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Community Leaders,

In response to COVID-19, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) continues to have our State Health Operations Center activated at the highest level. We wanted you to know that we have just received a distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, gowns and gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). KDPH is working closely with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) and other partners such as the Transportation Cabinet to get these assets distributed to communities as soon as possible. Regional distribution sites have been identified and the assets are being transported to those distribution sites. The goal of this push out is to as quickly and efficiently as possible get the PPE resources out to the community partners.

As community leaders, we wanted you to know that your local health department has developed and practiced plans under Emergency Support Function #8 Public Health and Medical Services for the distribution of SNS assets and is well-positioned to work with community leaders on distribution of these assets locally. The Local Health Department (LHD) will work with your office, local emergency management and other community stakeholders to assure that the PPE assets are directed to address the PPE needs in support of your community's COVID19 response. Follow-up communication has already gone out to KYEM Area Managers and to County Emergency Managers regarding the requirement for them to coordinate any support needed to get assets from the distribution nodes to your county.

Please note that all agencies and community partners are strongly encouraged to continue utilizing the PPE conservation recommendations of the CDC in an effort to extend the effectiveness of this push out. We are grateful for the hard work going on locally as part of Team Kentucky's COVID 19 response and appreciate your support in getting these valuable resources out to your health and medical community.

Thank you,

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