

NCTTRAC has received a cache of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). This cache is available to organizations and agencies involved in the COVID-19 response in Trauma Service Area E based on critical need.

Essential Information

- Organizations experiencing a critical shortage of PPE necessary for COVID-19 response can request supplies from the SNS PPE cache
- The SNS cache is not intended to provide a full or recurring PPE resupply. The SNS cache is intended to provide organizations who are within 72 hours of exhausting their PPE supply with up to 72 hours of PPE.
- The SNS cache will not be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis; distribution will be based on critical need.
- Not all organizations that request PPE from the SNS cache will have their request filled, and some requests will be filled at a lower level than requested.

Resource requests will be prioritized according to the following principles established by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

- The need for SNS PPE is due to a public health/health security crisis that calls for extraordinary measures
- The need prevents healthcare/public health system failure, loss of life or health threat to community and no alternatives exist
- The request for SNS supplies flows directly from an identifiable community need to ensure public health, public safety, health security or continuity of critical health care operations

PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION

PRIORITY 1 Direct Impact on Healthcare

- · Protection of Healthcare Providers
- Protection of PH Laboratory Testing staff
- · Protection of EMS Providers
- Protection of COVID Field Testing staff
- (Epi investigation, healthcare setting)
- Protection of Vulnerable Populations

PRIORITY 2 Indirect Impact on Healthcare

- Protection of Healthcare Support Staff
- Protection of Healthcare Facilities
- Protection of Public Health Staff
- Protection of COVID Field Testing Staff (General Testing, Elective Testing)

PRIORITY 3 Impact on Critical Functions

- Protection of Critical Infrastructure
- Protection of First Responders (Other than EMS)

Requesting PPE from the SNS Cache

To request PPE from the SNS cache, organizations should follow these steps:

- 1. Fill out the NCTTRAC Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Resource Request Form and ICS-213RR (attached to this email).
- 2. Submit your completed NCTTRAC PPE Resource Request Form, ICS-213RR, and documentation of vendor exhaustion to your local Emergency Management Office.
- 3. Your local Emergency Management Office must submit a STAR in WebEOC with the NCTTRAC PPE Resource Request Form, ICS 213-RR, and document of vendor exhaustion attached to the STAR request. Please note that you can only attach one file to a STAR request, so organizations will need to create merge all attachments into a single pdf for the STAR attachment.
- 4. Upon receiving your STAR request, NCTTRAC staff will reach out to your organization's main point of contact to discuss to what degree your request can be filled from SNS and coordinate pickup.

Note: if your organization already submitted a STAR for PPE for COVID-19, NCTTRAC staff will reach out to you to validate your request and walk you through the next steps.

Any questions regarding the SNS PPE Resource Request process should be directed to NCTTRAC EMCC@ncttrac.org or 817-607-7002.

Thank You,

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