

DATE: May 15, 2020

FROM: Ken Roiland, SIPC Board Chair

TO: Illinois School Administrators

MEMO: Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative - MEMBER BENEFITS
Re: Personal Protective Equipment

Dear ILLINOIS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:

This week, a Personal Protective Equipment Chart was shared with the SIPC Managing Director, Kay Dosier, to ensure that all Illinois schools are in a position to procure the items listed in the chart if needed for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

As part of our SIPC Intergovernmental Agreement and the current SIPC contract with Home Depot PRO, all schools who are SIPC members already have access to all of these items and all items are included in the SKU's offered at special pricing to SIPC Members. Currently, many of our members consistently buy most of these items at special SIPC pricing from Home Depot PRO. Moreover, schools have priority access to these items through our Agreement.

It is our understanding that ISBE will not be providing an RFP for these items. Accordingly, looking forward, given the totality of the circumstances, schools most likely will need to be in a position to procure these items. Your membership with SIPC provides established access.

True to our Mission to help make educational facilities more efficient, healthier and greener, the SIPC has worked with Home Depot PRO management to provide SIPC Members with a Post Pandemic Re-Opening Checklist. And, HD PRO has compiled a list of the contract SKU's and pricing as it stands for each of these items which are included in our current contract. HD PRO Reps will have this information available to share with you. By obtaining the items through the already established Agreement, SIPC members will have access to both competitive pricing as well as a reliable supply chain for these items.

That being said, demand for these items is understandably at an all-time high across the nation/world. There is a significant delay (average 90 days) for all vendors in shipping many of these items. It is our recommendation that your District start planning immediately and create a plan as to quantity needed and a timeline for delivery. This may mean ordering sooner rather than later.

While HD PRO cannot guarantee delivery dates in the current climate, HD PRO has agreed to give SIPC Members priority on any of these items that are ordered by June 8, 2020. This will, hopefully, insure that your district can have these items in stock in time for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

View checklist at www.SchoolsOfIllinois.org/PPE

SIPC Membership is FREE to any school district in the state of IL

If you are not an SIPC Member, and are interested in membership, and access to this contract with SIPC/Home Depot PRO, please contact us for information on how your district can become a member today: www.SchoolsOfIllinois.org/MEMBERSHIP

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