




# Chatham County Emergency Management

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**DATE:** April 5, 2020  
**TO:** All Emergency Management Stakeholders & Partners  
**FROM:** Steve Newton, Chatham County Emergency Management Director   
**RE:** GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Based on guidelines provided by NC Emergency Management on 4/3/2020, and until supply chains improve, Chatham County Emergency Management will follow the following processes for fulfillment of resource requests for PPE. Our overarching goal is to prevent transmission of COVID-19 to those at highest risk of severe clinical disease, and assure personal protective equipment to workers delivering emergent life-saving services.

This document does not guarantee fulfillment of every order that meets the criteria, nor does it ensure complete fulfillment of orders. Also, orders may be partially filled due to limited stock until supply chains stabilize. All requests will be verified and vetted to ensure assignment based on maintaining up to 7 days of inventory. The Emergency Management Director may modify these criteria based on emerging response needs.

**\*\*\* NOTE FOR HOSPITALS, EMS AGENCIES, & LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES:** Hospitals, EMS Agencies, and Long Term Care Facilities are to request PPE directly from the State. They should contact Chatham County Emergency Management only for acute shortfalls that may immediately interfere with ongoing operations. Please refer to the 4/3/2020 email from em@chathamnc.org for details.

## **PRIORITY GROUP 1**

Acute Care: \*\*\*

- a. Hospitals with COVID-19 cases
- b. Emergency Medical Services

Long Term Care: \*\*\*

- a. Skilled Nursing Facilities with highest number of COVID-19 cases
- b. Skilled Nursing Facilities with COVID-19 cases
- c. Palliative & Hospice Providers caring for COVID-19 cases
- d. Home Health caring for COVID-19 cases
- e. ICFs (Intermediate Care Facilities) for Individuals with IDD with COVID-19 cases
- f. Adult Care Homes with highest number of COVID-19 cases
- g. Adult Care Homes with confirmed COVID-19 cases
- h. Behavioral Health & Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury group homes with highest number of COVID-19 cases
- i. Behavioral Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injury group homes with COVID-19 cases
- j. Adult Care Homes with other infectious disease outbreaks
- k. Skilled Nursing Facilities with other infectious disease outbreaks

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## PRIORITY GROUP 2

### Congregate Care Settings:

- a. Correctional Facilities with COVID-19 cases
- b. Unlicensed Residential Treatment Facilities, etc. with COVID-19 cases
- c. Skilled Nursing Facilities (not covered under Priority Group 1)
- d. ICFs (Intermediate Care Facilities) for Individuals with IDD (not covered under Group 1)
- e. Adult Care Homes (not covered under Priority Group 1)
- f. Behavioral Health & Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury group homes (not covered under Priority Group 1)

### Healthcare / First Responder Agencies:

- a. Law Enforcement
- b. Fire Departments
- c. Palliative & Hospice Providers (not covered under Priority Group 1)
- d. Home Health (not covered under Priority Group 1)
- e. Public Health Departments
- f. Primary Care Providers
- g. Urgent Care Centers
- h. Dialysis Centers
- i. All medical transportation agencies (including Chatham Transit Network when transporting for healthcare purposes)

## PRIORITY GROUP 3

### Non-Healthcare Entities:

- a. County Transport Services (not covered under Priority Group 2)
- b. Regulatory agencies with legal requirements to engage in healthcare system
- c. Division of Social Services
- d. Correctional Facilities (not covered under Priority Group 2)
- e. Unlicensed residential treatment centers, etc. (not covered under Priority Group 2)
- f. Hotels & Motels used for isolation and quarantine
- g. Other Governmental Entities with legal requirements to provide in home services
- h. All other requests

For urgent requests Chatham County Emergency Management can be reached 24/7 through the 9-1-1 Communications Center at 919-542-2911.

For routine requests please send an email to [em@chathamnc.org](mailto:em@chathamnc.org)

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