

# KEY ACTIONS

*Our work to contain and stop the spread of the coronavirus is proceeding in phases.  
We will not stop until our work is done.*



## Phase I

Critical action included providing \$4 billion for additional tests; to support and accelerate treatments to ease the symptoms of those infected with the virus; and to invest in vaccine development. Congress also took initial steps to make loans available to small businesses affected by COVID-19.

## Phase II

Critical action included the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201) that provides paid family leave in the case of school closures. For working parents with children too young to be left alone, school cancellations created an impossible dilemma - leave your child unattended or lose your job.

This act addresses and helps resolve that dilemma. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

provides urgently needed help for working families impacted by COVID-19. The act specifically requires employers with up to 500 employees to provide paid sick leave and paid family leave. The measure also provides a refundable payroll tax credit to employers to cover 100 percent of the cost of wages as well as a refundable income tax credit for self-employed individuals.

The bill also provides \$250 million to provide approximately 25 million home-delivered and pre-packaged meals to low-income seniors. This step is important because of how the virus affects people of different ages. Even though COVID-19 can make people at any age gravely ill, seniors and those with existing health conditions are at an elevated risk.

