Protocol: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requests for Providers of Direct Patient Care

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Background:

▪ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the purposes of this protocol consists of:
  ▪ Face or Surgical Masks
  ▪ N95 Respirators
  ▪ Isolation/Disposable Gowns
  ▪ Gloves (counted per glove, not by pairs)
  ▪ Face Shields
  ▪ Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Hoods

▪ Definition of Direct Patient Care
  ▪ Hands on, face-to-face contact with patients for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment and monitoring (source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)).

▪ The following are not considered PPE and are not covered by this process:
  ▪ Hand Sanitizer
  ▪ Sanitary/Antibacterial Wipes

Process:

Health Care – All Health Care Facilities except EMS:

▪ Requests will be completed using an online Redcap form and submitted to the Statewide Health Care Coordination Center (SHCCC)
  https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ

▪ The SHCCC will review submitted requests for each PPE component category using the following criteria:
  ▪ Priority 1: 0 – 3 days supply in current facility inventory – Red (Crisis)
  ▪ Priority 2: 4 – 7 days supply in current facility inventory – Yellow (Contingency)
  ▪ Priority 3: 8 days and more supply in current facility inventory – Green (Conventional)

▪ Requests meeting Priority 1 criteria will be forwarded to the Regional Health Care Coordinator (RHPC) of the applicable regional Health Care Coalition (HCC). The RHPC will validate the urgency of the request

▪ The SHCC will enter the requests validated by the RHPC’s into WebEOC.

▪ WebEOC requests will go directly to the SEOC Logistics function

▪ SEOC Logistics will arrange for transport PPE assets to the requesting facility
If there are not enough resources to fill Priority 1 requests, the SEOC Logistics function will consult with the SEOC MDH and EMSRB representatives for deconfliction and decision.

**Health Care – EMS:**

- Requests will be completed using an online survey tool and submitted to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB): [EMS PPE Survey Monkey Link](#)
- The EMSRB will review submitted requests for each PPE component category using the following criteria:
  - Priority 1: 10% of service call volume – **Red** (Crisis)
  - Priority 2: 20% of service call volume – **Yellow** (Contingency)
  - Priority 3: 30% of service call volume – **Green** (Conventional)
- Requests meeting Priority 1 criteria will be filled locally/regionally first, validated by the EMSRB and entered into WebEOC if the request cannot be filled
- WebEOC requests will go directly to the SEOC Logistics function
- SEOC Logistics will arrange for transport PPE assets to the requesting facility
- If there are not enough resources to fill Priority 1 requests, the SEOC Logistics function will consult with the SEOC MDH and EMSRB representative for deconfliction and decision.

**Health Care – Tribal Health Care:**

- Requests will be completed using an online Redcap form and reviewed by the MDH DOC Health Care Group: [https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ)
- The MDH DOC Health Care Group will review submitted requests for each PPE category using the following criteria:
  - Priority 1: 0 – 3 days supply in current facility inventory – **Red** (Crisis)
  - Priority 2: 4 – 7 days supply in current facility inventory – **Yellow** (Contingency)
  - Priority 3: 8 days and more supply in current facility inventory – **Green** (Conventional)
- The MDH DOC Health Care Group will validate the request and forward to the SEOC MDH Representative
- Requests meeting Priority 1 criteria will be validated by the MDH SEOC Representative and entered into WebEOC.
- WebEOC requests will go directly to the SEOC Logistics function
- SEOC Logistics will arrange for transport of PPE assets to the requesting facility

**Health Care – State Operated Health Care Facilities**

- Requests will be completed using an online Redcap form and reviewed by the MDH DOC Health Care Group: [https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ)
The MDH DOC Health Care Group will review submitted requests for each PPE category using the following criteria: https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ

- Priority 1: 0 – 3 days supply in current facility inventory – Red (Crisis)
- Priority 2: 4 – 7 days supply in current facility inventory – Yellow (Contingency)
- Priority 3: 8 days and more supply in current facility inventory – Green (Conventional)

The MDH DOC Health Care Group will validate the request and forward to the SEOC MDH Representative

Requests meeting Priority 1 criteria will be validated by the MDH SEOC Representative and entered into WebEOC.

WebEOC requests will go directly to the SEOC Logistics function

SEOC Logistics will arrange for transport of PPE assets to the requesting facility

Health Care – Assisted Living Facilities with COVID-19 Outbreaks (Defined by MDH Infectious Disease, Epidemiology and Control (IDEPC) Division)

Requests will be completed using an online Redcap form and reviewed by the MDH DOC Health Care Group: https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=LXR9JMRYEJ

The MDH DOC Health Care Group will review submitted requests for each PPE category using the following criteria:

- Priority 1: 0 – 10 days supply in current facility inventory – Red (Crisis)
- Priority 2: 11 – 20 days supply in current facility inventory – Yellow (Contingency)
- Priority 3: 21 days and more supply in current facility inventory – Green (Conventional)

The MDH DOC Health Care Group will validate the request and forward to the SEOC MDH Representative

Requests meeting Priority 1 criteria will be validated by the MDH SEOC Representative and entered into WebEOC.

WebEOC requests will go directly to the SEOC Logistics function

SEOC Logistics will arrange for transport of PPE assets to the requesting facility