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To: All Oklahoma Health Care Providers

From: Travis Kirkpatrick, Deputy Commissioner  
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Subject: Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Oklahoma remains committed to ensuring the protection of residents and health care providers in our state. Big Commerce, the State's online Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Store, has a revised process that will allow for a sustainable PPE safety net to cover supply chain disruptions or unique extenuating circumstances.

The SARS2 Covid-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented event that has created countless challenges and affected everyone. Nationally, the virus still poses a significant threat to some of our most important and vulnerable citizens.

Oklahoma continues to aggressively procure as much PPE as possible as a safeguard for medical facilities, public health departments, and public safety agencies. As supply chains have opened, there is a need for a return to previous practice where all health care providers procure PPE from their own supply chain vendors.

To assist health care providers, The Department of Commerce has compiled a list of vendors that report an ability to provide PPE. We have also established the following process for facilities to use in procuring PPE from Big Commerce:

1. The facility monitors PPE usage (burn rate) and adjusts to maximize the effective use of PPE.
2. The facility orders PPE from their regular vendors.
3. If the regular vendors cannot provide the PPE, the facility consults the list and attempts to obtain PPE from vendors on the list.
4. If there is an emergency need or the facility is unable to procure the needed PPE, an order can be placed on the State's online PPE store (Big Commerce). During ordering the facility will be asked to provide the names of vendors, from which the facility has attempted to procure each requested item. If the order is validated, the facility will be provided a location and time to pick-up the needed PPE.

Again, thank you for what you are doing to keep all individuals safe.

Respectfully,



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