



March 22, 2020

RE: Personal Protective Equipment Needed for COVID-19 Response

Dear Colorado Education Leaders:

As the State of Colorado comes together to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) we are faced with a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our health care workforce. Without this protection, our health care workforce is unable to perform their critical duties and our health care system cannot operate at the capacity we need in this crisis.

Today, I am reaching out to you because I need your help to save the lives of our fellow Coloradans. I am requesting that you review all of the PPE you have in stock in campus-based health care facilities, school sports programs, and other manufacturing programs that may use PPE.

Specifically, we are looking for information regarding the quantity of the following pieces of equipment:

- Eye protection and goggles
- Face shields
- Surgical masks - with shields
- Surgical masks - without shields
- N95 masks
- Non-sterile gloves
- Sterile gloves
- Disposable gowns
- Biohazard bags
- Anesthesia machines
- Ventilators, whether in use for medical care, animal care, or research.

I am asking for you to keep the bare minimum amount of supply you need to conduct essential or lifesaving functions, and contribute the remainder to our state's COVID19 response.

If you have small quantities of supplies to contribute, between 1-25 boxes of personal protective equipment (i.e., six boxes of protective eye glasses) we ask that you donate these supplies to your [local public health department](#), [local community health center](#), community clinic, or local hospital.

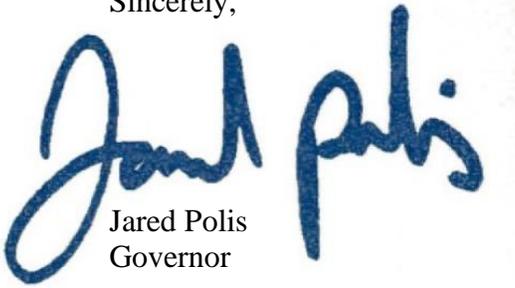
If you have more than 25 boxes, or the pieces of larger equipment such as anesthesia machines or ventilators, we ask that you fill out [THIS FORM](#), so we can determine if these items are needed

in our state's emergency supply. Once we receive your form entry, we will follow up with you to determine next steps. Please complete [THIS FORM](#) by 12:00 Friday, March 26.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request. I encourage you to share the contents of this letter with your affiliates who may have available PPE to contribute to Colorado COVID-19 response. Working together, we can get through this crisis.

If you have questions about this request please email PPE@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jared" and the last name "Polis" clearly distinguishable.

Jared Polis
Governor

[You can find your local public health department here](#)

[You can find your local community health center here](#)