



PPE Order Update



PPE shortages have caused tremendous challenges for the healthcare system in Alabama and across the United States. Because these shortages posed a threat to Alabama physicians' health and safety, the Medical Association felt that it was critical to find opportunities for our members to purchase Personal Protective Equipment.

Three weeks ago, we began a partnership with ActionPPE to offer Alabama physicians the opportunity to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including disposable masks, N95 masks and disposable gowns. Launched in South Carolina by the Charleston County Medical Society, ActionPPE is an effort to connect members with a vetted bulk PPE supplier. ActionPPE has also worked with medical associations in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

During the past few weeks we have received over 150 orders, totaling around \$90,000. Our staff has been working diligently to sort and organize the orders. This has been a team effort and we want to say a special thanks to the Home Depot in Prattville, Alabama. While purchasing supplies, Home Depot decided to donate the boxes we needed to fill all of the orders.

We are in the process of boxing up and distributing orders. **If you placed an order, please wait for our staff to contact you to organize pick-up, shipping or delivery arrangements.**

For any further questions, please visit our website, linked below.

[Read More Information Here](#)



Congressional Sign-on Letter

Related to Liability Protections

The Medical Association is working with the AMA and most national specialties in support of federal legislation to provide liability protections for physicians as a result of the COVID pandemic.

[Click here to see a letter](#) the Medical Association is participating in that is being sent to the Congressional Leadership urging them to include liability protections in the next COVID-19 relief package.

Top House, Senate Lawmakers Warn HHS Over Slow Health Provider Aid Payouts



Top House and Senate lawmakers say that there are delays paying out billions of dollars in emergency aid to health providers that could shut down hard-hit safety net hospitals and clinics nationwide already facing collapse during the pandemic.

[Read the Full Story on Politico](#)

Honoring Dr. Jefferson Underwood



Long-time Montgomery physician and Past President of the Medical Association, Jefferson Underwood III, M.D., was recently honored with two distinct awards.

The Alabama Chapter American College of Physicians recognized Jefferson Underwood III, MD, FACP, as the 2020 Laureate Award recipient and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama presented Dr. Underwood with the 2020 Samuel Buford Word Award. These presentations are typically made in person at the annual meetings, but due to the cancellation of this year's events because of COVID-19, Dr. Underwood was honored in his home with a small group of family and colleagues present.

[See the Full Story on NewsCenter](#)

2020 Census



It's Quick and Easy

The 2020 Census takes just a few moments to complete.



It's Not Too Late

You can still complete the census today.



It's Safe and Secure

The U.S. Census Bureau keeps your answers safe and confidential.

Alabama Daily News reports that a great deal is at stake in producing a full and complete full count of Alabama's entire population in the 2020 Census because Alabama could lose its seventh seat in the House of Representatives.

Census kickoff efforts in March and April got off to a slow start because of the coronavirus. Alabama had a 72% response rate to the census 10 years ago. State officials have said they want more than 72% this year to ensure billions in federal funding for dozens of state and community programs and to secure the state's seven congressional seats.

It's not too late! Complete the census today.

COVID-19 QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS & EARN CME.



As providers, physicians and members of the health care team want to do whatever they can to ensure the health and well-being of their patients. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice of medicine is facing challenges in delivering the best care amid government mandates and ever-changing public perceptions of the situation. At the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, we want to help by offering online COVID-19 CME courses (free for members).

Courses include:

- **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE COVID-19 ERA**
- **PPE FOR PHYSICIANS: NEW, USED AND REFRESHED**
- **AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTOR'S SYMPTOMS OF COVID AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC**

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