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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To All PAEMS Agencies:

Due to diminishing levels of PPE, OSF St. Francis will no longer be able to exchange PPE with EMS crews at this time until supply chain is restored. We suggest adopting an extended use strategy for simple earloop masks, and adopting a reuse strategy for N95 masks. A policy and guide for the reuse of N95 masks has been written, and will be placed on the PAEMS.org website for reference. It will also be sent out via email to all agencies for review.

If PPE items are needed, we suggest reaching out to your county EMA for direction, as some supplies have been released by the State of Illinois for supply to EMS agencies.

I apologize for this inconvenience, and greatly appreciate everyone's understanding during this critical and unprecedented time.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew N. Jackson MD".

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