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Changes to PPE and COVID-19 Testing Supply Request Process

Because the number of COVID-19 cases has declined across Maine, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program, will begin returning to steady-state operations beginning the week of July 26th, 2021.

If your organization would like to request a shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Nasopharyngeal Swabs (NP), or Viral Transport Medium (VTM) after July 26th, please use the following link to download the request form: [PPE Request Form](#). Once completed, the form should be emailed to the following address: PPEorC19TestingSupplies.MECDC@maine.gov

Please note that, after July 26, 2021, County EMA offices will no longer accept resource requests for PPE, NP, or VTM from organizations for submission to the Maine CDC warehouse fulfillment team. Instead, the resource request form must be emailed to the dedicated Maine CDC email inbox listed above for fulfillment.

The Maine CDC warehouse fulfillment team will process, pick, and ship your order using United Parcel Service (UPS), Department of Transportation delivery vehicle, or another government vehicle driven by a Maine CDC warehouse team member.

Testing supply requests will be filled on an as-submitted basis. PPE requests will be filled on a two-week cycle beginning July 26th. Please follow the directions contained in the form; incomplete forms cannot be processed. We expect that the turn-around and shipping time will be similar to the previous request system. Please do not wait until you are critically low on supplies before making a resource request. You should be prepared to answer a few questions about your request, should the order

fulfillment team have any questions or concerns. Maine CDC will be unable to fill requests made outside of this process.

To request BinaxNOW test kits, please use the following link: [Application for BinaxNOW Ag Test Cards](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes beginning on July 26th, please feel free to contact your Public Health District Liaison.

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