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Dear Public Health and Health Care Partners:

We appreciate you submitting your requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so that we were able to make an informed, consolidated, and reasonable request to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS/ASPR). We submitted our first PPE request on behalf of Nevada to HHS/ASPR on the evening of 3/10/20. As of 11:22 am today, we have heard from HHS/ASPR that they acknowledge our request and have passed it forward for prioritization.

In the meantime, the Nevada State Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program has been distributing N95 masks and surgical gowns from our warehouse stockpile under the Emergency Use Agreement (EUA) as authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for extended use past intended shelf life; to the Local Health Authorities, Community Health Nurse Clinics, some Tribal Clinics and Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) hospitals, and a few other priority, front line agencies. These PHP warehouse stockpile supplies are being distributed through March 13, 2020 by State PHP Program staff.

The HHS/ASPR PPE supplies (once approved by HHS/ASPR) will mostly be drop-shipped to specified locations provided on the resource request form and will require additional logistical support from State PHP Program to distribute PPE to the other non-drop-ship locations. Please send any additional outstanding requests that have not already been sent, to the State PHP Program at [esf8desk@health.nv.gov](mailto:esf8desk@health.nv.gov). The State PHP Program will verify any additional orders with what has already been received and will prioritize based on the allocation of PPE made available.

As a famous Nevada emergency manager has stated: "In this age of Amazon, we are all used to very quick feedback about order status and delivery dates." Unfortunately at the moment, we do not have any additional updated guidance for you on the status of your PPE request (other than it was forwarded for prioritization with HHS/ASPR) and we ask that you please bear with us as we work with HHS/ASPR on receiving stockpiled PPE to quickly distribute to our Nevada public health and healthcare communities in need.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Malinda Southard.

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