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## North Central Texas COVID-19 Regional Preparedness and Response

ARLINGTON, TEXAS – The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council is the Hospital Preparedness Program Contractor for three Trauma Service Areas (TSA's).

**TSA-E:** Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise.

**TSA-C:** Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young.

**TSA-D:** Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton.

The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) activated its TSA-E Emergency Medical Coordination Center (EMCC) on Monday, March 16, 2020 as directed by a State Mission Assignment from the Department of State Health Services State Medical Operations Center.

NCTTRAC Staff has received regional allocations of the Strategic National Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) cache requested and received by the State of Texas. Procedural instructions for PPE requests, from within our regions, were released and distribution of the SNS cache began shortly thereafter. NCTTRAC Staff continues to distribute as directed by the Department of State Health Services State Medical Operations Center, as inventory is available. In preparation of anticipated COVID-19 event expansion, a limited amount of PPE was ordered by NCTTRAC through the funding provided by the Hospital Preparedness Program.

As of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the TSA E Medical Coordination Center (EMCC) received 316 resource requests. A total of 129 requests were approved and 118 had been completely or partially filled. This supply supported a total of 73 entities in North Central Texas. As is common knowledge at this time, demand far exceeds supply, and many requests remain "in the queue" in the State of Texas Asset Request (STAR) system being used to identify needs.

The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council will continue to distribute what becomes available and to research vendors to provide PPE to North Central Texas hospitals, EMS agencies, testing sites, facilities hosting high-risk populations, and first responders. We remain confident in the capabilities of our regional partners, healthcare providers and staff and, as our mission states, we will continue to work diligently to promote and coordinate a system of quality trauma, acute, and emergency healthcare and preparedness in North Central Texas.