

State of Illinois Request for PPE Supplies

As the state of Illinois responds to the outbreak of COVID 19, it continues to seek innovative and effective ways to address the challenges presented by COVID 19. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker announced that there is a significant shortage in the state of PPE equipment and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued guidance recommending that all elective surgeries and procedures be cancelled immediately. Cancelling elective surgeries and procedures, those that are pre-planned and not urgent or emergent, may enable crucial resources and healthcare staff to be reallocated elsewhere to care for the ill during a medical surge. IDFPR, on behalf of IEMA, has been tasked with reaching out to potential partners throughout the state. At this time, we are looking for information to assess the state's position regarding available PPE resources.

If applicable, we are requesting that the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association provide data to IDFPR and IEMA about the inventory of PPE held by your group's membership. Specifically, we are looking for information pertaining to healthcare providers/facilities that may have PPE available and not in use.

We thank you for your collaboration and partnership as we all do our best to protect the state of Illinois and its citizens. Below is a list of equipment of specific interest:

- N95 masks
- surgical masks
- surgical gloves
- goggles
- face shields
- gowns
- PAPrs (powered air purifying respirators)
- respirators

Please review IDPH's Guidance (available [here](#)) and provide your responses to Kristy Radcliffe, IPMA Executive Director at kradcliffe@ipma.net.