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Resilience Report

Welcome to the first edition of our redesigned monthly newsletter! We will be highlighting one important issue each month and focusing on what you need to know. We'll also be providing insights from our team of experts and resources from industry leaders. We're also including brief updates from the emergency management world and spotlighting fun happenings.

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration Ends



The national public health emergency for COVID-19 will end on May 11. As federal agencies end their emergency declarations, the "new normal" is shifting again, and we have guidance on how to handle the changes.

FEMA has provided over \$104 billion to SLTT governments, NPOs, and individuals since the start of the emergency, capping off the longest disaster declaration in FEMA's history. While continued response to COVID-19 is still important, agencies will now transition into a new phase of response and recovery. As May approaches, policies, guidelines, and funding opportunities will adapt to more steady-state operations.

- **What should you know:** Individual access to vaccines and antivirals and some telehealth flexibilities will not change. Agency funding, supply chain provisions, and costs for things like testing will. [California's budget](#) shows a decrease of \$614 million to Public Health Emergency Preparedness funds.
- **Why this matters:** We have relied on resources and funding made possible because of the state of emergency. The end will affect policies and programs, including public health preparedness budgets, guidance documents and liability protections from the FDA, and reimbursable costs for services and materials funded through COVID-19 programs.

- **Resources you should know about:** HHS has a [transition roadmap](#), and [CMS](#) and the [American Journal of Managed Care](#) have additional guidance for professionals and the general public.
- **What the experts are saying:** The fight against COVID-19 is not over, and we will continue implementing lessons learned from the disaster to address the [racial](#) and [ethnic inequities](#), [federal agency shortcomings](#), and [general trust in public health agencies](#) from the last three years.

Emergency Management In the News



White House releases Cybersecurity Strategy

The National Cybersecurity Strategy released this month prioritizes focus on two areas: 1) balance of cyberspace defense responsibility and 2) incentivizing long-term investments.

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DHS Announces \$2B in Preparedness Grants

DHS announced funding for eight FY2023 preparedness grants. Four additional urban areas are now included for UASI funding. The FY2023 grant cycle identifies six national priority areas.

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Biden Signs National Security Memorandum

The President signed a NSM to counter WMD terrorism and advance nuclear and radiological material security. The NSM integrates policies for countering use of CBRN weapons and sets government priorities.

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The Fun Stuff



March marks Women's History Month

Women's History Month celebrates the contributions of women to society. Learn more about its origins [here](#).

Who Is On Your Bracket?

The NCAA has the complete [women's](#) and [men's](#) 2023 March Madness tournament schedule dates and locations.



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