

SURVEY SHOWS ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES RUNNING LOW ON PPE SUPPLIES

The National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) conducted a survey of 375 members from June 10-17, 2020 on the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) in facilities. Below are key findings showing a lack of PPE supplies is still a major issue for assisted living communities.

More than half of assisted living communities have less than a two-week supply of vital PPE.

To date, assisted living communities have not received any direct federal funding, PPE shipments or prioritization for testing (outside of some minimal state support). Like nursing homes, residents of assisted living communities are among those most vulnerable to COVID-19, as more than half are above the age of 85. Without adequate PPE, assisted living communities are facing an uphill battle in preventing COVID-19 outbreaks.

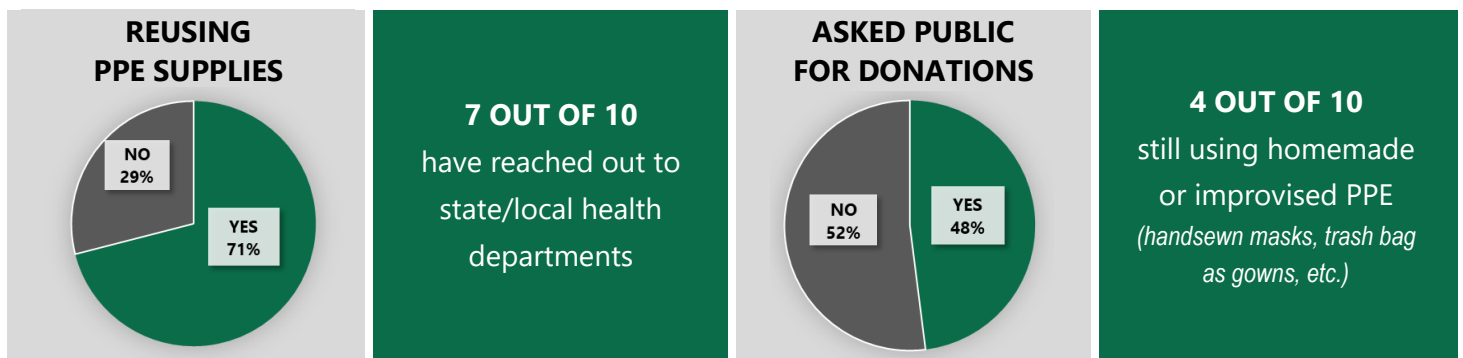
PERCENTAGE WITH LESS THAN A TWO WEEK SUPPLY

N95 MASKS 53%	SURGICAL MASKS 36%	FACE SHIELDS 34%	GOWNS 52%	GLOVES 31%
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Source: National Center for Assisted Living

Having asked for help, many assisted living communities are still forced to reuse PPE or rely on homemade supplies.

Desperate for PPE, seven out of 10 assisted living communities have reached out to state and local officials and nearly half have even solicited donations from the public. More than 70 percent are reusing PPE in accordance with CDC strategies to optimize supplies and many facilities are still having to use homemade or improvised PPE (e.g., handsewn face masks).



OTHER KEY FINDINGS

- Suppliers requiring large minimum orders. Many small companies lack purchasing power.
- More than half dealing with suppliers limiting orders on all items.
- One-third say suppliers don't have any N95s.
- Price gouging and expensive shipping costs.
- Lack of access to disinfectants and hand sanitizer.