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This is MRCTI coronavirus resource sheet #2 following with first published on March 16 and available on the MRCTI website. This resource sheet will cover 1) FEMA reimbursable costs for virus contagion response; 2) best practices for cities to include in an emergency declaration to shore-up other resources for cities to respond to both COVID-19 as well as other disasters at high risk in our region including flooding, major storms, and tornadoes; 3) list of possible outlets for our cities to consider in accumulating more PPE supplies.

- I. FEMA guidance on reimbursable costs to cities for coronavirus response – please see FEMA document <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>
- II. Best practices for cities to include in an emergency declaration to preserve valuable resources for disaster and contagion response.
 - a. Declare a civil emergency if appropriate under city charter to provide city administration with extra powers;
 - b. Set a social distancing stipulation of at least 6 feet for all residents in public places and declare any gatherings of more than ten people be avoided as much as possible;
 - c. Consider limiting funeral services to particular properties with gatherings limited to no more than 50 people;
 - d. Consider closing all food service establishments except for carryout services. Encourage all employees working carry-out posts wear PPE to protect themselves and customers they are serving. This should apply to special meal services for senior citizens as well;
 - e. Enact a moratorium on utility shut-offs if within your authority;
 - f. Extend paid emergency leave to city employees whom must be out of work;
 - g. Consider halting all utility fines, code fines, and evictions until coronavirus cases begin to decline;
 - h. Have a disaster response plan in place for flooding, storms, and tornadoes that can answer the following concerns

1. Does your city have additional PPE for those being evacuated or moved due to flooding or tornados?
2. If you need to set-up an evacuation shelter, is there a plan for where it will be and how it will limit contagion in the shelter? Should you have 2 shelters?
3. Since schools are closed, your city will need childcare facilities for those families impacted by a disaster; do you have a plan to limit contagion in those facilities? Should you have 2 types?
4. Can your city set-up testing centers to track contagion in shelters and other response facilities/command centers?
5. Will you be able to take the body temperature of all responders moving in an out of command centers? Will you be doing that for enter and exit of shelters?
6. Will you be able to have decontamination facilities set-up at shelters and disaster response facilities for both responders and evacuees?
7. The Red Cross told MRCTI they will not show-up unless all responder and shelter workers were equipped with appropriate PPE – can your city provide that extra PPE?

III. List of possible outlets for cities to pursue their own additional purchases of PPE. These vendors already supply US companies.

a. **Eagle Instruments**

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Eagle Instruments, Inc.

1039 Industrial Court

Suwanee, GA 30024

770.935.4124

They currently have access to:

1) Tyvek Coveralls - hooded or unhooded

DuPont™ Tyvek TY127S White Coveralls - Attached Hood Elastic

2) Booties - both Tyvek and rubber, ******(Coveralls and booties are limited to approx. 4 cases per day).

3) Nitrile Gloves - various sizes (no limit on cases)

b. Field Environmental Instruments, Inc.

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c. Fahrentec Refrigeration Corporation Limited

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d. Philanthropic Outlets – MRCTI is pursuing philanthropic donations of PPE for our cities. However, in order for this to be effective, we need specific numbers of PPE requirements in units of each type of PPE required.

As we continue to monitor the situation and coordinate resources as well as opportunities to build capacity, we will keep the Mayors of MRCTI informed completely. If any Mayors have questions or need clarity/assistance pertaining to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at any time.

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