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TO: Connecticut Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordinators

FROM: William Gerrish, Health Program Supervisor
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RE: Healthcare Supply Chain

The coronavirus outbreak in China is fueling demand for personal protective equipment including masks, gloves, goggles, gowns and hand sanitizer. The bulk of production, including resourced raw materials, for these personal protective items is generated in China and exported through distributors to the U.S. and its territories. Chinese government and health authorities are reporting significant shortages in personal protective equipment for health workers. If this outbreak expands in the U.S., we could experience shortages of medical and non-medical supplies in the very near future.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Connecticut Healthcare Coalition, is working with the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response to prepare for the possibility of a healthcare supply chain disruption. As part of that effort, we ask Connecticut hospitals to provide a current status on their clinical and facility supplies.

Within Web EOC, please indicate the status of your clinical and facility supplies on your respective Hospital Status Page under "Facility Status." Indicate whether your current supplies (e.g. gloves, gowns, disposable and reusable respirators, and eye protection) are adequate. Please also indicate whether you have concerns about the future availability of these supplies in the notes section.

Please update this information on a weekly basis, no later than each Friday at 3 pm. Please direct questions to my attention at william.gerrish@ct.gov. Thank you.

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