TO: Health Care Providers, Facilities and Emergency Medical Service Providers
FROM: Vermont Department of Health

Vermont Health Care Providers, Facilities and Emergency Medical Service Providers Asked to Complete Personal Protective Equipment Needs Survey

Background:

There are many facilities that require personal protective equipment (PPE) across the state, and the Health Department is working to manage a shifting, limited supply. Having accurate information about your facility’s PPE usage will help:

• identify current PPE shortfalls;
• forecast future PPE needs; and
• expedite PPE orders by reducing the need for follow up calls.

Requested Actions:

• Complete the [Projected Personal Protective Equipment Needs Survey](#).
• Begin using the [CDC Burn Rate Calculator](#) if your facility is not already doing so.
  o The CDC’s PPE Burn Rate Calculator is a tool to help healthcare and other facilities to plan and optimize the use of their PPE as well as estimate how long existing inventories will last.
  o The information entered in this tool will be requested when/if your facility places an order for PPE from the State.
  o This tool is for facilitating future PPE orders and does not need to be sent to any State entity.

For recommendations regarding PPE for specific sectors please consult the Health Department’s [COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the HAN Coordinator at 802-859-5900 or vthan@vermont.gov.

HAN Message Type Definitions

*Health Alert*: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

*Health Advisory*: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

*Health Update*: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

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