

FEMA Funding for the Safe Opening and Operating of Schools

FEMA continues to provide funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and eligible private non-profit organizations to support the safe opening and operation of eligible schools. This includes funding for COVID-19 screening and temperature scanning, diagnostic testing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and cleaning and disinfection costs. FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program will reimburse 100% of the costs associated with these activities through April 1, 2022 on an expedited basis.

The actions taken by schools to safely open and operate should be consistent with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Eligibility guidelines are outlined in FEMA Policy 104-21-0003, [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Safe Opening and Operation Work Eligible for Public Assistance \(Interim\)](#). In general, FEMA will fund [diagnostic and screening testing](#) to determine if an active coronavirus infection is present and if an individual should take steps to quarantine or isolate from others.

Reimbursement is exclusive to COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations through FEMA's PA program and in accordance with the "[Maximizing Assistance to Respond to COVID-19](#)," memo issued Nov. 9, 2021. Additional information about FEMA's efforts in assisting governments and eligible PNPs, including schools with their fight against the pandemic can be found on [FEMA.gov](#). Additional information for applicants can be found on the "[Financial Support](#)" section of that webpage.

Additional assistance may be available from other federal agencies. Eligible schools are strongly encouraged to coordinate their requests for resources with funding made available by the U.S. Departments of [Education, Interior \(Bureau of Indian Education\)](#), and [Health and Human Services](#).

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