RETURN TO WORK: PPE NAVIGATOR

Our Goal: Help lakeshore primary employers and local units of government return to work safely by directing them to local PPE/cleaning/medical supply distributors and manufacturers in Ottawa and Allegan Counties

What Lakeshore Advantage is Doing:

1. Maintain and regularly update a list of local companies and organizations manufacturing and distributing PPE/cleaning/medical supplies in Ottawa/Allegan counties.
2. Compile a list of additional regional, state, national resources that can also be shared with organizations requesting resources.
3. Check-in with Ottawa and Allegan Co. Health Departments on a regular basis to ensure first-responders, long-term care facilities, etc. have priority access to local resources.
4. Organize and track requests for PPE-related resources and PPE-related suppliers through the use of online forms located in the Return to Work section of the website.
5. Respond to requests for PPE-related resources with appropriate contact information for local suppliers.

FAQs

Where can I get face masks (or other related supplies like hand sanitizer, gloves, etc.) for my employees?
Please submit your request for local resources online HERE. A Lakeshore Advantage staff member will respond to your request within 48 hours with information on local suppliers/distributors.

In the meantime, you may want to explore some of the regional and state resources available online:

- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Manufacturers Association
- West Michigan Medical Supply Task Force
- Small Business Administration of Michigan

I’m a nonprofit and in need of PPE. Can you help me?
There are several resources available to nonprofits in Allegan and Ottawa Counties. We
recommend looking into the following organizations that are involved in supplying PPE here on the lakeshore.

- [3Dc19.com](http://3Dc19.com) (Cloth face masks, shields, ear savers)
- [http://findthehelpers.us/](http://findthehelpers.us/) (Cloth face masks)
- [Anchor Rock Foundation](http://anchorrockfoundation.com) (Cloth face masks)
- [Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance](http://lakeshorenonprofitalliance.com) (Programs and services for West Michigan’s nonprofit community)
- [Allegan County Community Foundation](http://alleganccfoundation.org)
- [Community Foundation for the Holland/Zeeland Area](http://hollandzeelandfoundation.org)

There are also regional and state resources available:

- [Michigan Chamber of Commerce](http://michiganchamber.com)
- [Michigan Nonprofit Alliance](http://michigannonprofitalliance.com)
- [Pure Michigan Business Connect](http://puremichiganbusinessconnect.com)
- [West Michigan Medical Supply Task Force](http://wmmsupplierform.com)

**Are there any online PPE resources you can recommend?**
For local recommendations, please fill out the Request for PPE Resources Form.

**I own a small business and do not need large quantities of PPE. Where can I go for resources?**
We recommend exploring some of the larger online retailers like Amazon and Walmart for small quantities of products.

The following groups also have contact info for regional and statewide PPE/cleaning/medical suppliers:

- [Michigan Chamber of Commerce](http://michiganchamber.com)
- [Michigan Manufacturers Association](http://michiganmanufacturersassociation.com)
- [West Michigan Medical Supply Task Force](http://wmmsupplierform.com)
- [Small Business Administration of Michigan](http://sba.gov)

**My company is manufacturing/distributing PPE here on the lakeshore. Who should I talk to about that at Lakeshore Advantage?**
Please submit information about the products you are able to produce/supply via our PPE Supplier Form. If you have additional questions, please contact us at info@lakeshoreadvantage.com.

**Is there a list online of all the PPE/cleaning/medical supplier manufacturers and distributors in Allegan and Ottawa Counties?**
At this time, we are not publishing an official list of Ottawa/Allegan companies that are helping to supply PPE and related products. If you have a need for specific PPE and related products, please fill out this form.
There are several regional and state-wide compilations of PPE and related supplies distributors/manufacturers available online.

- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Manufacturers Association
- West Michigan Medical Supply Task Force
- Small Business Administration of Michigan

How is what Lakeshore Advantage doing different than regional and state efforts? Our goal is to complement the work already being done at the regional and state level by helping our local health departments and local businesses navigate to local manufacturers/distributors.