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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Supplemental Guidance for National Guard Personal Protective Equipment Joint Material Priorities and Allocation in Response to COVID-19

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on National Guard (NG) Force Health Protection (FHP), to include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) recommendations, sources of procurement, resource request processes, and additional mitigation measures. This memorandum applies to all Army and Air National Guard Personnel regardless of status.

2. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to spread throughout the world. The NGB Joint Surgeon (NGB-JSG) remains focused on mission assurance and FHP. Well-informed and proper use of PPE reduces risk to our personnel and conserves scarce PPE resources. This memorandum entails recommendations that shall be used to prioritize the use of PPE and provide risk reduction interventions at all levels.

3. All requests for NGB-JSG resources will support FHP requirements. This is to ensure long-term availability to mitigate risk to force and mission as a result of NGB supply constraints. NGB-JSG has based materiel priorities and allocation of PPE by means of a priority matrix in response to COVID-19 outbreak. See Attachment 1.

a. The NG PPE Priority Matrix for FHP codifies PPE guidance for service members and support operations IAW Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 3) - Department of Defense Guidance for the Use of Personal Protective Equipment and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak, 10 March 2020.

b. The matrix assists units in determining PPE requirements based upon the category of personnel exposed to or at risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

4. Mobilization of NG units under State Authority is state-funded. Requesting agency is responsible for providing resources, to include PPE for supporting personnel.

5. Mobilization of NG Resources in support of a COVID-19 response. See Attachment 2.

a. Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) validates and submits a request to the NGB Joint Operations Center in Joint Information Exchange Environment (JIEE).

b. The State Civil Support Team (CST), Homeland Response Force (HRF), and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield (CBRN) Enhanced Response Force Packages (CERFP) supply personnel submits request through the Consequence Management Support Center (CoMSupCen) website. Members must submit the request through the Request for Assistance Module at <https://www.comsupcenv3.com/>. Submissions will include shipping address, point of contact, and contact information. Requests for distribution from CoMSupCen should only be in support of CST, HRF, and CERFP personnel.

c. All requests for NG resources will be validated by NGB-J34, NGB-JSG, and NGB-J39. Validation will be sent via the CoMSupCen website and through NGB-JSG JIEE to NGB-J3.

6. Consistent non-pharmaceutical prevention interventions (NPI) should be reinforced and practiced with and without use of PPE. This includes frequent hand washing, properly covering coughs and sneezes, social distancing, remaining at home if you are sick, and frequent cleaning and disinfecting. This guidance is consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 guidance. Members should regularly re-assess the CDC recommendations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

7. The point of contact for this memorandum is COL Larry Fletcher; NGB-JSG; 703-607-3872.

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Attachments:

