

FEMA Documents Summary for Review:

FEMA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Non-Congregate Sheltering (2/21/20) – Examples of What is Covered of this 4 page document, full document can be [found here](#);

- **Difference between medical sheltering, quarantine facility and non-congregate sheltering?**
 - For purposes of eligibility under the COVID-19 declarations, FEMA will consider non-congregate sheltering for health and medical-related needs, such as isolation and quarantine resulting from the public health emergency.

Alternate sites and temp hospitals are *not considered non-congregate sheltering*.

- **Who is the target population for non-congregate sheltering?**
 - Those who test positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization, but need isolation (includes those exiting from hospitals)
 - Those who have been exposed to COVID-19 who do not need hospitalization
 - Asymptomatic high-risk individuals needing social distancing (those over 65 with underlying health conditions)
 - Work with your PH Official direction
- **What forms of Non-Congregate sheltering will FEMA support?**
 - Sheltering solutions should be determined by the Applicant requesting assistance, such as *hotels, motels, dormitories, or other forms of non-congregate sheltering*.
- **Must the CDC or state/local public health officials direct the use of non-congregate sheltering?**
 - It must be at the direction of and documented through an official order signed by a state, local, tribal, or territorial public health official or be done in accordance with the direction or guidance of health officials by the appropriate state or local entities.
- **What wrap-around services are eligible? For example, are food or mental health counseling eligible?**

Eligible costs related to sheltering should be necessary based on the type of shelter, the specific needs of those sheltered, and determined necessary to protect public health and safety and in accordance with guidance provided by appropriate health officials.

However, support services such as case management, mental health counseling, and others are not eligible.

- How long can an individual stay in non-congregate sheltering? How long can a non-congregate sheltering mission last?
 - The length of non-congregate sheltering depends on the needs in each area and will be in accordance with the guidance and direction from appropriate health officials

-Length of sheltering for individuals is based on health guidance and be limited to what is needed to address the immediate threat to public health and safety. The mission will depend on the level of community transmission in each area; high rates of community transmission, hospital admissions, and fatalities may need up to eight weeks

FEMA can backdate to January 2020 (2/2/21)

Information on [FEMA backdates](#) located near bottom of the page. *This is a White House fact-sheet detailing President Biden's administration plans for FEMA relief. Section highlighting the relief is near bottom of the page.*

- In January, President Biden directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fully reimburse states for the cost of National Guard Personnel and emergency costs.
- In February, President Biden is announced that the administration will be retroactively reimbursing states fully for FEMA-eligible services – including masks, gloves, emergency feeding actions, sheltering at risk populations, and mobilization of the National Guard – back dated to the beginning of the pandemic in January 2020.

FEMA Statement on 100% Cost Share (02/03/2021)

Statement on FEMA website found [here](#); this is referencing the Biden admin's actions on 2/2/2021

- President's directive allows FEMA to pay 100% federal funding for the costs of activities that have previously been determined eligible, from the beginning of the pandemic in January 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021
- All work eligible under FEMA's existing COVID-19 policies, including increasing medical capacity, non-congregate sheltering, and emergency feeding distribution will be reimbursed at 100% federal share
- For projects that have already been approved, FEMA will amend the existing awards to adjust the federal funding amounts. No action will be required by the applicants.

FEMA Extends Emergency Sheltering Assistance, Eases Reporting Requirements (1/29/2021)

Link to FEMA.GOV article can be found [here](#); provides more insight on the non-congregate shelter extensions.

- FEMA announced a six-month extension of "[Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)" (interim) policy.
- FEMA established a policy that allowed governments to apply for reimbursement of costs associated with non-congregate sheltering of disaster survivors under the FEMA Public Assistance program. The policy was scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2020. **However, due to the continuing need to protect public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA has extended this policy until June 30.**
- States, tribes, and territories will continue to have other reporting requirements associated with FEMA assistance for non-congregate sheltering, but this waiver provides greater flexibility and more certainty for governments providing sheltering during the pandemic.
- The updated interim policy includes supplementary guidance clarifying criteria for processing time extension requests, identifying specific data, and reporting necessary to assist in the effective management and eventual transition of sheltered populations into other forms of recovery assistance and identifying specific of work and cost eligibility requirements.

FEMA Delegation of Authority for Non-Congregate Shelter Funding Timeline Extension (12/16/2020)

Memorandum can be [here](#)

- The purpose of this memorandum is to waive the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, V3.1 (PAPPG) requirement that States, Tribes, and Territories (STT) seek time extensions for non-congregate sheltering operations every 30 days. Additionally, this memorandum intends to clarify FEMA's expectation of reporting by Recipients and Subrecipients and the eligibility of costs associated with closing shelters.
- Traditionally, FEMA has required STTs to request time extensions every 30 days to ensure non-congregate sheltering operations are still necessary as an emergency

protective measure, However, due to the ongoing nature of the public health emergency and nationwide increase in COVID-19 cases, FEMA is eliminating this requirement to continue to submit time extensions in 30-day increments

OEM-COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance

Resource page found [here](#)

- Great resource for a step by step to initiate the request process
- Lists all the important forms, contact info, and background/guidance

Definitions of Facilities: Non-Congregate and Medical Sheltering (4/23/2020)

Definitions are located [here](#)