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Background

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply chain has recovered to a point where critical supplies including gowns, gloves, face shields, coveralls, surgical masks and hand-sanitizer are available in stores and through distributors. Given the change in availability of PPE, Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) and the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) have reassessed the PPE support mission of the State's COVID-19 response plan.

Future Requests

Effective Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, the State will transition to an emergency resupply process for PPE for healthcare workers, patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection and first responders.¹ The transition includes the following:

1. At 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 15, 2020, DPH will deactivate the Ready Op PPE link and process all requests for emergency resupply of PPE through county EMAs using the State's WebEOC resource request process.

WebEOC Resource Requests must include the following information:

- a. Official and complete facility/agency name;
 - b. The full physical address, including zip code, for delivery;
 - c. The number of days' supply remaining on-hand for the individual item(s); and
 - d. List of vendors through whom the requester attempted to acquire PPE.
2. Emergency resupply of PPE is defined as "an entity running out of PPE within 72 hours." DPH will ship a one-time limited set of PPE to entities that fall into that category along with a copy of the current PPE vendor list.
 3. DPH and GEMA/HS will assist entities with finding vendors that can support their PPE requirements as needed.

¹ Per FEMA Policy FP 104-009-19, p. 4, the definition of first responder includes: emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical, and related personnel that may interact with individuals infected with, or suspected to be infected with, COVID-19.