

## Community Based Testing Sites (CBTS)

Public Assistance has been coordinating with the Community-Based Testing Sites Task Force who will be working with states that have federally supported CBTS locations to transition these sites by April 10.

- The transition will ensure each state has the flexibility and autonomy to manage and operate within the needs of their community, allowing the federal government to focus on other sectors that also require federal assistance.
- Federal officials and the U.S. Public Health Service have been working closely with state, local and private sector partners to bolster testing capabilities and supplies.
- CBTSs are another tool for states, local public health systems and healthcare systems to use as they work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 in their communities.
- In general, activities local and state governments are conducting at Community Based Testing Sites are eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance program, subject to a cost share. Government officials will need to be careful to document costs incurred using the cost eligibility requirements found at page 21-42 of the FEMA [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#).
- Funding requests will be processed through the state, tribal, or territorial agency that is the Grantee for the FEMA Public Assistance program (typically, the emergency management department). Local and state government officials should reach out, through their emergency operations center, to their state/tribal/territorial Regional Office to receive additional advice on potential eligibility and how to document costs incurred. The local or state government organization running the site may visit [grantee.fema.gov](http://grantee.fema.gov) to begin the reimbursement process.
- More information on what COVID-19 activities are eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program can be found in the “COVID-19 Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet” (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>) and the “COVID-19 Pandemic: Emergency Medical Care Fact Sheet” (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/31/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-emergency-medical-care>). Information on how to apply is available in the “COVID-19 Pandemic: Public Assistance Simplified Application Fact Sheet” (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-public-assistance-simplified-application>).