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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
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ATTENTION: State Emergency Management Agencies and Offices

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SUBJECT: Pandemic Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Planning
Considerations Guide

This memorandum is to announce the issuance of the Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Pandemic Planning Considerations Guide. The guidance provided addresses the seven Mass Care/Emergency Assistance functions:

- Sheltering (congregate and non-congregate)
- Feeding;
- Distribution of emergency supplies
- Support to adults and children with disabilities and others with access and functional needs
- Reunification of adults and children
- Support to owners and their household pets, service, and assistance animals
- Mass evacuee support

The guidance addresses all the above in the context of a pandemic, or pandemic occurring simultaneously with a natural, technological, or human-caused disaster. It provides information and resources to states as they respond to the challenges of providing disaster assistance in a pandemic environment, while considering health and safety planning requirements promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Guidance is provided to assist states in adapting their emergency plans and implementation strategies for the upcoming hurricane/wildfire season. All jurisdictions are encouraged to continue coordinating with the appropriate public health officials to ensure that the most current guidance is being followed.

If you have any questions about this guidance, please ask your staff contact the Mass Care, Voluntary, and Community Services Branch at fema-hq-ia-mcvcs@fema.dhs.gov.