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Non-FDA Compliant PPE

IMMEDIATE ACTION: Stop the use and distribution of the following nonmedical PPE purchased through Army contract mechanisms in the fight against COVID-19.



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These items do not meet FDA and DOD requirements and must not be used until further notice. (USARC OPORDER PENDING)

Face shield: Contract # W911-QY-18-D-140, Delivery Order # W911SR-20-0042 Mask, disposable: Contract # SPE8EJ19D1006, Delivery Order # SPE8EL20F50K6 Hand sanitizer: Contract # W911QY18D0087, Delivery Order # W911SR20F0040

USARC G-4 records indicate the following units received affected nonmedical PPE items. Please take immediate action to secure these items until further notice.

• All deploying UAMTFs

• 99th RD

• 88th RD

UAMTF commanders: Please ensure all PPE used in a medical setting or used by medical personnel meet all FDA and DOD requirements. The medical facilities you are supporting are responsible for supplying approved PPE. Nonmedical PPE issued to UAMTFs as a control measure during initial deployment and onward movement must be secured from use immediately.

Commanders and leaders at all levels are encouraged to continue to apply effective COVID-19 countermeasures published by the CDC and USARC orders. Best practices include:

- Effective social distancing: 6-feet separation, avoid gathering of personnel, and reduce time spent near other people. (Think like explosives safety: Expose the minimum amount of people, for the minimum amount of time possible) Also, use technology when possible.
- Enforce wearing masks indoors, especially when social distancing is not possible
- Conduct routine COVID-19 screening, identify and separate symptomatic personnel immediately
- Encourage frequent hand washing with warm water and soap. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are intended as a supplement, not a replacement for frequent hand washing.

USARC staff will continue working to identify and supply available and approved PPE to the force through all channels. Please contact the USARC Safety or Surgeon Office with questions.

Engaged leaders enforcing these standards are winning the COVID battle across our Army.

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