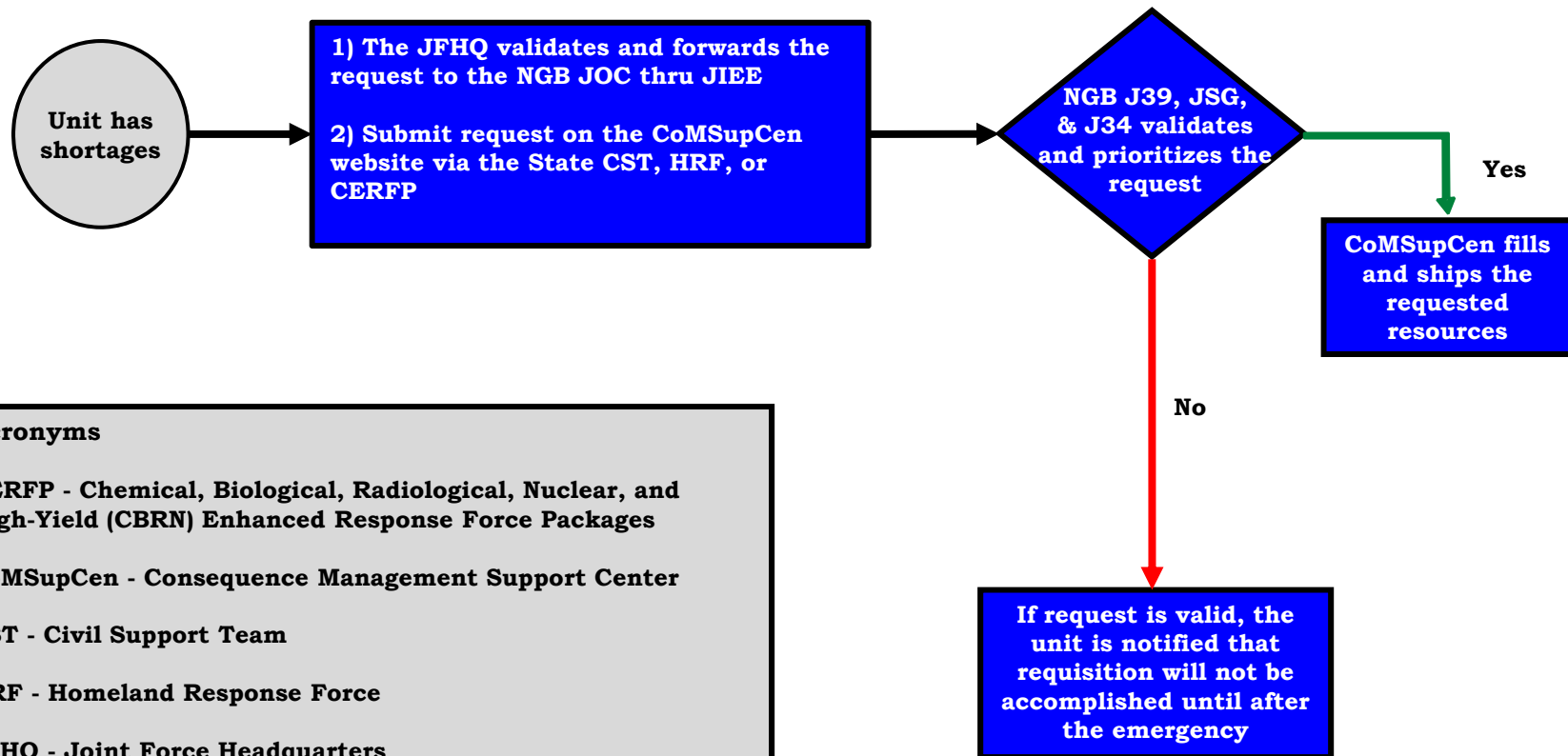
- 1) National Guard PPE Priority Matrix for Force Health Protection
- 2) National Guard COVID-19 PPE Request Process

National Guard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Priority Matrix for Force Health Protection

Priority Level	Category	Examples	PPE Level
1	COVID-19 Positive Cases or Persons at Risk	Positive Cases or Persons at Risk	Hand sanitizer Surgical face masks
2	Healthcare Delivery for Positive Cases or Persons at Risk	CBRN (e.g. CST, CERFP, and HRF) Home Station/Garrison Support (e.g. Emergency Medical Technicians, Nurses, Doctors, Public Health, and Bioenvironmental)	Hand sanitizer Gloves Gowns Eye protection N95 Respirators Surgical masks if N95 unavailable
3	Discrete COVID-19 Support Missions	Transport and quarantine support of Positive Cases or Persons at Risk Public Relations officials in direct contact with positive cases or persons at risk	If within 6 feet of positive cases or persons at risk: N95 Respirators* Surgical masks if N95 unavailable* Gloves ----- If beyond 6 feet of positive cases or persons at risk: Hand sanitizer
4	Community Liaisons	Health Education The Adjutant General (TAG), State Surgeons, and Regional Medical Planning Officers, Liaison Officer Risk mitigation for all personnel	Hand sanitizer

*Note: Currently, CDC does not recommend the general public use facemasks. If unable to accomplish duties by other means (e.g. teleconferences), personnel must consider increased PPE based on priority level. Members must actively evaluate the risks to force when in possible contact with patients or persons at risks.

NG COVID-19 PPE Request Process



Acronyms

CERFP - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield (CBRN) Enhanced Response Force Packages

CoMSupCen - Consequence Management Support Center

CST - Civil Support Team

HRF - Homeland Response Force

JFHQ - Joint Force Headquarters

JIEE - Joint Information Exchange Environment

NGB JOC - National Guard Bureau Joint Operations Center

***All validated requests will be filled as resources become available**