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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** DMHAS Private Non-Profit Providers  
**From:** Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.  
**Date:** May 5, 2020  
**Subject:** DMHAS COVID-19 Provider Update #15

Governor Lamont's briefings are highlighting that social distancing and good hygiene are having a positive impact. Hospitalizations have been decreasing and the state may achieve 14 days of reduced hospitalizations in the near future. This is one of several benchmarks states are evaluating as they consider when and how to re-open. Together, we are making a difference. Thank you for your continued efforts as we work to stop the spread of the virus.

Our update today is brief but includes important information regarding a shipment of personal protective equipment that DMHAS just received.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

DMHAS received a limited supply of PPE today which included gloves, N95s, surgical masks and infrared thermometers. There are still no surgical gowns available. If you would like to be placed on the request list, please send an email to [lauren.simbab@ct.gov](mailto:lauren.simbab@ct.gov) with the exact # of each of those four items only that you are requesting. Once the inventory and pick-up process have been finalized, someone will get back to you with pick up instructions. Please understand that we may not be able to fulfill your exact request based on the number of provider agencies we are trying to support, so do your best to approximate what you need.

**CVS Rapid Testing Site in New Haven**

Last week's update included information regarding the Rapid Testing Site in New Haven. The update mentioned attachments that were not sent. The attachments are now included with this communication. If you have questions about the procedure, contact Yvonne Addo [yvonne.addo@ct.gov](mailto:yvonne.addo@ct.gov)

Thank you for remaining committed to our clients as you continue to work under extraordinarily challenging circumstances. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at [Miriam.Delphin-Rittmon@ct.gov](mailto:Miriam.Delphin-Rittmon@ct.gov) or Deputy Commissioner Nancy Navarretta via email at [Nancy.Navarretta@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Navarretta@ct.gov).

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