
Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban (I/T/U) Guidance to Accessing Medical Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

Addendum 2 – COVID-19 PPE Burn Rate Calculator

This addendum is to provide guidance for IHS, Tribal and Urban facilities on use and submission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Burn Rate Calculator](#). The burn rate calculator is a spreadsheet-based model that assists healthcare facilities with planning and optimization of PPE used in their response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Indian Health Service has received approval from CDC to enhance the calculator for ease of use and the ability to add restock/reload of supplies.

Submitting this burn rate calculator will allow FEMA and IHS to more effectively track and manage PPE supply requests. Specifically, having visibility on burn rates for critical PPE will enable IHS Areas, Regional warehouses, National Service Supply Center and IHS ICS system support to more effectively project need and address critical PPE shortages. The guidance below outlines the recommendation for IHS, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs to submit burn rate calculators by Close of Business every Friday.

- IHS facilities should send their burn rate calculator to their [Area EMPOC](#) for submission to IHS ICS System Support SharePoint folder.
- Tribal Health Program facilities are encouraged to submit to their [Area EMPOC](#).
- Urban Indian Health Programs are encouraged to submit to their [Area EMPOC](#).

Note to Tribal and Urban Programs, the recommendations above are optional, however, it has been indicated that FEMA may start requiring the Burn Rate Calculator with any future Personal Protective Equipment request, however, IHS is not aware of this being mandatory.

Questions regarding use of the Burn Rate Calculator spreadsheet can be submitted to IHS-SNS-Requests@ihs.gov and your question will be addressed as soon as possible.