

FEMA Provides \$4.7 Million to the Minnesota Department of Health

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management division (DPS-HSEM) announced today that \$4,738,616 in federal funding has been made available to Minnesota Department of Health for costs related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal disaster declaration of April 7, 2020.

This funding will reimburse the Minnesota Department of Health for costs to contract with the Mayo Clinic to provide emergency COVID-19 molecular and serologic testing to people suspected of having the virus so appropriate medical care could be provided.

"FEMA's Public Assistance program is an important resource for Minnesota's COVID-19 response efforts," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Timely, accurate testing has been critical to ensuring individuals in the state—and across the nation—receive the medical care necessary to treat this virus, while helping stop its spread to others."

"Minnesota's response to the global pandemic has demanded a tremendous amount of work not only by state and local public health, but by a wide range of partners in many sectors," Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. "Ramping up COVID testing was a key goal for us early on, and we owe the Mayo Clinic and our other partners a huge debt of gratitude for their contributions."

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 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. For more information about FEMA's COVID-19 vaccine support efforts,



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