



GOLDEN CRESCENT MEDICAL OPERATIONS CENTER GCMOC

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
PPE Allocation Concept of Operations
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Overview and Introduction:

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response, PPE shortages continues to be a challenge for healthcare systems across the GCRAC region. GCOMC will continue to work with federal, state, local and healthcare system leadership to ensure the safety of our communities.

- a. This combined PPE Allocation Strategy for the Golden Crescent Regional Advisory Council (GCRAC), its Golden Crescent Healthcare Coalition (GCHCC), and the Golden Crescent Medical Operations Center (GCMOC), provides a management construct for responding to healthcare emergencies within the boundaries of the TSA-S.
- b. Facilities to receive PPE from the state allocated PPE should include but is not limited to Public Health, EMS providers, hospitals, free standing ERs, urgent care facilities, and long-term care facilities. State allocated PPE materials should be allocated to healthcare partners following the Texas Department of State Health Services guidelines for PPE Distribution:
 - PPE will be distributed across the health care sector as needs arise regardless of health care entity type
 - Prioritization will be given to health care facilities experiencing outbreaks, with a particular focus on long-term care
 - Distribute as able to other requestors with critical needs outside of the healthcare sector, such as funeral homes, law enforcement, and those providing services to vulnerable populations
 - PPE priority guidelines are subject to change based on the available supply chain
- c. Facilities with requests for PPE from the state PPE allocation would follow established requests process during the ongoing response to COVID-19. State PPE allocations available for request include:
 - i. N95 respirators (3M8000)
 - ii. Face masks (KN95, procedural, surgical)
 - iii. Gloves (small, medium, large, extra-large)
 - iv. Face shields / Goggles / Safety Glasses

- v. Coveralls (medium, large, extra-large, 2XL, 3XL)
 - vi. Shoe covers
 - vii. Hand sanitizer (32oz refill bottles)
 - viii. Disinfectant (1-gallon bottles)
 - ix. WypAll Paper Towel
- d. Provider responsibilities prior to submitting a request for PPE include the following:
- i. Demonstrated implementation of conservation strategies
 - ii. Demonstrated life extension strategies for PPE
 - iii. Deferment of non-medically necessary procedures
 - iv. Exhaustion of options procuring supplies through vendors
 - v. Exhaustion of community assistance options, including coordination with local partners and facilities for reallocation within regions
 - vi. Provisions of PPE daily burn rates
- e. Actual volume of PPE issued is subject to the discretion of the GCMOC in an effort to load balance requests. Considerations for PPE allocation will also be based on current CDC guidelines, including recommendations for infection prevention & control and strategies for optimizing PPE supply.
- f. Distribution of the state allocated PPE will be coordinated through GCMOC.