



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for March 7, 2020

## Kentucky COVID-19 PPE & Supply Chain Guidance

Personal protective equipment (PPE) and supply chain considerations have been a repeated concern a number of healthcare facilities who are responding to, or preparing for, the COVID-19 outbreak. **Please read the entirety of this email, regarding regional supplies and COVID-19 preparation.**

The Kentucky Dept. for Public Health (KDPH) has developed a supplemental supply request process that will work through the **'PPE Criteria for Request and Allocation Plan'**, described below.

Attached, you will find a form that contains a link to a ReadyOp [FORM](#). This form is to be used for any PPE request from regional healthcare facilities/agencies. (**NOTE: Facilities/agencies should request assets through their normal supply chain processes before seeking any of the region or state's cached resources.**) Per KDPH, "resource requests will only be filled if a county has a presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 case. Bordering counties of the affected county may also be considered."

The process is described below:

1. If/when the Regional Coalition Coordinator, the local emergency management agency (EMA) or local health department (LHD), receives a request they will provide the attached form to the requesting agency or facility.
2. **The requesting agency/facility will complete the form in its entirety, and click "submit" on the bottom of the form.**
3. The KDPH Preparedness Branch will receive the completed form.
4. The KDPH State Health Operations Center (SHOC) will evaluate the request and resources requested. KDPH may reach out to the appropriate LHD and/or Regional Coalition Coordinator to see if the request can be filled by reallocating current supply caches within the region. If not, KDPH will evaluate the state cache and see what can be filled.
5. The requesting agency/facility will be notified of the request status, with a determination of whether it can or cannot be filled, given the current state cache supply level. The Regional Coalition Coordinator will also be notified of the decision.
6. If resources are sent to the requesting agency/facility, a logged note will be placed in [WebEOC](#) for tracking purposes.

Should you have any questions about this process, please feel free to reach out to your Regional Preparedness Coordinator or your Kentucky Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator ([Steve Hosch](#), [Gail Timperio](#) or [Jasie Logsdon](#)).

Some potentially new or updated resources for your information:

1. **NEW:** CDC's [Healthcare Professional Preparedness Checklist for Transport and Arrival of Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19](#) (*also attached*)— this checklist includes planning considerations for Safety/Infection Control, EMS, Hospitals and Health Care Facilities, Emergency Departments, Outpatient Services, et. al., homecare, LTC and Alternate Care Site System Activities.
2. **NEW:** CDC's [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Hospital Preparedness Assessment Tool](#)— tool for hospitals to use to assess readiness and address gaps.
3. CDC's **Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators during the COVID-19 Response** (*attached*)— checklist for healthcare facilities to use to ensure they are taking steps to optimize their supply of N-95s and address gaps.
4. ASPR's [COVID-19 Healthcare Planning Checklist](#) (*also attached*)— for frontline healthcare personnel to prepare for transport and arrival of suspect or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

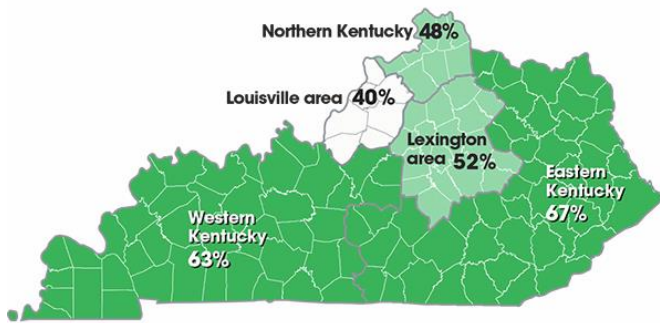
5. [CDC's Interim Guidance for Healthcare Facilities: Preparing for Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#)—frequently updated; “outlines goals and strategies for all U.S. healthcare facilities to prepare for and respond to community spread of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19).” I will continue to work through these items at a regional level as the outbreak continues.

**NEW:** [KDPH CFHS Website for COVID-19](#)— for the latest information on the Coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit [www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov). While Kentuckians’ risk of getting the virus is still low, a new state hotline 1.800.722.5725 was announced today to help Kentuckians who have questions or need help.

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**KHIP: More than half of Ky. adults have firearms in their home; many are loaded and/or unlocked** (KyForward News) As death rates related to firearms increase around the country, and gun control is debated by local, state and federal policymakers, it can be helpful to understand current firearm ownership and storage.

Percentage of Kentucky adults by region who keep firearms in or around home



SOURCE: 2019 Kentucky Health Issues Poll (released March 2020)



The 2019 Kentucky Health Issues Poll asked Kentucky adults about the [presence of firearms in or around households](#), whether the weapons are stored in a locked location, and whether firearms are kept loaded. The survey is conducted by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati on behalf of Interact for Health and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

**More than half of Kentucky adults have firearms in or around home.** When asked if firearms are kept in or around their home, more than half (55%) of Kentucky adults answered yes. This is higher than the U.S. average: National data from a 2017 Pew Research Center survey show that 4 in 10 Americans

(42%) live in a household with a gun.

KHIP also examined whether gun owners kept their weapons locked. Nearly 2 in 3 Kentucky adults (64%) who keep loaded guns in their home reported these guns are also unlocked. This has remained nearly the same since 2011.

Full story: <https://www.kyforward.com/khip-more-than-half-of-ky-adults-have-firearms-in-their-home-many-are-loaded-and-or-unlocked/>

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