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TO: Michigan Fire Service
FROM: Kevin J. Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director
SUBJECT: Planning for a COVID-19 Response

In order to assist fire departments in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 while providing emergency medical services within their communities – specifically regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) and planning for a COVID-19 response – the following information is provided by the Bureau of Fire Services:

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *What can a Michigan fire department do if they are running out of PPE for a COVID-19 response?*

If the fire department cannot acquire PPE through their normal supply method, the fire department should contact the county emergency manager (EM) to request the needed PPE. If the county EM does not have the PPE available, the county EM could request the PPE through the State Emergency Operations Center via the Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MICIMS) on behalf of the fire department.

2. *Where can we find information about donning PPE before and doffing PPE after providing care to a COVID-19 patient?*

The following is a YouTube video from the International Association of Fire Fighters on proper donning and doffing PPE procedures before and after providing care to a COVID-19 patient.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjCe4gk3Fjs&feature=youtu.be>

3. *Where can we get some information on planning for a COVID-19 response?*

The following is a link to guidance from the International Association of Fire Chiefs

Coronavirus Task Force on planning for a COVID-19 response.

<https://s16377.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/covid-response-and-planning-recommendations-IAFC.pdf>

Below are a few useful resources for COVID-19 available to fire departments for planning, response and deconning personnel and equipment:

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services:
https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5093_28508_76849-520225--,00.html
- National Volunteer Fire Council
<https://www.nvfc.org/coronavirus-19-information-and-resources-for-ems/>
- International Association of Fire Fighters
<https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/>
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
<https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/coronavirus-covid-19>

I hope this information is helpful to you. For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit <http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus> or <http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus>.