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**Re: Guidance on Use & Availability of PPE & Industry Resources**

**Guidance on Use & Availability of Personal Protective Equipment**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Supply Chain Task Force participated in a cross-sector coordination call hosted by DHS’ Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency Friday, April 10 to discuss the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by non-medical sectors. Guidance on mask alternatives to reduce N95 demand and PPE preservation techniques is being developed for essential employees working in non-medical sectors.

On April 21, the Food & Ag Sector Coordinating Council (FA-SCC) issued a list of PPE suppliers that have or soon will have significant quantities of PPE available, including non-medical-grade facemasks (including cloth masks) and are prepared to receive requests from entities within the food and agriculture sector that have an immediate need for PPE which cannot be satisfied through their existing distributors. Importantly, FEMA has contacted these distributors urging them to prioritize food and agriculture sector needs immediately behind the health care and medical sector, whenever possible.

**List of PPE Suppliers**

The list of companies that may be able to provide PPE is included below and an excel spreadsheet with contact information for each company is on NOPA’s website.

Airgas, An Air Liquide Company

Amazon Business

Applied Industrial Technologies

Bearing Distributors Inc.

BlackHawk Industrial

Core & Main

DGI Supply

Dillon Supply Company

DXP Enterprises Inc

Edgen Murray

ERIKS North America

F.W. Webb

Ferguson Enterprises

Global Industrial

Hagemeyer /Vallen Distribution

Hajoca

HD Supply

Hisco, Inc.

Kaman Industrial Technologies

Kimball Midwest

Lawson Products

McMaster-Carr

Motion Industries/ Genuine Parts Company

MRC Global Corp.

MSC Industrial Supply

NOW Inc./ DistributionNOW

OTP Industrial Solutions

Purvis Industries

Rexel

RS Hughes Co.

SBP Holdings Inc.

SunSource

The Fastenal Company

The Home Depot

Turtle & Hughes

W.W. Grainger

Wajax Corp

Watsco

Wesco International

Winsupply

Wolseley Industrial Group PVF

Wurth Industry North America

In issuing this list, FEMA stated that some companies already may have agreements in place with one or more of these distributors. Such companies are encouraged to reach out to their existing points of contact to explore options that may be available to meet their immediate and future needs, recognizing that doing so may necessitate having agreements with multiple distributors.

To more effectively adjudicate resources throughout the nation and private industry, a National Resource Prioritization Cell (NRPC) has been established to unify government and private industry prioritization recommendations which will inform federal, state and private sector operations. Separately, the Food & Ag Sector Coordinating Council leadership has developed a prioritization document that provides a framework for both members of the food and agriculture sector and distributors that provide PPE, disinfectants, and sanitation supplies. This group is working with FEMA and the NRPC. NOPA will provide an update on this issue as more information becomes available.

**Pandemic Information Resources**

**The links listed below provide information about the pandemic and guidance to help companies ensure worker safety maintaining operations during the pandemic.**

***Federal Government:***

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

* [Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b3SmtkbSBl6J6Tz4NFFhswgb-FELifnwX70loxcIpxLfGEQKtg-foyHOd80z19XFJoskirlg0mbEyY0mbYCjEfZ3MGvJsX0LWmaJbULgrrCBGePeNLgQC-MCqAwUGDdUkLfKSvLlgZdCV74-wDJ1mkoA3j1Qrxu-GZ8sTyxXKbLczJOM7fu2HaRmI_VIaEDVeSESDXhfE3geGl9lQl9ie_GcZ-jyGnwq4D5eg-AhmflgpXCFUcrLWIv39sIwkEdDxhngT-H9JGZgnxu4VVCOuHXG63publul2JbWX_JZuWlqbFEy-3wBdsh30jB430NX4JWtPVo1ARDo64Ni7dI_PHHxsecAL82c7lWmOfFa3AB3Cc1oRi-eF6sHWNo9LLfbR)

**Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)**

* [General Information](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/standards.html)
* [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bI-Blm3qNUeUfh_Uj62RHdGgtWZ-FpT2VerWwQZFbqLDzBoXHS8kX78o_J8TLD065na5nK5blgq1wXC2CxI7Gnsbc0UX4AdaGA2CAFLuLdydPqbfDiKVy5FlxDFxUmBOY-1q-k5SInw_DQ3cSozsTisiGWBoCPCmIbybJ8JYuZt6wMq6m_KxNuszu4IAsY-nmkFEZCnS7gIpvbBzt7vNbv3d4ZYcEKdbmiC3zgKk4-MITyxgzckjjdobHbB7UXfIF4THCKYzfpPwoom7BcGiy0hrXX8L3dDYPuac-TKENYbCez7J0eGq5FYiDldD2pPmNubD6887X_46s4JRvW6xn4Zdws3TW6yQI3Xji-IAmRsJ7Rnus9ZeQWsnTlQVVi2FP)
* [Worker Exposure Risk to COVID-19](https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3993.pdf)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

* [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bK6kutbPvf-FFpIfWrUJM86ll_FJFlhSXYUmVlZtqVpAPKCRKItGt5mT1fVBIBvyKHKI6VlXQJPlsBD47RWnaPRzRXGe1eRnwIMq1vJ4S5zKbDjGPZYAg82lRhXiSOYhv_yBCeGkNUN7P3LdH8mHqSF5lZD_mdYMHucWNrnBq7cNKjlzHhFztNngl1zaoYKHALsVhOvYSfKLhu1X8dWcWvZtQmM5x0p2gcquehq7rqXYstswyMhma0DuOGGHFvuhcb5ydmwVrF4k5cEbjeeRTdPOxxcAJ89mVffdXRVGjhLoua1Fi4SV5f_slE8Wy6-uQDHsemC83L2VFSF4c1X3jAb1nPO8YwmlMl8LYyHt74eulWVunG3BHjzFyOFTnrGF06rh9UeUYk_ES4Vzk9pOROag1XdZYBESZA6YVoo-DeX4~)
* [FAQ’s about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bBzf5Fs3J6IrgTfa8CSZ49Vh8ZJ9ZuIhUnjuQ9jx3Ldfg1t7aA4R0fl8NLC9zNgc4zmGslQ2DCAxInMFI7zzEHARykn_B1kyXFW9u4arUFlvswouMbg4HOyWLxo5VGvay8Eo4SWqB_kEfBKoKh1DP2A7gY62tPHJixCcqaxXaAqACydX6WJ0V9lUP11EG2p1eDm612ouWW9mwK2dJcXcH2JavogwsJZ0gKMtj1COC4N3gd6oUDrDUeuSBwTPxWXrCCz3RCXc-5X4HDHyC0gy9Q54ppASetm_LAxNP2uJmYq0s_jBhbShrt1TmoDESiLUF7Rd-KXc2k801g9-q-RASAQixMjZaWYmKIWebW2eONoyRqWGwaodmgnKWx5vvrqoN)
* [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bK6kutbPvf-FFpIfWrUJM8wAOib6iYYB_qSOIAXwiYEu4nATr7wx9mmHQK0OPr0lGaBUSUM2gNGvnEqGmVdr_MlDaSlcJABOf6hpkvwHg5rTYAreL1FQdgMV5UzHfAs3l-g7jo40PlyCEwh_08K57RajGG2DfuKpceVBXRfZorpg8DH6dMuXEPxlLYrV6kJr5Vk4iNflalp1wN7Oqz1AVWHDIQs628_dOI02ab1KuoTC3q9vY2pM9yhqIH63DjBW_pgzpSYfn9DuMmFiWSwVQUjWAUv5trRn12-wElrSN-zVvH1lQw_Fjy2vx2dbj-QyXuofuAiL-oJiFCTDC8ErHrEOrHNZ2cE7L_T_ejZhRXAl3lQtIu6Z6hxLDyBNHcuk9dOgUtuy-ZkTkQ2w_P33h97g0AC4zVfU3wC-kLwhr0G8~)
* [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bCHoNc8vSM86ia7IG6q4uGfLwXUSfDMclI0COifaYsEoTGDt20edJ_u5LqCkxrcEoep6TSMBKQJGG7H7E82NLNILZfT5ZbjvxbF8alFowXZPH3-fKdEm-jCeOeP3D7VHX1Isb_tsnPo_to09tnM3JUDKsOZTxGv0IXas-P-bGWQ-YejybXIK40jq6V6naGjCjCMWR710UXSNh01WKJCpdLDJIC0ZPzqkjOUSAIL1vSewZpaZnioKyvYRK7lQt5eN8wJCy1fAdpzAFRQLbUGew05yI0NCmT2fFA1Ra1M1DdO0C7noeDLT2Ea-EYmu62HYDFBTxAi_K5zUVv4XQLA_I_xtvnhRsI5DRafWzV57mVqI1H49W66PgqW39lwPFoYf8i2d-YgchvTK-wvPuNS3n4EJkeLLCaG_LnvSRVy8V4Lo~)
* [How to Protect Yourself](https://url.emailprotection.link/?blv0dkdVuQWUsADdqJA6FWe4r45Nc5Wg9Jv2fBFGbLXvc2EF0RrXPDEeNN71SkFSmgboPA3dPJoojNK6HQHhwOZnLc7u5iXc8zmsq3QeJX3MRGcvTaf-IvpwwUVHWeTof-SxNvLF0uao1niSxYa0HOCpCGoEHdRf756sGuZKHyqRA8u-Rj-RQTaEBYRAUxBq7S7SXoby6Z_6SEMKJJU6Qeb3xxkD-WZz3m4DYLMOxkdgNaQ4OZEfR0j5aT79whDDT3dsq27AU0V7q8XBapFTHny5siDjYm_Hdh5H2Ov2hpoIDdPHtVnjPbry7trplNQhm3q_8xeP-C9DlEcbvhnCkbTkQqA423-h03xgsdpCqaHkHs_kIzCwkNoRkmDsZNYlt)
* [Animals and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](https://url.emailprotection.link/?blv0dkdVuQWUsADdqJA6FWc6cmDTdxgXCcaap3hPd_d-K8mQjj4vu5L-96D1rW9yqSblaI2ZbNEhhDWh6uJXSgS1di_Pa-6KHSHLWCU9px_podGAvFeMsxBgIJ7DNRjuMy2SwOXlwxnJCyllZ_cc97PEo6KNloPmjxeNop44Kdm_Y9Dp9JEuNp-3PWzjztrV_5lmuxdegrkHfJGgzOLq0a3sS4HEX6zyTgEakzM3Q4E1rWO-v7ZK98etQT2ct-SaD5ZUp1u1VtRCRWV7PpszxDjxiLon4ttWG4STPq3uo8SE2P-7cvqRa3MK2Sh9VLYCSGkEFUUuS1D75T-_l1QVGBKi9Ce3OtKxP5_ip1Jlxq2tyjeQn6QiqmQbjuix9YyBq)

