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TO: All Nursing Homes, ALSAs, RCHs, Home Health Agencies

FROM: Commissioner Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH

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DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: **Point of Distribution (POD) Status**

In early April, the State of Connecticut secured an ongoing supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which enabled the Department of Public Health (DPH) to distribute PPE to long term care facilities and their supporting partners. The state established geographically based Points of Distribution (PODs) through which DPH, with the assistance of the National Guard, distributed PPE to DPH licensed Nursing Homes, ALSAs, RCHs, and Home Health/Hospice Agencies multiple times a week using estimated allocations of facility need. Since April, DPH has delivered through this system over 33,636,350 pieces of PPE: 16,899,454 to Nursing Homes, 5,889,622 to ALSAs, 5,555,117 to RCHs and 5,292,157 to Home Health/Hospice Agencies. In addition, 1,668,437 pieces of PPE was directly shipped to nursing homes by the Federal government. These PODs were part of a larger, statewide PPE emergency distribution effort that ended on August 14, 2020, for all sectors except for long term care facilities and their supporting partners. DPH extended the PODs for long term care facilities and their supporting partners an additional 2 weeks in order to assess the sector's inventories of PPE.

DPH monitors PPE inventories reported by facilities through the Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) and, for Nursing Homes, audits PPE inventories during DPH's Facility



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Licensing and Investigations Section (FLIS) infection control surveys. Facility reporting through LTC-MAP and information gathered through the FLIS surveys indicate that facilities have adequate PPE in inventory to meet resident needs should there be an outbreak of COVID-19.

As a result of this assessment, DPH will cease distributing PPE as weekly allocations through the PODs, effective Friday, August 28, 2020. DPH will continue to supply PPE on a case-by-case basis to Nursing Homes, ALSAs, RCHs, and Home Health/Hospice Agencies that are unable to source PPE on their own due to supply chain shortages or other sourcing challenges beyond their control.

DPH will continue to monitor PPE through the LTC-MAP and encourages facilities to identify urgent PPE requests through that system. In addition, Nursing Homes, ALSAs, RCHs, and Home Health/Hospice Agencies that cannot source their own PPE and need urgent support should contact Shawn Roof at shawn.roof@ct.gov so that DPH can arrange to meet specific needs.

Additional Resources:

Burn Rate Calculator

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/burn-calculator.html>

LTC-MAP webpage for resources for LTC-MAP Portal Demo, PPE Webinar and other useful resources

<http://mutualaidplan.org/Info/Default.aspx?OrgID=101>