

A Message From Governor Tony Evers and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes on Personal Protective Equipment

Good Evening,

Thank you for reaching out to our offices with questions about COVID-19. This is a challenging and confusing time for many, and we want to continue to be transparent and share as much information as we can with Wisconsinites.

Folks on our team and throughout the administration have been working around the clock to get resources out to Wisconsinites in need, especially folks on our front lines like healthcare workers, childcare providers, and emergency response personnel. We wanted to provide you with an update on the status of our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Wisconsin. PPE includes surgical gloves, face masks, and other materials necessary to protect folks from the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases. It is typically used by workers in health care settings, construction workers, veterinarians, and other businesses and providers. With the outbreak of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and around the world, however, supplies of PPE have been stretched across communities to supply those who need it most.

We recognize how critical PPE supplies are to protect folks on the front lines of this crisis, which is why I have directed the Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) to request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) an increase in supplies. On March 23, I directed WEM to make the request for 50,000 masks, 10,000 face shields, 11,000 coveralls, 35,000 pairs of gloves and 3,000 N95 masks for first responders. Additionally, with the full support of my administration, Senators Tammy Baldwin, Ron Johnson, and Representatives Gallagher, Pocan, Moore, Kind, and Steil requested the remaining supplies allotted to the state from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). We are currently awaiting a response from the Trump Administration on the timeline of the release of these supplies.

I share your concern for protecting folks on the front lines of this disease and will continue to look for innovative solutions to getting the PPE supplies these folks need. I have been inspired by the stories of companies and individuals willing to step up during this time and donate PPE. If you or someone you know has PPE they'd be willing to donate, please email DMAOPS@wisconsin.gov and your donation will be processed there.

Sincerely,

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