

Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee

Call Report issued by Debbie Groat

| 6/2/20 | Debbie Groat |
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| | Education COVID19 Workgroup |
| | Kerrie Koopman, & MaryJo Childs |
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| DISCUSSION | |
| Main point of discussion was to share information on COVID19 operations, disruptions and supply chain | |

- demands:
 a. Debbie shared that while we are seeing masks and spray hand sanitizer reentering the supply chain, nitrile gloves, gowns and sanitizing wipes are still in short supply. A distributor shared that the manufacturers are not being honest about stock or delivery dates for these hard to get supplies. Recommendations are still to place your Fall reopening orders by June 15th, with a trusted supplier, for August 15th delivery. This timeline is based on recent experience with the bulk ordering of 10M masks by MWCOG where we saw the order trickle in two months later and is still being fulfilled. The reasons for delayed deliveries seem to be from all angles. The Federal Govt. may seize your order, some companies resell your order for higher prices when it comes in, companies are allocating, and the supply chain is uncertain about the quantities needed to be made.
 - b. Kerrie said Frederick CPS is in a holding position as their workgroups determine what is needed for reopening and what reopening will look like. They do not want to over order PPE that will not be needed if virtual classrooms continue into the fall. They are also gathering more information about obstacles to using PPE, such as, cross-contamination with gloves or HIPAA violations with the use of hands free temperature checks. Mary Jo shared that there were ways around HIPAA violations with temperature checks and thought it could still be used if necessary.
 - c. MaryJo shared concerns over waiting too long to determine supply needs for the Fall that may result in being unable to get the PPE supplies in time. AACPS is in the process of determining what the classroom will look like in the Fall and her plans are to take the middle road with supply needs. Considering no-touch thermometers, gloves, pump hand sanitizing and child size masks. She is vetting a supplier for child size masks known as United Medco out of Florida. Debbie shared that the Dept. of Commerce was managing a page on their website identifying fraudulent firms trying to sell PPE. As the State of MD buyer for MEMA, Calvin Gladden is also a good source for vetted firms. MaryJo mentioned that their **Risk Manager said that large stock of liquid hand sanitizer needed to be stored in fire lockers**.

Action Items:

<u>1.</u> Debbie will reissue the Dept. of Commerce information for fraudulent suppliers.