

# FEMA Awards Nearly \$1.7 Million to Mount Holyoke College for COVID-19 Testing Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$1.7 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse Mount Holyoke College for the costs of providing testing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,655,075 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the private liberal arts women's college in South Hadley for contracting to provide 117,925 COVID tests to students, faculty and staff between July 2020 and December 2021.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Mount Holyoke College with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education to combat the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.3 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

