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Licensed and Certified Facilities

Aloha CCFFH Operators,

CTA is distributing this information at the request of the Office of Health Care Assurance.

Licensed care homes and elderly care facilities are expected to have personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand for appropriate use as part of their infection control program and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents and caregivers. We urge you to acquire PPE from your supplier or from agencies on the attached list or from other agencies of your choice. This list of sources for PPE was created and distributed by others to health care providers. To ensure all of you have the same information on where PPE can be acquired, a copy of that list of sources is attached and may be kept as a reference. The list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of PPE sources, and by providing the list the Department does not endorse any particular source, nor guarantee the efficacy of the products listed. You might already be acquiring PPE from your own supplier or someone not on the list and that's fine. This list will be posted on the Department of Health, Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) website and CTAs webpage for COVID Resources.

In addition, with growing concerns over the community spread of COVID-19 and the limited availability of PPE, OHCA coordinated among private and public agencies to provide to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HiEMA) an order amount for HiEMA to bulk purchase PPE for distribution to elderly care facilities including residential care homes. HiEMA anticipates the distribution to take place sometime by or in October 2020. Meanwhile, as emailed to you on August 17, 2020, OHCA will provide emergency PPE kits to residential care homes if or when they have a COVID positive case. Nevertheless, we trust you all have already acquired appropriate PPE for use in your homes.

Thank you for all you do to keep our *kupuna* safe.

Keith R. Ridley
Chief, OHCA

PPE Resources for Hawaii

As of 8/15/2020

N95 Certified Fit Testing locations:

N95 Fit Test/ Train the Trainer: please email to hiN95fit@gmail.com; include needs, scheduling, requests, coordination

ORDERING PPE:

1. For HHEMC members, access HHEMC Website EOC platform
2. For non-HHEMC members, email: info@hhemc.net and submit requests for PPE which

PPE Resources

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Our website address to find forms, information and helpful tools including COVID-19 resources:

<http://comties.com/Hiforms.html>

OHCA website for posted surveys

<http://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/inspection-reports/>

include gloves, masks, gowns and face shields.

3. There is a tiered priority system; HHEM requests the following information: current number of COVID+ patients, what kind of PPE conservation measures are in place, current PPE supply and burn rate (rate of use). HHEM may ask for additional info.

ORDER from Masks4Hawaii: complete google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejUaqlf7T2PjKrr07YbhjdWTZR_k-oEAC83mpkd1wuPTzPqA/viewform (These donors are not using a standardized pattern. Some donors are sewing masks with filter pockets). Maximum per batch order is 25.

ORDER from Kupuna Kokua: donating cloth masks, surgical masks, and hand sanitizers; willing to donate to facilities as well. Please contact Erica Warkus at info@kupunakokua.org. Include info: Organization name/purpose, number of staff, number of residents or clients served, number of masks required; Contact person, Phone Number, and Email.

ORDER from Wilson Care Group: for healthcare providers including N95, surgical masks, goggles, face shields, gowns, gloves, etc. You may set up an account and order PPE at BeWellHawaii.com

ORDER for those who cannot afford or access surgical masks:

<http://www.every1nehawaii.com/>

ORDER surgical masks: Naomi Masuno at Rotary Hawaii at masuno1@aol.com

Decontamination systems:

- **Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor:** Medical care providers/first responders are able to enroll online by visiting www.battelle.org/decon. With that enrollment, they will receive information on how to collect, package, and ship masks to our system, located in Mililani, HI for decontamination. Goal of 72-hour turnaround time + 1-2 days for shipping. For more info: <https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-ccds-for-covid19-satellite-locations> and <https://www.battelle.org/ccds-facts>
- **UV Radiation:** For decontamination of Surgical Masks only, please contact HPH susan.nonaka@hawaiipacifichealth.org
- **InstantPot:** Place masks on towel, no water, set at 212°F for 50 minutes: https://www.fastcompany.com/90537930/how-to-decontaminate-an-n95-mask-in-an-instant-pot?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cfasnews&utm_content=newsletter

Alternatives:

Face Shields:

- Other substitutes: Safety Glasses or Goggles (useful when bathing patients)
- Order from <https://www.masks4hi.com/> (via UH-JABSOM, Mid-Pac, Kauai High School)
 - o locally sourced proper PPE which includes surgical masks, N95, shields, goggles, and isolation gowns.
- Order from schools/individuals who are 3D printing these.
- Consider purchasing your own 3D printer and make an ongoing supply for your facility.
- DIY: <https://www.michaels.com/diy-face-masks-and-shields/acetate-face-shield/acetate-face-shield>

Cloth Face Masks:


For DIY Fabric Masks, Olson style with pocket for filter, and tape for seal. Recommended material: cotton mix, or tea towel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnVk12sFRkY> [18:20 min]

Filter options: Surgical drape, Blue shop towels (from auto shop), Coffee Filters Note: cloths masks can also extend the life of a surgical mask or N95 mask.

Disclaimer: The above information was compiled from a variety of private and public sources. The Hawaii Department of Health does not endorse any particular source, nor guarantee the efficacy of the products listed, and nor is this information intended as an exhaustive list of sources for PPE.



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