

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Federal Support for COVID Vaccination and Testing

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Last month, Congress appropriated \$900 billion in additional resources for COVID response through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. The most significant allocation related to direct state-level COVID mitigation efforts is \$22 billion in new funding for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grants to states, native American tribes and eligible localities for COVID testing and vaccine administration. Detailed below is a summary of known allocation amounts to Michigan in new federal CDC support and eligible uses for these funds.

Federal CDC COVID Testing Grant

Michigan will receive **\$574.8 million** through the CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) cooperative agreement. Eligible activities that can be supported through these grants include:

- COVID testing
- Contact tracing
- Activities necessary to effectively monitor and suppress COVID-19

Michigan previously received an ELC grant of \$316.5 million for COVID testing and contract tracing efforts. DHHS' federally approved spend plan for the first ELC grant is targeted to the following:

- COVID testing costs in long-term care facilities, neighborhood and pop-up testing sites, correctional facilities and shelters.
- Support to local health departments for contact tracing.
- Administrative costs associated with managing the testing program (MPHI support).
- Increasing DHHS capacity for public health laboratory functions (building out additional lab space and improving the current management information system that supports DHHS laboratory services).

Federal CDC COVID Vaccine Preparedness Grant

Michigan will receive **\$90.2 million** through the CDC Immunizations and Vaccines for Children cooperative agreement. These funds are intended to support efforts tied to the distribution, administration, monitoring and tracking of COVID vaccine.

This could include at a minimum

- Financial support to local health departments for vaccine administration costs, including staff augmentation for provision of vaccine at community events.
- Financial support to health providers (hospitals, long-term care facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers) for additional staff to administer vaccine to the public.
- Necessary equipment and supplies (refrigeration, personal protective equipment).
- Central administrative costs tied to data monitoring and coordination of vaccine program.
- Public education and communication costs