

March 26, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Office of the Governor  
State Insurance Building  
1100 San Jacinto  
Austin, Texas 78701

**Re: Personal Protective Equipment Request for EMS**

Dear Governor Abbott,

I am writing on behalf of the Texas EMS Alliance (TEMSA) to ask our state's leadership to ensure that EMS agencies are included in the state's PPE disbursement. TEMSA was founded in 2015 as the stakeholder voice for Texas EMS agencies. TEMSA currently represents over 80 Texas EMS agencies, which include third service EMS agencies, fire-department EMS, non-profit EMS, governmental agencies, and private entities that provide 911 service across the state of Texas.

Texas EMS agencies are on the front line of the COVID-19 fight in Texas, and many of our EMS agencies are likely to encounter patients with COVID-19 in the field. As a result, the PPE is critical so that our EMS agencies, many of which already face staffing shortages, do not lose staff members to the virus. If Texas EMS agencies face additional staffing challenges, they will face even greater challenges when it comes to responding to COVID-19 and typical EMS responses, such as auto accidents, cardiovascular events, and other emergency cases.

As the frontline caregivers across Texas, we urge you to give this request every consideration and help us continue to help those who call for help. It is critical for the state's distribution of PPE includes EMS agencies.

Thank you in advance for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Mincy".

Jeff Mincy  
President  
Texas EMS Alliance