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

* [Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bQWS4stTK6D0GjN7u3UsHZ7Ps8Tw2qjvY8c2T9wPd7HtynF_93oLHOBqyL79v8xe4vJihF1li_CeM3RU4WvNKDshC6SQK_y0Pau2vcYvULl7ivh8kiP8dd5vq0Z-Rjtn7z86nWpb21mFl7H1TjTaIiuVnzcLU7mlCvgREpNie9HVX3v1VP6XRZCpzyfbnB2Wo42IufrwWUKTNVd_oXw8eFxGek13DZgKqUJmngCkPkQzbyghEw1IuVmWl5xs3aYywpZnhjzYl_0muirmxy6siawgp_D1SCiYzF2pNZaS_gKvGJUbcgwmDjUQe-S9-Zy7SreW-aLipOISgCbK2dKKeaA~~)

***Industry:***

**National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)**

* [American Renewal Action Plan](https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/v9-NAM-American-Renewal-Action-Plan.pdf)
* [COVID-19 Resources for Manufacturers](https://www.nam.org/coronavirus/)

**National Grain & Feed Association (NGFA)**

* [COVID-19 Resources for Grain Handlers](https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19_Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19_Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f)

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* [Presentation: OSHA Compliance During Pandemic](https://connect.bdlaw.com/13/565/uploads/bd-webinar---osha-compliance-during-the-pandemic---4-21-20.pdf)

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* [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center](https://www.huntonak.com/en/coronavirus-resource-center/)
  + [Environmental & Workplace Safety](https://www.huntonak.com/en/coronavirus-resource-center/environmental-and-workplace-safety-pandemic-resource-center.html)