



FEMA

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

FACT SHEET

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PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

Disaster Declaration

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in cooperation and coordination with various State and Federal agencies, is prepared to take appropriate and authorized action in response to requests for Federal assistance through the Stafford Act as a result of a pandemic influenza.
- In order to assist States in assessing impacts and evaluating the need for Federal assistance in a pandemic influenza, FEMA has developed these guidelines for requesting Stafford Act assistance from the Federal Government.
- For the purpose of emergency declarations under the Stafford Act for pandemic influenza, FEMA anticipates that its recommendations to the President will be:
 - Limited to Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures, also called “Category B” measures (see further clarification below);
 - Further limited to Direct Federal Assistance (DFA); and
 - That the Federal Government pays 75% of the cost of these direct Federal resources, with the State responsible for the remaining 25%.
- As with all declaration requests, FEMA utilizes a variety of evaluation criteria and factors, as established under Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations. However, the four primary evaluation criteria for a State request for a pandemic influenza emergency declaration are:

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- Whether the State has directed execution of its State emergency plan; and
- Whether the requesting State has demonstrated that its incidence of influenza is significantly higher than the State's seasonal average; and
- Whether the State can demonstrate that effective response to the pandemic event is beyond the capability of the State and affected local governments; and
- Whether the State has identified *specific*, supplemental direct Federal emergency assistance that is required to save lives, protect public health and safety, or lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.
- Other federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), also have authority to provide assistance to support jurisdictions during pandemic events. Assistance provided by FEMA under the Stafford Act may not duplicate assistance provided or available under the authority of another Federal agency.
- The President retains sole authority to approve all declaration requests, irrespective of any FEMA recommendation.

Direct Federal Assistance

- Under a Presidential declaration as described above, the following Emergency Protective Measure assistance may be provided directly by the Federal Government:
 - Emergency medical care (non-deferrable medical treatment of disaster victims in a shelter or temporary medical facility and related medical facility services and supplies, including emergency medical transport, X-rays, laboratory and pathology services, and machine diagnostic tests).
 - Temporary medical facilities (for treatment of disaster survivors when existing facilities are overloaded and cannot accommodate the patient load).
 - Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies.
 - Management, control, and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety (e.g., to include sanitizing eligible public facilities).
 - Movement of supplies and persons.
 - Security, barricades and fencing, and warning devices.

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- Congregate sheltering (for disaster survivors when existing facilities are overloaded and cannot accommodate survivors' needs).
- Communicating health and safety information to the public.
- Technical assistance to State and local governments on disaster management and control.
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance and to locate and recover human remains.
- Storage and internment of unidentified human remains.
- Mass mortuary services.
- Recovery and disposal of animal carcasses (except if another Federal authority funds the activity - e.g., U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service provides for removal and disposal of livestock).
- Direct Federal assistance may be available through mission assignments (see Attachment #1), internal FEMA capabilities, or a combination of the two.

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Attachment #1

Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments (PSMA) That May Accommodate H1N1 Influenza Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) Support

Task #	Pg #*	ESF	Agency	PSMA Title
1	257	6	USACE	National Water
1	258	6	USACE	National Ice
1	298	8	HHS	Emerg Prescription Asst & Medical Equipment Replacement Program
2	225	5	OSHA	Implement the Worker Safety & Health Support Annex
2	284	8	HHS	Public Health Services
2	292	8	HHS	Food & Product Safety Inspection
2	294	8	HHS	Behavioral Health Care
2	295	8	HHS	Environmental Health-Hazard Identification & Control Measures
3	153	1	USCG	Rotary Wing Lift
3	156	1	USCG	Fixed Wing Transportation Support
3	158	1	DoD	Rotary Wing Lift (Med)
3	160	1	DoD	Rotary Wing Lift (Heavy)
3	161	1	DoD	Tactical (Ground) Transportation Support
3	163	1	DoD	Strategic Transportation Support
3	209	4	USFS	MOB Centers
3	231	5	USACE	Logistical Support
3	259	6	USACE	Commodity Team
3	271	7	USACE	Acquire Mobilization Centers
3	273	7	USACE	Acquire Federal Operational Staging Areas-NLSA
3	276	7	DoD	Mobilization Center
3	277	7	DoD	Operational Staging Area
4	212	5	FPS	Contract Security Officers
4	352	13	CBP	Force Protection Non-USAR
4	355	13	ICE	Contract Security Officers
4	357	13	NPS	Law Enforcement Strike Team (Field Ops)
5	286	8	HHS	Medical Care and Support
5	288	8	HHS	Federal Medical Station
5	289	8	HHS	National Disaster Medical System (Patient Evacuation)
5	290	8	HHS	NDMS (DMAT, NVRT, DMORT)
5	301	8	HHS	ALRT Push Package
5	309	8	DoD	Strategic Patient Movement & Airlift
6	288	8	HHS	Federal Medical Station
6	289	8	HHS	National Disaster Medical System (Patient Evacuation)
6	290	8	HHS	NDMS (DMAT, NVRT, DMORT)
6	307	8	DoD	Temporary Medical Treatment Facilities
7	264	6	USFS	Communications Cache Support, Shelter Items
7	New	6	CNCS	Corp for National and Community Service (CNCS) Field Deployment
8	284	8	HHS	Public Health Services
8	370	15	FEMA	OFA SME to Support ESF #15 External Affairs
9	201	3	USACE	Technical Assistance to State
9	216	5	NGA	Geospatial Intelligence Analytical Support
9	284	8	HHS	Public Health Services
9	300	8	HHS	Technical Assistance
9	348	11	USDA	Technical Assistance to States

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Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments (PSMA) That May Accommodate H1N1 Influenza Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) Support (CONTINUED)

Task #	Pg #*	ESF	Agency	PSMA Title
10	322	9	NPS	SAR Field Operations
10	351	13	CBP	LE SAR K-9 Team
11	296	8	HHS	Mortuary Operations Assistance
11	311	8	DoD	Mortuary Affairs Assistance
12	296	8	HHS	Mortuary Operations Assistance
12	311	8	DoD	Mortuary Affairs Assistance
13	342	11	USDA	Animal Disease Control (Veterinary Services (FSIS))