

On September 1, 2020, FEMA released an [updated interim policy](#) to define the framework, policy details, and requirements for determining the eligibility of work and costs under the Public Assistance Program across all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations.

This policy applies to work performed **on or after September 15, 2020**. As such, this interim policy supersedes the [FEMA Fact Sheet](#) dated March 19, 2020: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, for work performed on or after September 15, 2020.

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1. Will FEMA continue to reimburse schools for cleaning and disinfecting?

FEMA will only reimburse schools for 1 cleaning that took place in the spring. Additionally, FEMA will not reimburse for cleaning in preparation for school openings as those costs are now considered operational and not in response to an emergency.

2. Will FEMA cover Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) costs?

FEMA is only covering PPE costs for those engaged in emergency protective measures (see below). LEAs may also use their ESSER Grant funds for these types of costs as they related to schools.

Emergency Measures Eligible Expenses:

- a. Medical care, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.
- b. Purchase and distribution of food, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.
- c. Non-congregate medical sheltering, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.
- d. Operation of Emergency Operations Centers to direct and coordinate resources and response activities for COVID-19 declarations.

- e. Communications to disseminate public information regarding health and safety measures and provide warnings about risks and hazards.
- f. Mass casualty management, including storage of human remains and mass mortuary services, as necessary to manage fatalities caused by COVID-19.
- g. Purchase and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that is directly related to the performance of otherwise eligible emergency work, or is provided to healthcare workers, patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection, and first responders.
 - i. Funding for stockpiling a supply of eligible PPE is limited to a supply that is projected for up to 60 days from date of purchase.
 - ii. Funding for storing eligible PPE is limited to what is necessary to store a projected 60-day PPE supply.