

NEW MEXICO HEALTH UPDATE – H1N1 Virus Update

THIS IS A NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE—Influenza H1N1 – Update
Guidance Regarding Infection Control and Use of Personal Protective Equipment (Notification # 1132)
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SUMMARY:

The NM Department of Health (NMDOH) has a limited supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state allocations. Providers/school districts are requested to obtain and use PPE from private supplies first. Only order PPE from the DOH stockpile if there is immediate need, and it is not available through normal hospital/clinic/school district distribution channels.

A. DOH INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE PPE:

1. N-95 respirators should be used by health care providers, including emergency medical services personnel, WHEN PERFORMING AEROSOL-GENERATING PROCEDURES ON PERSONS WITH CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED H1N1.
2. Surgical masks should be used by health care providers WHEN PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CARE TO PERSONS WITH CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED H1N1.
3. Surgical masks should also be USED BY PERSONS WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED H1N1 AT SCHOOL WHILE WAITING TO GO HOME AND IN HEALTH CARE WAITING ROOMS.
4. Surgical masks are NOT RECOMMENDED for use by well persons unless they have a specific occupational need to wear them, such as in the case of health care workers and social workers on home visitations.
5. Additional PPE and infection control guidance is available at <http://nmhealth.org/H1N1/index.shtml>.
6. Questions regarding ordering PPE from hospitals, clinics, emergency medical services, and school districts should be directed to the Bureau of Health Emergency Management (BHEM) antiviral/PPE phone line at 1-877-869-9175.

B. SITES APPROVED TO RECEIVE STOCK:

NOTE: Each site will have a "single contact person" identified in the Statewide Immunization and Information System (SIIS) dispensing site database.

1. Licensed hospitals, primary care centers and clinics.
2. EMS Services.
3. School Districts.
4. NMDOH regional and local Public Health Offices.
5. Indian Health Services, Tribal, Urban (ITU) hospitals, primary care centers and clinics.

C. TYPES OF AVAILABLE PPE:

- Surgical masks, large and small.
- Surgical gowns, Small through XXL.
- Gloves - Small/Medium/Large, Nitrile, Type N.
- Gloves - Small/Medium/Large, Latex, Type L.
- Face Shield, Reusable.
- Face Shield, Disposable.
- Mask, Standard Procedure.

- Mask, N-95 (46727) Reg Duck.
- Mask, N-95 (3M 1860-S) Small 3M.
- Mask, N-95 (3003) Large.

D. ORDERING:

Orders may be placed by either BHEM (initiated to stock a new site and/or to replace depleted/depleting stock levels) or by the site.

1. PARAMETERS FOR FILLING ORDERS: The number of items in stock (e.g. surgical masks, masks, gloves, gowns, excluding N-95 respirators) will be allocated to each of the 33 New Mexico counties based on the percentage of the state's population residing in each county, with a baseline minimum of 100. In general, no more than 5 percent of a county's allocation will be distributed to one site at any one time. Sites are encouraged to reorder when approximately 7 days of the item are left in stock.

2. N-95 RESPIRATORS FOR AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES: The items in stock will be allocated based on hospital bed allocation by county with a minimum of 10 respirators. There are various types, brands, and sizes of respirators in this category. DOH cannot assure the desired brand or size is in the Stockpile. It is the responsibility of the Provider/Site to meet and provide the emergency use authorization and fit-testing requirements of masks received by the Site.

3. ORDERS FROM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGERS: Emergency Manager orders will be filled with up to a 5% allocation of a county's allocation for either PPE surgical masks or N-95 masks.

4. BHEM-INITIATED ORDERS:

- a. BHEM discusses with and receives approval from site "single contact person."
- b. BHEM completes "PPE Order Form" and faxes completed "PPE Order Form."
- c. Faxed "PPE Order Forms" are signed by the ordering individual, preferably the "single contact person."
- d. BHEM emails and/or phones requesting site with approval decision or denial and reason.

5. REQUESTING SITE-INITIATED ORDERS:

Request from the following:

H1N1 PPE Ordering
 NMDOH Bureau of Health Emergency Management
 Phone: 1-877-869-9175
 Fax: 1-505-476-8268
 (Backup Fax: 1-505-476-8269)

6. ORDERS TO BE REQUESTED BY:

a. Telephone/fax (preferred mechanisms) - sites are requested to fax a completed "PPE Order Form," preferably signed by the "single contact person." If it is not possible to fax, BHEM will document the order on a "PPE Order Form."

b. Other mechanisms (such as ICS Form 308) will be accepted to ensure PPE is available where needed.

7. BHEM:

- a. Receives order from site, school district, or local emergency manager.
- b. Phones/emails site to--

(1). Acknowledge receipt of order,

- (2). Discuss what the site is ordering,
- (3). Discuss what DOH has available, and
- (4). Agree upon the request.

c. If approved, BHEM forwards electronic copy (email or fax) of order to the requesting site, school district or local emergency manager.

d. If not approved, BHEM emails and/or phones site, school districts or local emergency manager with denial and reason.

8. FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE FOLLOWING, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.:

H1N1 PPE Questions
NMDOH Bureau of Health Emergency Management
Phone: 1-877-869-9175

9. DISTRIBUTION:

Provider Agreements will be signed in advance by all participating providers (sites). Appropriate agreements for non clinical sites are being developed. Distribution will be as follows depending on urgency of situation as determined by DOH and BHEM:

- FedEx/UPS, etc.
- Private carrier.
- State agency (if State of NM Emergency Declared or Executive Order).
- Pharmaceutical wholesalers (if brought on board for providers they service).
- Pharmacy chains (if brought on board for their stores).