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**TO:** ALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft Provider Chief's, CEO's and EMS/Paramedic Coordinators  
Hospital CEO's, ED Directors, Nurse Managers and PLN's

**FROM:** Virginia Hastings, ICEMA Executive Director

**SUBJECT: RECALL OF 3M 8000 N95 RESPIRATOR IN STATE STOCKPILE**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has announced that it is recalling the 3M model 8000 N95 respirator due to reports that some healthcare providers are experiencing a low success rate in fit-testing this model. Unfortunately, the 3M model 8000 respirators comprise the majority of the State and Federal stockpiles (7,920 of 11,821) on a pallet.

In response to this finding, CDPH sent a notice on December 23, 2009 to local health departments (LHD) and Local Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Entities (ICEMA) advising that CDPH is in the process of replacing the recalled 3M model 8000 with other models in the stockpile, such as the Kimberly-Clark Tecnol 2710 and 2717, and 3M 1860 and 1860S.

CDPH will be providing information to LHDs and Local HPP Entities on procedures to follow to return the 3M model 8000 respirators. In the interim, CDPH directs that we do not distribute or use the 3M model 8000 respirators.

ICEMA will remove the 3M model 8000 respirators from the pallets in storage and replace them with the other models once shipped by CDPH. Agencies requesting pallets prior to the receipt of the replacements will be responsible for integrating the replacements into the pallet(s) in their possession.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions; [vhastings@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:vhastings@cao.sbcounty.gov) or (909) 388-5823.

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