

Brown County Health & Human Services

Public Health Division

Logistics FAQ

Q: What does the Logistics Branch do?

A: The Logistics Section is the “stuff and things” people. The Section works with Finance to obtain supplies that are needed to support response efforts.

Logistics provides all facilities, transportation, communications, supplies, equipment maintenance and fueling, food, and medical services for incident personnel and all off-incident resources. There are 6 units within logistics:

- Supply Unit – Orders, receives, stores, and processes all incident-related resources, personnel, and supplies.
- Ground Support Unit - Provides all ground transportation during an incident.
- Facilities Unit - Sets up, maintains, and demobilizes all facilities used in support of the incident.
- Food Unit – Determines food and water requirements, plans menus, orders food, provides cooking facilities, cooks, serves, maintains food service areas, and manages food security and safety concerns.
- Communications Unit – Major responsibilities include effective communications planning as well as acquiring, setting up, maintaining and accounting for communications equipment.
- Medical Unit – Responsible for the effective and efficient provision of medical services to incident personnel.

Q: How does Logistics obtain personal protective equipment (PPE)?

A: PPE can be obtained by purchasing directly from a vendor (regular supply chain). For eligible businesses, it can also be requested from stockpiles at the local, state, or national level.

Q: Who provides the local supply of PPE?

A: Local, State, or National Government entities.

Q: Where does the PPE come from?

A: During COVID, PPE comes from county purchases, the Strategic National Stockpile, and then purchases and distribution from the State.



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Q: What businesses are eligible to receive PPE?

A: PPE is available to health care agencies and critical infrastructure to support COVID-19 response efforts.

Q: How does a business request PPE?

A: PPE should be requested by email and then through a google form response. The Logistics Branch will follow up with individual requests to inform of PPE availability and eligibility to receive PPE.

Q: Where is the PPE stored?

A: There is a central warehouse in Brown County where all PPE are tracked and stored.

Q: Do you have to pay for the PPE?

A: Currently, all PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile and the State is at no cost to the agency. Paperwork was drafted to allow the County the ability to bill for items purchased by the County if they so choose.

Q: How often can you request PPE?

A: PPE can be requested anytime when a critical need arises. Currently a google form goes out to agencies every other week to see what PPE needs exist in our community. Supplies are then made available on the opposite weeks.



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