



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

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Dear Louisiana Business and Industry Leaders,

The healthcare sector in Louisiana is experiencing critical shortages of Personal Protective Equipment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The disease commonly called coronavirus, COVID-19 has now affected many areas of Louisiana and continues to expand across the State, impacting an increasing number of citizens. Homecare will be sufficient for most persons, but the devastating impact to healthcare systems in other countries has identified the need for an increased amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare providers here in Louisiana.

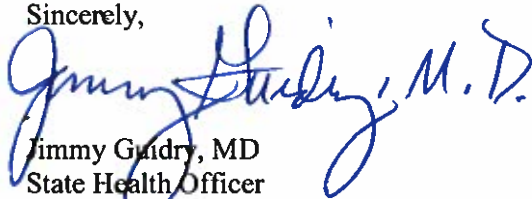
Governor John Bel Edwards declared a Public Health emergency in Louisiana and President Donald Trump has declared a national emergency related to COVID-19. PPE across the Nation and in Louisiana are in short supply. However, many of our commercial and industrial partners have access to similar PPE that is needed in the healthcare sector. The assets being requested to support the Louisiana healthcare infrastructure are PPE, including:

- Face Shields, full foam top ELST
- Gloves, non-sterile, powder free
- Gowns, surgical, sterile impermeable coverall without integrated hood mask
- N95 particulate respirator/surgical masks
- Standard procedure yellow masks, pleat style with ear loops-one size fits all
- Universal or Viral Transport Media (UTM or VTM)

In this extraordinary time, we are requesting that if your business can help the healthcare system of Louisiana weather this crisis by offering to donate or sell PPE that you may have, please send an email to EOCPPE@la.gov, and a representative from the State Emergency operations center will call you back and connect you with a healthcare entity that is in dire need.

Your assistance during this state and national emergency is greatly appreciated and necessary.

Sincerely,



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