Per FEMA Region IV Recovery:

The purpose of the authorization for reimbursement for evacuations and sheltering costs is not to address all costs a state may incur pre-landfall, but specifically to support the additional needs a state may have to safely evacuate and shelter the population at risk from the storm in the context of a pandemic environment. The purpose is not to provide grant assistance for all of the costs that may occur pre-landfall. Such costs would properly be considered as part of a post-landfall major disaster declaration request.

Under the Emergency Declaration, PA is authorized to provide reimbursement for Category B emergency protective measures for mass care including sheltering and evacuation. This includes:

- **Sheltering** – facility costs, staff costs, supplies and commodities, and shelter services. Timeframes for performance of work are standard application of PA policy based on what is reasonable and necessary (see PAPPG for additional details).
- **Evacuation** – Transportation to evacuate (and subsequently return) survivors, household pets, service animals, assistance animals, luggage, and durable medical equipment is eligible, as is emergency medical transportation (see PAPPG for additional details)
- **Emergency Supplies and Commodities** – Costs for purchasing supplies or using stock to conduct sheltering and evacuation activities.
- **Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)** – Costs associated with operating the EOC are also eligible when necessary to conduct sheltering and evacuation activities, including increased utility costs; costs to lease a facility; supply costs; and meals (see PAPPG page 117 for criteria).
- **Security** – Eligible emergency protective measures and costs include security necessary to conduct sheltering activities.
- **Law Enforcement** – Overtime costs related to evacuation activities may be eligible.
- **Emergency Communications** – Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance on sheltering and evacuation activities.