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Learn more about our COVID-19 Response and Preparation (/covid19/).

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Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan are committed to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have taken decisive action to curb the spread of COVID-19, support our health care providers and facilities, and mitigate the impact on Minnesota families. Please see the news alerts below to stay up-to-date in this ever-evolving situation.

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# Governor Walz Announces Emergency Preparedness and Response Supplemental Budget

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[ST. PAUL, MN] – Today, Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan released their 2020 supplemental budget. In the proposal, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor pay back $491 million to the budget reserve, leave $1.2 billion on the bottom line, and fund investments to prepare for emergencies, including Minnesota's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**"I'm working to make sure the State of Minnesota is ready to handle future challenges,"** said Governor Walz. **"That's why I'm proposing a supplemental budget that's focused on emergency preparedness and response. As Governor, my top priority is the safety and wellbeing of Minnesotans, and that's what this budget is aimed to ensure."**

**"We are proud today to release a smart, responsible supplemental budget that prepares Minnesota for the future,"** said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan **. "We look forward to working with the Minnesota Legislature to make sure Minnesotans are safe and our state is prepared to handle emergencies."**

The Governor's Supplemental Budget: Emergency Response and Preparedness fact sheet is attached here. (/governor/assets/12020%20Supplemental%20Budget%20Fact%20Sheet_tcm1055-422928.pdf)

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