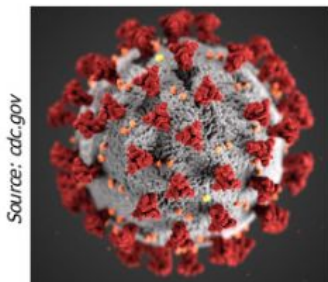


# Crisis Collaboration: COVID-19

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## Combating COVID-19



The coronavirus is a respiratory virus that is transmitted through droplets produced when a person who is infected coughs or sneezes. A person infected with the coronavirus has the disease known as COVID-19 (CO for corona; VI for virus; D for disease; 19 for 2019, the year of the first known case). Scientists and medical health experts are still learning more about the disease, but it has been seen to be potentially fatal for people over 60 and people with pre-existing medical conditions. People of all ages can become infected with coronavirus and exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or spread the disease.

The **World Health Organization** (WHO) labelled the coronavirus disease a **pandemic** because of how rapidly this disease has spread across the world, and its risk for severe and even fatal symptoms. President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 in order to combat the spread of coronavirus in the U.S. The main effort has been around ordering social (or physical) distancing, so that there is less opportunity for the virus to spread. Other efforts include supporting health care providers, educating the public, and developing response plans.



## States Team Up

<b>Federal</b> \$\$\$ and guidance
<b>State</b> \$\$\$ and workers
<b>Local</b> \$\$\$ and workers
<b>Stakeholders</b> Partner to achieve government goals

Because so many issues are bigger than one single state, states often partner with the federal government as well as other states to tackle big problems. Child nutrition, assistance for low-income citizens, emergency responses to natural disasters, and infectious diseases research and support are just a few issues that usually require federal, state, and even local governments to work together. In many cases, the federal government may provide money and guidance, while state and local governments provide additional money as well as the "boots on the ground" to carry out the program. State governments also partner with local governments as well as individuals, businesses, and groups known as **stakeholders** who have an interest or are affected by particular actions a state may take.

**Collaboration Cutout Activity.** To address COVID-19, states are working with the federal government as well as local governments within the states. In this activity, you'll piece together real-life coronavirus response activities taken from actual state coronavirus response plans.

- Cut out the agency headings and activity descriptions on the separate cutout page OR open and complete the Google Slides version of the activity. (Save the scraps around the edges to use as arrows to show what goes where.)
- On a flat surface, place each activity description beneath the agency most likely to be responsible for that activity.
- Arrange the agency/activity groups to show how a state's coronavirus response efforts are related to efforts at the federal and local levels.