FEMA COVID-19 Update

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WASHINGTON -- On May 12, the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> recommended the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents 12 to 15 years of age.

This decision follows the <u>U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanding the</u> emergency use authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for this age group.

This expansion followed an in-depth review of available safety, efficacy data and the vaccine's ability to provoke an immune response.

FEMA continues working with state governments to provide federal support to community vaccination centers, including supplemental vaccine allocation to 21 pilot sites.

Federal community vaccination center pilot sites have administered more than 5.1 million vaccinations. Additionally, 14 mobile vaccination units are operating in Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and South Dakota. Two units are supporting the Indian Health Services mission to vaccinate tribal communities across the Great Plains. The mobile units have delivered more than 33,700 vaccinations.

Individuals looking to get COVID-19 vaccine can visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> to find a location close to them and make an appointment. Individuals can also text their zip code to 438829 and get a text with the closest COVID-19 vaccine location.

FEMA continues processing applications for <u>funeral assistance to provide financial</u> assistance for COVID-19 related expenses.

As of May 14, FEMA received more than 182,900 funeral assistance registrations and approved more than \$26.2 million.

