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DATE: May 6, 2020
TO: Licensed Assisted Living Facilities
FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs
RE: PPE Distribution and Information

I want to pass along the latest updates regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) and the new PPE distribution process VDSS has developed with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). The distribution process will take place in the event that you are experiencing an urgent need or your burn rate/inventory reporting shows you are approaching a critical shortage of PPE in your facility. “Urgent need” is defined as a supply of seven or fewer days of available PPE, an unplanned shortage of supplies (e.g., a backorder/cancellation of ordered PPE), or an outbreak in your facility. VDSS will provide information regarding how to make an urgent PPE request soon.

Beginning May 11, 2020, VDSS is asking ALL assisted living facilities to report their **total** PPE inventory and their burn rate on a **weekly** basis by close of business each Tuesday. If you have more than one facility, each facility will need to report inventory individually. Weekly reporting allows VDEM and VDSS to monitor your PPE burn rate and inventory before you reach a critical shortage in your supply. If your inventory report shows that you are reaching a critical shortage level, a replenishment will be arranged and available for you the following week. The Division of Licensing Programs’ home office and regional office staff will provide distribution of those supplies to facilities reporting urgent needs. Please track your burn rate and inventory weekly at the following link: <https://arcg.is/nTOiP>.

We strongly encourage you to continue working with your private sector vendor(s), associations, and corporate offices to ensure adequate availability of PPE for your facility. If you are having difficulty obtaining adequate supplies from your current vendor(s), please visit the PPE vendor resources below. VDEM has vetted these vendors, and they should be able to help you procure needed supplies in a timely manner.

<https://www.mcclungcompanies.com/vma> - A Virginia initiative resource

<https://www.projectN95.org> – A nationwide PPE resource

<https://eva.virginia.gov/eva-emergency-notices.html> - COVID-19 emergency vendor list (most vendors listed are for PPE)

On May 2, 2020, [Governor Northam announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved Virginia to receive three Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System™ (CCDS) that can collectively sterilize up to 240,000 units of PPE per day for reuse. The three systems will be operational in the Town of Blacksburg, the City of Newport News, and Chesterfield County within the next week. The Virginia Emergency Support Team is developing processes to ensure that PPE is picked up and returned to the same facility for safe and efficient reuse. Assisted living facilities interested in using the Battelle CCDS™ can enroll [here](#).

The CDC has provided information regarding [proper PPE sequence](#) and [usage and disposal of PPE](#) in confirmed or suspected COVID situations. It is highly recommended that you post this information outside of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 resident rooms, as a helpful reminder for staff when entering and exiting resident rooms. The CDC continues to provide guidance on [optimizing PPE](#) and maintaining adequate supplies in your facility.

Thank you again for the continued support and abundance of care you are providing to your residents and staff. We are here to support you and do all we can to help.