

Guidelines for Prioritization of Allocation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Purpose:

The process is intended to guide DOH on how to prioritize the fulfillment of resource requests for PPE across the state to meet the needs of the response to COVID-19. PPE is a scarce resource and difficult to procure across the state, nationally, and internationally. The prioritization document does not guarantee fulfillment of every order that meets the priority criteria nor does it ensure fulfillment of complete orders. Orders may be partially filled due to limited stock. The Secretary of Health, State Health Officer or Unified Command have the ability to modify this criteria based on emerging response needs.

Prioritization for PPE

TIER #1

1. Long Term Care Facilities with **confirmed cases**
2. Hospitals with the most number of **confirmed cases**
3. EMS and first responders – who are being asked to transport **confirmed cases**
4. Healthcare workers carrying out support to Long Term Care Facilities with **confirmed cases**

TIER #2

5. Healthcare facilities with a **confirmed cases**
6. Congregate locations with **confirmed cases** (Shelter, Jail, Dorm)
7. Other EMS
8. Quarantine / Isolation Facilities run by Washington State Department of Health

TIER #3

9. Quarantine / Isolation Facilities run by other jurisdiction
10. Skilled Nursing Facilities
11. Other healthcare facilities
12. Outpatient facilities

TIER #4

13. Homeless Shelter and other congregate locations such as jails, dorms
14. Families of **confirmed cases** who are at home

Other Considerations

- Recommend fill orders for up to 7 days (with assurance no gap between current order and new order)
- Amount - Methodology for quantities of PPE allocate (Recommendation based on facility size, number of HC workers, number of confirmed or suspected cases – or # patients needing to be assessed X # PPE change changes necessary X number of days being fulfilled for)
- Differentiation of prioritization for N95 masks—Recommend the locations that perform aerosol generating procedures have highest