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RE: PPE supplies

We have been engaging through several mechanisms throughout this event to insure that EMS agencies throughout the country are able to access necessary PPE components. Based on most recent discussions with HHS ASPR, we just wanted to reinforce the best methods for EMS agencies to request PPE supplies.

- The preferred method of EMS agencies to obtain PPE is via ordering through the normal supply distribution chains from which they normally order EMS supplies and equipment. The supply chain distributors are becoming more stable in their access to PPE components. In addition, in the near future, Boundtree will have available a larger supply of N95 NIOSH Tested/Approved respirators for purchase, which EMS can tap into purchasing;
- PPE push at the national level is not possible without a Resource Request from the States. Local EMS agencies should work with their local emergency management agency with requests pushed up to the state emergency management agency or for EMS PPE Resource Requests where there are still elevated (albeit decreasing or stabilizing) COVID-19 cases. Once those formal Resource Requests are received at the federal level, they will be reviewed and acted upon.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please let us know if you have any additional questions.