



INDEPENDENT CARE HEALTH PLAN

Provider News Bulletin

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Immediate Action Required by 4:30 p.m., Today (March 19, 2020)

The State Emergency Operations Center has notified WIDHS that an extremely limited supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) will be arriving soon in Wisconsin. It consists of an extremely small number of items that are past their manufacturer-designated shelf-life and should not be used in surgical settings. These supplies include N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gowns, coveralls, and gloves.

Hospitals must complete the COVID-19 Essential Elements of Information daily in EMResource. Hospitals should be optimizing current inventories of PPE per the CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirators-strategy/index.html>

PLEASE NOTE: These items are past their manufacturer-designated shelf life and may not be used in surgical settings.

Requesting facilities/agencies must meet all of the following criteria to order from the Strategic National Stockpile:

- Facility/agency supply is depleted or will be in one week
- Shortage or depletion is impacting ability to ensure patient care and/or worker safety
- Facility/agency has exhausted attempts to secure PPE from other sources
- Facility/agency has consistently implemented CDC strategies to optimize use of N95 respirators

The State Emergency Operations Center will use a Scarce Resource Decision Tree to determine how PPE is allocated. PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile will be allocated to those that are providing direct patient care.

Please use this link to order PPE from the SNS:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5506661/Patient-Care-Provider-SNS-PPE-Request>

THIS ORDER NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY 4:30 P.M. ON 3/19.



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