Operational Planning Guidelines to Support Community Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 (pg 12)

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Operational Support and Logistics

Logistics and operational support within the community may become strained. Ensuring redundancy for essential services and back-up suppliers are available will be key for effective response.

Steps to take for operational support and logistics are:

1. **Inventory** personnel and possible availabilities.
2. **Review existing supplies in community.** Visually verify and count as presumed supply on logs or amounts written on boxes can be inaccurate.
3. **Cross-train** within the essential service areas (i.e., water treatment plants, grocery stores, public safety coordination, etc.)
4. **Review supply chain** for all essential needs. Arrange back-up/alternate sources.
5. **Ensure purchasing** processes are followed and keep track of all COVID-19 response expenses.
6. **Request** how the community can assist a surge in demand.
7. **Determine** the use of traditional hunting and gathering as a source of sustenance within the community.