



Notice: PPE Distribution Ending 5/17/21

Since March 2020, NCTTRAC has been distributing state-sourced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to regional partners at the request of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). At this time, the PPE supply chain has largely returned to normal and NCTTRAC will be demobilizing the PPE distribution mission within the month of May and reverting back to the State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) process.

Key Points

- **Monday, May 17th, 2021**, NCTTRAC will shut down the PPE Request Web Portal and will no longer fulfill non-emergency PPE requests.
- All PPE requests submitted prior to May 17th will be processed normally.
- After May 17th Emergency PPE requests can be submitted via the STAR process in WebEOC (see below for instructions on submitting a STAR).
 - All PPE requests submitted after May 17th will be required to demonstrate that the requestor cannot source PPE through any private sector vendors by including screenshots of recent vendor emails denying an order or “out-of-stock” items on vendor websites.
- **Monday, May 31st, 2021**, NCTTRAC support for COVID-related PPE Requests will be demobilized.

Where Can I Find a PPE Vendor?

- The Texas Medical Association (TMA) maintains a Texas-based PPE Vendor Guide that can be accessed on their website at <https://www.texmed.org/Template.aspx?id=55056>
- Dentists who are members of the Texas Dental Association (TDA) can purchase PPE through TDA Perks Supplies at the following website: <https://tdaperks.com/programs/dental-supplies/>
- Additional PPE vendors include (but are not limited to):
 - Grainger – <https://www.grainger.com>
 - Boundtree – <https://www.boundtree.com>
 - Abatix – <https://www.abatix.com>
 - Prestige Ameritech – <https://www.prestigeameritech.com>
 - MSC Direct – <https://www.mscdirect.com>
 - Uline – <https://www.uline.com>
 - Medline – <https://www.medline.com>
 - Cardinal Health – <https://www.cardinalhealth.com>
 - McKesson – <https://www.mckesson.com>
 - Ansell – <https://www.ansell.com>

How do I submit a STAR for an emergency supply of PPE after May 17th?

If you experience an emergency PPE shortage and are unable to purchase PPE from any private vendors, you may submit a STAR for PPE through your local office of emergency management. **This is only for emergency PPE shortage requests; all non-emergency requests will be denied.** To submit an emergency PPE request, follow the steps below.

1. Download and complete the PPE Request Form from the NCTTRAC Website at <https://www.ncttrac.org>
2. Send the PPE Request Form and proof of your inability to purchase PPE from any private vendors (i.e. emails from multiple vendors within the last week confirming that they cannot fulfill your PPE order) to your local Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
 - a. To find your local OEM, search “*city/county name* Office of Emergency Management” online using the city/county where your organization resides
3. NCTTRAC will contact the local OEM who submitted the STAR to validate the request.
4. If the request is valid, NCTTRAC will contact the requesting organization to coordinate pickup.