

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.
 - 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.
 - The information entered in this tool will be requested when/if your facility places an order for PPE from the State.
 - 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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