



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
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**ORDER FREE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) THROUGH  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The state personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile (referred to as “the backstop”) has been available to help support state agencies, counties, tribes and other partners through the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The state backstop will be available to meet COVID-19 PPE requests through Oct. 31, 2021. Now is the time to submit requests for PPE through your county emergency managers.**

State, local, and tribal agencies, partner associations, health care providers, including long-term services and supports providers (e.g. adult family homes, supported living agencies, home care agencies, assisted living facilities and skilled nursing facilities), and businesses are encouraged to order PPE to return state backstops to pre-COVID levels and allow entities to utilize existing, available PPE before it expires.

After Oct. 31, availability of PPE from the state backstop and the process for ordering will change. We will communicate with you as future processes evolve.

**How to Order:**

1. Contact your [local county emergency management](#) agency to determine how orders should be placed with them; they are able to answer questions about the forms and ordering process.
2. Complete the forms/process provided from the local emergency management.
3. If local emergency management is able to fill this request from their supply, they will let you know how that process will be completed.
4. If local emergency management is not able to fill this request, they will send the request to the state for fulfillment.

For more information, please visit [the Department of Health PPE website](#).

Sincerely,

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Residential Care Services

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