

# FEMA Provides \$12.5 Million to Minnesota Department of Health for COVID-19 Response

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**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Minnesota Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Management (HSEM) announced today that **\$12,500,000** in federal funding has been made available to the Minnesota Department of Health for costs related to the state's COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration under the federal disaster declaration on April 7, 2020.

This funding will reimburse the Minnesota Department of Health for costs associated with the rapid distribution and administration of available COVID-19 vaccines at nine vaccination centers throughout the state.

"FEMA is committed to ensuring anyone who wants a vaccine can get one," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This expedited funding will help the state of Minnesota for its vaccination efforts to fight this pandemic and expand availability of COVID-19 vaccines across the state."

"Getting safe, free and effective shots into the arms of Minnesotans is an all-hands-on-deck effort," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "The state is grateful to the federal government for these critical resources to help provide COVID-19 protection to communities across Minnesota."

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 debris removal, disaster cleanup and 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](http://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](http://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support).

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