners contributing support, expertise, resources, and equipment; non-profits and volunteer groups stepping in to fill gaps; and individuals doing their part to slow the spread.

NEMA is also doing its part to support our members throughout the COVID-19 response. Our dedicated staff is focused, committed, and working at maximum capacity to contribute to the team effort we see happening every day in the emergency management community. Here's a snapshot of NEMA's current activities.

STATE MEMBER SUPPORT

- Secured **\$100 million in EMPG** supplemental funding through the CARES Act and worked with FEMA on the expedited award process, in partnership with IAEM.
- Hosted **State EM Director call with FEMA Administrator** for response update.
- Partnered with 10 other associations in **joint letter** asking DHS and FEMA leaders to **delay implementation of the new homeland security grant requirements until FY21**.
- Sent **letter asking President to use all available means to increase production of test kits and PPE**, in partnership with ASTHO, NACCHO and Association of Public Health Laboratories.
- Daily tracking of **State Emergency Measures** for COVID-19. Developed Tracker, with Pacific Disaster Center, and share updates with states twice weekly. PDC provided free access to [DisasterAware](#) for all directors. This tracker is also used by federal, state, and local stakeholders.
- Hosted **COVID response webinar with Washington Emergency Management and all states** to share early lessons and model practices.
- Hosting **Legal Counsel Committee** calls and regular information sharing.
- Hosting weekly calls with **State Private Sector Coordination Leads** for information sharing.
- Hosting **Public Assistance Officers** call with FEMA PA to share and clarify information.
- Regular support and information sharing with **Deputy Directors** and **Public Information Officers**.
- Developing through Past Presidents Committee **recommendations for states on COVID recovery plans and after-action review issues**.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER SUPPORT

- Hosted **webinar with CHDS focused on federal authorities under NEA, DPA and Section 1135 Waiver of Social Securities Act**. Over 200 people participated.
- Twice weekly sharing of **State Emergency Measures Tracker**.

- Weekly **information sharing on federal advisories and guidance documents**, including CISA recommendations on essential workers.

EMAC

- Serving as EMAC liaison to the **FEMA National Response Coordination Center**.
- Serving as EMAC liaison to **National Guard Bureau** and **USNORTHCOM**.
- Participating with **White House Intergovernmental Affairs group** focused on telehealth.
- Developed **Governor’s Executive Order Template for EMAC Telehealth**, in partnership with American Telemedicine Association and others.
- Providing **EMAC education to telemedicine** groups and providers.
- Providing **technical assistance** to states on EMAC and the EMAC Operations System.

CONGRESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- Regular **data and information sharing on EM response activities** and answering inquiries.
- Sustaining open dialogue with all **Congressional authorizing and appropriations committees** to address EM issues through legislation.
- Reconciling misinformation and **clarifying policy and programmatic needs of the states** to key Congressional committees.

WHITE HOUSE AND PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS COOPERATION

- Participating in **weekly or bi-weekly calls** between:
 - The White House and State and Local leadership;
 - The White House and leadership of key associations;
 - The “Big 7” state and local organizations with DHS Intergovernmental Affairs; and
 - The CDC State Task Force.
 - National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC)
 - DHS/CISA/NBEOC
- Conducting information sharing and coordination with **National Homeland Security Consortium, EMAC Advisory Group, and NEMA-ASTHO-GHSAC Workgroup**.
- Providing EM related information to **The Council of State Governments (CSG)** to share with state executive, legislative and judicial branch leaders.