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Hello!

The Minnesota Department of Health is making personal protective equipment (PPE) available to workers in the dairy, poultry, milk processing and poultry and beef slaughter industries. This PPE is being offered at the request of CDC to industries whose workers may have exposure to influenza A(H5N1) and is intended to increase access to PPE components for those who do not have access. CDC's PPE recommendations for influenza A(H5N1) can be found at [CDC: Updated Interim Recommendations for Worker Protection and Use of PPE to Reduce Exposure to Novel Influenza A Viruses Associated with Disease in Humans](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/h5/worker-protection-ppe.htm)

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This will be a one-time distribution of PPE from existing stockpiles.

The available PPE consists of:

- N-95 respirators
- Safety goggles
- Nitrile gloves (S, M, L, XL sizes)
- Face shields



Businesses or outreach organizations who are aware of individuals who have an immediate need for PPE and are not able to obtain PPE through their routine sources may complete a [HPAI Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Request](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=M883JEM9LRJ4FFTM)

(<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=M883JEM9LRJ4FFTM>) Be prepared to provide your name, address for shipping and the number of workers needing PPE. Once the request has been processed, PPE will be shipped to the address provided.

Please call 651-201-5989 regarding any issues with PPE distribution and 651-201-5414 with any questions related to human health risks to influenza A(H5N1).

Sincerely,



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