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On May 26, 2020, DHS Secretary Grace B. Hou provided information regarding the projected availability and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for substance use disorder SUPR organizations. I am pleased to announce that the procedure for requesting PPE is now available.

Effective immediately, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR), in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF), will be distributing non-NIOSH approved surgical face coverings masks to our SUPR community-based organizations, free of charge, across the state of Illinois.

The Department of Public Health (IDPH) has issued clarification guidance on the use of these imported KN95 masks, which are not approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). In that guidance, which is attached to this communication, IDPH recommends using these masks as crisis alternatives - with equator greater effectiveness - to medical procedure or cloth masks.

If you are interested in obtaining this free PPE, please complete the online request form, linked below. IARF will arrange for pick-up or will send via FedEx at your expense. Distribution will be based on the prioritization of organization's currently delivering services followed by those set to reopen in the coming weeks and months. If an organization has services across multiple divisions, please submit one form for all PPE needs.