



Guidelines for Prioritization of Allocation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Purpose:

The process is intended to guide prioritization for fulfillment of resource requests for PPE across the state to meet the needs of the response to COVID-19. PPE is currently a scarce resource and difficult to procure across the state, nationally, and internationally. The prioritization document does not guarantee fulfillment of every order that meets the priority criteria nor does it ensure fulfillment of complete orders. Orders may be partially filled due to limited stock. The State Health Officer or his designee can modify these criteria based on emerging response needs.

Prioritization for PPE

TIER #1

1. Long Term Care Facilities with confirmed cases
2. Hospitals with the greatest number of confirmed cases
3. EMS and first responders – who are being asked to transport confirmed cases
4. Healthcare workers carrying out support to Long Term Care Facilities with confirmed cases

TIER #2

5. Healthcare facilities with confirmed cases
6. Congregate locations with confirmed cases (Shelter, Correctional Facilities, Dorm)
7. Quarantine / Isolation Facilities run by Mississippi State Department of Health
8. Other EMS

9. Fire Departments (providing non-transport emergency medical response), Law Enforcement agencies and Emergency Management agencies in a county with no known COVID-19 cases identified

TIER #3

10. Quarantine / Isolation Facilities run by other jurisdiction
11. Skilled Nursing Facilities
12. Home health agencies and other healthcare facilities
13. Outpatient facilities


TIER #4

14. Homeless Shelter and other congregate locations such as jails, dorms
15. Families of confirmed cases who are at home

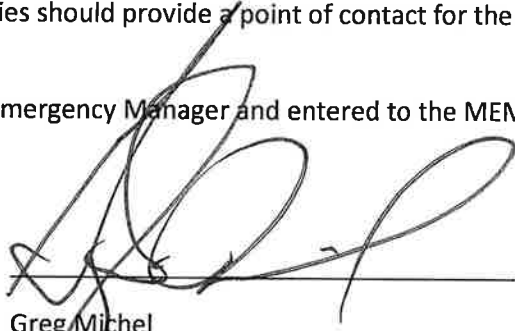
Other Considerations

All requests for personal protective equipment (PPE) will be verified and vetted to ensure priority assignment. Requests for PPE by medical facilities should provide a point of contact for the requesting facility at the time of the request.

All requests should be made through the local Emergency Manager and entered to the MEMA WebEOC system.



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