

FACT SHEET UPDATE

Requesting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide updated guidance for requesting PPE under Governor Beshear's "Healthy at Work" initiative for the reopening of healthcare services. Only emergent PPE requests to support direct COVID-19 patient care will be considered.

PPE SUPPLIES

This guidance applies to any emergent PPE requests to support direct COVID-19 patient care for the following types of PPE:

- N95 Masks
- Isolation Gowns
- Face Shields
- Surgical (Droplet) Masks
- Examination Gloves
- Coveralls

NOTE: The only way to request the above listed PPE is through the enclosed links. We are **unable** to process requests received via E-mail, telephone or text.

DAILY REPORTS

Each agency requesting PPE **must** report the following data **daily** by 10:00A.M. (EDT) at:

<https://tinyurl.com/kyppestatus>

- Current Amount on Hand
- Current Usage Rate
- Estimated Days Left in Supply

TRIGGER POINTS

Requesting agencies should use the following triggers to determine **when** to request PPE from the SEOC:

- **7 days of inventory or greater:** No resource request should be submitted to the SEOC.
- **4-6 days of inventory:** Submit requests for needed PPE, not to exceed a 7-day supply.
- **3 days or less of inventory:** Coordinate with County EMA/LHD to check resource request status.

RESOURCE REQUESTS

Upon submitting the daily "usage rate", each agency will have the option to make an emergent PPE request based upon the following stipulations:

- Requesting agencies **must** report their usage rates by 10:00 A.M. (EDT) daily. Agencies who do not report usage rates will not receive requested PPE.
- After reporting usage rates, agencies can request PPE at <https://tinyurl.com/kypperequest>
The amount of PPE requested should not exceed a 7-day supply.
- Each request will be reviewed by a team of designated personnel to determine approval and apportionment of PPE.
- The quantity issued will be based upon a variety of factors including current inventory, usage rates and future inventory levels. Agencies may not receive the amount of PPE requested.
- PPE will be distributed to the state's Regional Distribution Sites. Each item will be marked with the requestor's name, organization and contact information. The respective EMA/LHD will coordinate with the requesting agency to pick up the allocated PPE.
- Other types of PPE, medical supplies and/or durable medical equipment can be requested via the WebEOC Resource Request Board in coordination with the County EMA/LHD.

PPE Status Survey



PPE Request Form



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Healthy at Work Initiative



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Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-215, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on April 27, 2020 ordered that non-urgent and non-emergent healthcare services, diagnostic radiology, and lab services may resume operations if certain criteria are met. The order, in part, mandates that each healthcare setting must be able to procure all necessary PPE for routine services via normal supply chains. Therefore, PPE requests to resume or maintain routine operations will not be considered. Only emergent requests needed to directly support COVID-19 patient care will be considered.

HEALTHY AT WORK INITIATIVE: REOPENING PHASES

Governor Andy Beshear and Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner for the Department for Public Health, outlined a four-phase structure to gradually bring more health care services back online.

On April 27, 2020, under **Phase 1**, health care practitioners can resume non-urgent/emergent health care services, diagnostic radiology and lab services in:

- Hospital outpatient settings;
- Health care clinics and medical offices;
- Physical therapy settings, chiropractic offices and optometrists;
- Dental offices (but with enhanced aerosol protections).

This initial Phase 1 does not apply to long-term care settings, prisons and other industries or other settings, nor does it apply to elective surgeries or procedures.

Phase 2 is set to begin Wednesday, May 6, 2020. At that time, outpatient surgeries and other invasive procedures can resume, though hospital and care facilities will have to meet strict guidelines.

Phase 3 is scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Hospitals and care facilities can begin doing non-emergency surgeries and procedures at 50% of their pre-COVID-19-era patient volume.

Phase 4 is scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 27, 2020. At that point, most of the restrictions on types of procedures and volume will be left to the facilities to determine. However, oversight and guidelines meant to ensure that capacity remains in the system will continue.

Eligibility to reopen in ALL phases includes each facility's ability to procure all necessary PPE to maintain routine services via normal supply chains.

The PPE request process outlined in this document can only be utilized for emergent requests needed to directly support COVID-19 patient care.