

Participant	Question	Response
from Cathy LaRocca to everyone:	We are a small town, and we have spent all of our funds under this program, as per the original deadline. If we estimate further costs, should we submit a second application?	MEMA strongly recommends that applicants only formulate projects based on actual incurred expenses. The (4496) COVID-19 disaster is ongoing and applicants can wait to submit subsequent application(s) once the pandemic response work is complete.
from Christina Gregory to everyone:	Can you explain what it means to be legally responsible? We offered vaccination clinics for our employees. But I don't think we were required to do so. Is this eligible? We also allowed employee's family members to get vaccinated. Is that eligible?	Typically, local governments have the legal responsibility to conduct COVID-19 vaccinations through community based clinics that are open to the general public.
from Cathy LaRocca to everyone:	At one time we were told that Cleaning and Disinfection and physical Barriers were only eligible for EMS Fire and Police, not other town buildings. Has this changed?	Cathy, with the new opening and operating policy cleaning, disinfecting and barriers are now eligible going back to the beginning of this disaster. If you put in a claim earlier and it was denied, please resubmit those costs in a new project; FEMA released the Safe Opening and Operating policy on 4-5-21 which expanded the eligibility guidelines to include all private non-profit and public facilities. Disinfecting and physical barrier costs are no longer restricted to facilities performing COVID-19 emergency response activities.
from Mark Andrews to everyone:	Does the testing analysis of a College and University consortium qualify for Category B reimbursement?	Please see page 5 of the FEMA 9-8-21 eligibility policy which outlines applicants can claim expenses for COVID-19 diagnostic testing that is necessary for the safe opening and operating of eligible facilities. https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_covid-19-pandemic-safe-opening-operation-work-eligible-public-assistance-interim-policy_2_09082021.pdf
from Katie Moore to everyone:	If there are multiple invoices for a small project, do we provide the invoice and proof of payment separately or as one large document?	Applicants are not required to upload proof of payment or invoices to small projects (under \$131,100). Applicants need to provide the cost summary MEMA workbook, project certification form, and any applicable pay/procurement policies. MEMA also recommends including narratives to support the claims expenses.
from Steve to everyone:	We are a private non-profit and run a homeless shelter for both individuals and families - Are we eligible? If so, can we submit expenses for both our families AND our individual programs?	Local governments are the only entities that possess the legal responsibility to claim costs related to non-congregate sheltering. Please note, applicants can these sheltering costs through 7-26-21.
from Kara Lees to everyone:	We had applied for FEMA funding and was approved for cleaning overtime costs but at the time the allowable period was only from 3/15/2020 through 9/15/2020. It seems that I can now go back and try and recover Overtime costs from 1/20/2020 - 3/14/2020 and from 9/16/2020 go-forward until 4/1/2022. I just want to make sure I am understanding correctly. Also our sneeze (social distancing) barriers were considered unallowable ~ it seems I can now and try again?	Applicants are allowed to claim costs for eligible COVID-19 emergency work performed 1/20/20-4/1/22. FEMA released the Safe Opening and Operating policy on 4-5-21 which expanded the eligibility guidelines to include all private non-profit and public facilities. Physical barrier costs are no longer restricted to facilities performing COVID-19 emergency response activities. Please initiate a new streamlined application that includes the previously denied expenses.
from Terry D to everyone:	Please put a link the the emergency justification form in the chat. Thank you!	Emergency Procurement Form: https://www.mass.gov/doc/mema-emergency-procurement-form/download
from Andrew Ferrer to everyone:	Thank you for the presentation. Is a copy of the slides available?	All of the presentation materials will be uploaded to the Webinar section of MEMA's website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/webinars-for-dr-4496-covid-19-federal-disaster-declaration-in-massachusetts#mema-fall-2021-webinar-series---fema-public-assistance-

from Kara Lees to everyone:	How do we find out who are MEMA project coordinator currently is? I already do have a district profile and submitted projects last yer :)	The Town's MEMA Project Coordinator is Matt Reilly. Matt.t.reilly@mass.gov; 857-264-3856
from Andrew Ferrer to everyone:	Apologies if you have already stated, but will the workbook be updated or is the current workbook still applicable?	A link to the most current State workbook is located on MEMA's website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fema-public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit
from Tom Walsh to everyone:	COVID vaccinations for the booster and children	FEMA Region Response: "Haven't heard yet on boosters but may be eligible."
from Carla McAuliffe to everyone:	How long is the turn around for settling a claim. If we move charges from CARES to FEMA (ie cleaning and plexiglass) and submit by 12/31 should we hear by 6/30/21?	There are multiple review queues and FEMA can't provide a definitive timeline to review projects. Your assigned MEMA Project Coordinator can provide regular updates on the status of submitted project(s).
from Christina Gregory to everyone:	We are a private non profit College. It was not open to public, but we were allowed to bring family members in for vaccination	Typically, local governments have the legal responsibility to conduct COVID-19 vaccinations through community based clinics that are open to the general public.
from Carla McAuliffe to everyone:	How do we deal with COVID vaccine reimbursements? Should we reduce our claim by what we have received? What if we receive reimbursement after we apply?	MEMA strongly recommends that applicants wait to submit any FEMA vaccination projects until you receive all insurance proceeds. Applicants must deduct insurance proceeds from the amount claimed for FEMA Public Assistance funding.
from Mark Andrews to everyone:	Hi Amanda, it's Mark again, my reference about using a testing analysis group was about getting the actual testing analysis done for our students, staff and faculty on our College campus.	Please see page 5 of the FEMA 9-8-21 eligibility policy which outlines applicants can claim expenses for COVID-19 diagnostic testing that is necessary for the safe opening and operating of eligible facilities. https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_covid-19-pandemic-safe-opening-operation-work-eligible-public-assistance-interim-policy_2_09082021.pdf