



Personal Protective Equipment

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
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Strategic National Stockpile

- South Carolina received its PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) based on the 2010 Census
- DHEC requested the state's maximum allocation of PPE from the SNS
- PPE distributed to all 46 counties

Lessons Learned/Challenges

- SNS allocation was inadequate to meet demand for PPE
- Many SNS supplies had expired (lower level of protection)

	N95 Masks	Face/Surgical Masks	Face Shield	Gowns	Coverall	Gloves
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	147,624	409,596	68,732	57,438	268	325,775



PPE Challenges During COVID-19 Event

- Insufficient supply
- Counterfeit products
- Vendors required purchases in very large quantities, making it difficult for smaller healthcare providers to obtain PPE.

Other PPE Efforts

- Federal assistance to specific industries
- Testing sites
- Burn rates



Considerations for a State Stockpile

- Locally-maintained PPE could benefit SC
- Storage cost, personal fit and stock rotation
- Potential partnerships with SC medical providers



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