



Dear Colleagues,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory on April 5, 2024](#) regarding a confirmed human infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) virus, and on May 22, 2024, a [second case](#) in the United States following exposure to infected dairy cattle has been confirmed. To date, HPAI has not been detected in dairy cattle in California. CDC believes that the risk of infection to the general public is low. However, individuals with close exposure to infected birds or other animals, such as livestock, have a greater risk of infection.

[As recommended by the CDC on May 6, 2024](#) (see attached CDC notice), CDPH is supporting a one-time distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) for dairy farmworkers and others handling raw milk, as well as slaughterhouse and poultry workers. CDPH is working closely with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) around PPE distribution to farms and agricultural workers. We also recommend local health departments work with farmworker organizations and university extension agents in your jurisdiction to support PPE coordination and distribution.

The PPE available for distribution includes respirators, gloves, bouffant caps, safety goggles, and face shields (brands listed below). Please refer to the [CDC Recommendations for PPE to protect from H5N1](#) and [Protect Yourself from H5N1 When Working with Farm Animals \(Spanish\)](#). Please also refer to the attached California-specific PPE educational handout for farmworkers in both English and Spanish. PPE cannot be returned to CDPH.

Interested facilities, including supplies to be distributed by LHDs, should request PPE using the [order form link](#). For assistance in ordering, please refer to the attached *Facility PPE Ordering Instructions* and the *Ordering Guide for State and Local Government Health and Agricultural Partners* below. MHOACs will respond to order requests by fulfilling from local supplies. If unable to fill at the local level, the MHOACs will share this order link so the facility can order from state supplies. We ask that MHOACs please share order information with LHDs so they can share additional local resources that may be available. CDPH is offering to share state order information with MHOACs, LHDs, Environmental Health and county agricultural partners for situational awareness. To receive your jurisdiction/county report, fill out the [Jurisdiction/County Contact Form](#).

For more information on Avian Influenza, please see the [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A \(H5N1\) Virus in Animals: Interim Recommendations for Prevention, Monitoring, and Public Health Investigations](#).

If you have questions regarding supply requests, please reach out to MHCCOperations@cdph.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding medical countermeasures, please reach out to CIDMCM@cdph.ca.gov or <mailto:CIDMCM@cdph.ca.gov>.



Ordering Guide for State and Local Government Health and Agricultural Partners

1. Facility places PPE order via MHOAC system
2. MHOAC receives order and informs local partners ([Local Health Department](#), [Local Agricultural Commissioner](#), Local Environmental Assessor [see attached]) of receipt of order
3. Order fulfillment options:
 - a. Order can be filled locally if PPE is available
 - b. If no local PPE is available, MHOAC orders from the State using the [order form link](#).
 - i. Large PPE orders will only be shipped to a government entity.
 - ii. Smaller orders will come from CDPH and be direct shipped.
 - iii. State orders can be expected to arrive via FedEx or delivery truck (depending on order size) within 5-10 business days
4. CDPH is able to send out weekly data reports on fulfilled orders to LHDs, MHOACs, RDMHS, and county agricultural partners. To receive these notifications, please [opt in here](#)

*For LHDs that wish to request PPE to support the fulfillment of orders locally, **please contact your MHOAC first to see if local resources are available**. If local resources are not available, the LHD can use the State [order form link](#) for fulfillment from the state stockpile.

List of PPE brands available*

*Please note that the offered brands may change and requests for specific brands are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Respirators:

- Honeywell Powered Air Purifying respirator (PAPR) kit (NIOSH)- for decontamination, testing, work in enclosed spaces, for people who cannot be fit tested with negative pressure air purifying type respirator, or for people with beards who cannot safely wear a negative pressure air purifying respirator.
- BYD N95 Respirator (NIOSH)

Gloves:

- Nitrile powder free gloves (XL, Large, Medium, Small)

Goggles

- Bullhead Brand, Safety Goggle-Indirectly vented; disposable
- 3M Brand, Splash Safety Goggle-Indirectly vented, adjustable strap; reusable

Face Shields:



- Bear Mountain brand- Disposable; plastic
- Bouffant Caps:
- Pro safe brand 21”