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Subject: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) continues to work diligently to provide and distribute PPE to our private provider network based on available resources.

Our current PPE request process remains active. You can access the request form [here](#). The guidance provided in the [August 12, 2020 memo](#) also remains accurate. There is one update to this, which is the availability of face shields for all direct care staff. This availability is in line with CDC guidance. Face shields are able to be disinfected and reused, so the department asks that you calculate your orders based on the assumption of one face shield per direct care employee per two months.

Additionally, the department has a limited number of thermometers remaining, so requests may not be fulfilled going forward. The state warehouse is no longer offering them, but they appear to be widely available through regular procurement channels.

Please email DDS.COVID19@ct.gov with any questions.