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San Joaquin Operational Medical Health Multiagency Coordination Group
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SUBJ.: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Resource Requests

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created worldwide shortages of PPE used by healthcare workers. National reports indicate that distributors are shipping 30% to 70% of PPE orders at this time.

As the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) program lead, the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SJCEMSA) coordinates all medical and health mutual aid resource requests within San Joaquin County.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has a limited mutual cache of PPE available to counties, to help supplement the normal PPE supply chain.

San Joaquin County based healthcare facilities and prehospital care services providers can submit PPE resource requests to SJCEMSA, using WebEOC¹. See the attached Quick Reference Guide for details.

All PPE resource requests will be processed as follows:

1. Requests will be processed as received.
2. Requesting entities will be notified, by SJCEMSA, when their request is ready for pickup, at the SJCEMSA office.

All healthcare facilities and prehospital care service providers are encouraged to take immediate steps to control and conserve inventories of PPE. The prudent management of PPE resources is necessary to safeguard healthcare workers and patients for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹ <https://www.sjgov.org/ems/webeocinfo.htm>

Please refer to the links below for PPE conservation strategies and safety guidance for the use of expired N-95 respirators.

CDC Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N-95 Respirators

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirator-supply-strategies.html>

Cal/OSHA Interim Guidance on Coronavirus for Health Care Facilities: Efficient Use of Respirator Supplies <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Use-of-Respirator-Supplies.html>

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