

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2020

The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024-2523

Dear Administrator Gaynor:

We write to follow up on the Wisconsin congressional delegation's March 30th letter asking for expedited consideration of the State of Wisconsin's request to FEMA for critical supplies including testing kits, test collection swabs, reagent, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

The three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) received to date by Wisconsin have been critical to responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. Yet, these shipments have not included the testing materials requested by the state. Wisconsin has worked around the clock to expand testing capacity through public-private partnerships. However, this still falls short of the state's testing needs. There are labs in the state, like the UW-Madison Hospital lab, that are capable of running up to 2,000 tests per day but cannot due to the shortage of reagent in the normal supply chain.

As you know, the President said this week that expanding testing capacity is up to the Governors. Following FEMA's direction, the States are going through the normal federal supply chain and still falling short. The State of Wisconsin needs FEMA's support in providing testing supplies to be able to test at our full lab capacity to effectively respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, we respectfully request you expedite the supplies included in the State's March 28th and 29th request to FEMA, attached to this letter.

The people of Wisconsin are relying on FEMA to efficiently provide these supplies. Finally, as we mentioned earlier the state received its third shipment from the SNS, however the N95 respirators received were 50% less than expected. This is unacceptable, our heroic first responders and health care workers must have the appropriate PPE so they are not exposed to the coronavirus as they are treating and evaluating patients. We request a response no later than Friday April 17, 2020 on the reason for the shortage of N95 masks in the third shipment and a specific timeline for testing supplies to be shipped to Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Mark Pocan
Member of Congress



Gwen S. Moore
Member of Congress



Ron Kind
Member of Congress

Requests from Governor Evers' March 26th Letter:

Urgent Needs		
Item	Request Details	Quantity as appropriate
Swabs	Copan Swabs (23-600-952 Diagnostic Nylon Flocked Swabs)	10,000
Swabs	Mid-turbinate nasal and nasopharyngeal swabs	250,000
Media	M4-RT Transport media/tubes	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic Assay Reagents (Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 PPR Catalog # PRD-06391)	10,000 tests
Cartridges	Hologic cartridges (LDT Enzyme Cartridges Catalog #PRD-04303)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 control reagents (Catalog # PRD-06404)	100 tests
Plastic ware	Roche (Roche MagNA Pure plasticware Catalog #s: 03004171001, 030004074001, 03004058001, 03045501001, 03004112001, 03004147001)	60,000 tests
Reagents	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	10,000 tests
Reagents	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit, REF 03038505001	10,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Positive Control Pack (Catalog # REF MOL4160)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Direct Amplification Disc (DAD) Kit (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # REF MOL1455)	10,000 tests

Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Reaction Mix (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog #MOL4151), 24 vials	10,000 tests
Reagents	Viral Transport Medium (any of the following) to be used as No Template Control (NTC): 1. Universal Transport Medium (ThermoFisher Scientific Catalog #305C); 2. M6 Viral Transport Medium (Remel, Catalog #R12533); 3ml tubes of Remel M6 transport.	10,000 tests
Plastic ware	50 uL pipette and sterile, nuclease-free disposable pipette tips with filters	10,000
Plastic ware	Replacement Foil Wedges (Catalog #REF MOL1550)	10,000

Near Term Future Requests		
Item	Request Details	Quantity as appropriate
Extraction reagent	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation kit, REF 03038505001	80,000 tests
Reagents	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	80,000 tests
Reagents	Promega Maxwell RSC Viral TNA (Catalog# AS1330)	200 tests
Extraction reagent	BioMerieux EMAG/EasyMag extraction reagents, buffers	50,000 tests
Extraction reagent	BioMerieux EMAG/EasyMag extraction reagents, plastics	50,000 tests
Reagents	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation kit, REF 03038505001	20,000 tests
Plastic ware	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	70,000 tests

Reagents	Roche MagNA Pure, for LC 2.0 instruments-reagents	20,000 tests
Reagents	Promega GoTaqProbe 1-Step qPCR System (Catalog #A6120 or A6121)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic assay reagents (Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 PPR Catalog # PRD-06391)	10,000 tests
Cartridges	Hologic cartridges (LDT Enzyme Cartridges Catalog# PRD-04303)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 control reagents (Catalog# PRD-06404)	100 tests
Plastic ware	Roche MagNA Pure, for LC 2.0 instruments-plastic ware (Catalog #: 03004171001, 03004074001,03004058001, 03045501001, 03004112001, 03004147001)	30,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Positive Control Pack (Catalog #REF MOL4160)	20,000 tests
Reagents	Direct Amplification Disc (DAD) Kit (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # REF MOI1455)	20,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Reaction Mix (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog #MOL4151), 24 vials	20,000 tests
Reagents	Viral Transport Medium (any of the following) to be used as No Template Control (NTC): 1. Universal Transport Medium (ThermoFisher Scientific Catalog #305C); 2. M6 Viral Transport Medium (Remel, Catalog #R12533); 3ml tubes of Remel M6 transport.	20,000 tests

Requests from Governor Evers' March 28th Letter:

Request Reference #2655-112174 – Testing supplies for UW Hospital

Request Reference #2655-112057 – Testing supplies for Children's Hospital of WI

Item	Request Details	Quantity as appropriate
Reagents	Easy Mag extractor reagents	11,500 tests
Reagents	Primers probes enzymes	11,500 tests
Reagents	Hologic Panther Fusion reagents	459,500 tests
Plastic ware	Roche plasticware	108,000 tests