

Prioritization Guidance For Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19

This is only a guidance document not meant to supersede current processes.
Prioritization strategies should only be used when adequate PPE supplies are not available.

1st Priority

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers

2nd Priority

- Public Health
- Medical Examiners
- Law Enforcement
- Test-collecting Locations

3rd Priority

- Other settings with respiratory protection programs with trained, medically-cleared, and fit-tested health care provider

Prioritization for facemasks, N-95 respirators, face shields/goggles, gowns, gloves:

HCC

1st Priority

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers (if not available, contact local EM)

2nd Priority

- State-run Healthcare Facilities
- Other Residential Congregate Facilities
- Dialysis Facilities
- Vulnerable populations that don't fall directly into immediate healthcare (home care, urgent cares, physician office, etc.)
- Senior Housing/Assisted Living Facilities

3rd Priority

- Other healthcare providers to support urgent/emergent medical procedures

Local EMs

1st Priority

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers (contact regional HCC first)
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Fire (prioritize those that transport medical)
- County/municipal jails (those sites experiencing any increase in COVID-19 positive should be prioritized to minimize spread)

2nd Priority

- Local Public Health
- Medical Examiners

3rd Priority

- Funeral Homes/Mortuary Services

4th Priority

- Homeless shelters

5th Priority

- Critical Infrastructure Workers
- Utilities
- Food Distribution Centers

Other

- Federal Agencies: Work through their normal procurement processes.
- Private Entities: Direct them to the following websites to procure PPE:
 - <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/services/pure-michigan-business-connect/>
 - <https://www.michamber.com/personal-protection-equipment>
 - <https://www.sbam.org/Resources/COVID-19-Resources/Personal-Protective-Equipment-Resources>

Considerations for determining how to allocate a limited supply of PPE:

- During periods of limited availability, it may be necessary to prioritize allocation of PPE.
- People who are at highest risk of exposure or at highest risk of spreading the disease to a vulnerable population should be prioritized for allocation within each facility.
- HCC: Regional PPE allocation should be tailored based on the most current epidemiological data.
- Review MDHHS guidance, [Optimizing Personal Protective Equipment During Crisis Capacity](#)