

# Pure Michigan Business Connect COVID-19 Procurement Platform FAQs

## MEDC COVID-19 RESPONSE

### **What does the PMBC COVID-19 Procurement Platform do?**

Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) is offering a free, online procurement platform to assist Michigan businesses needing to purchase non-medical grade Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) items to keep their employees safe and healthy. PMBC, a program provided by Michigan Economic Development Corporation, is collecting data to help businesses source these needs and services. Visit [michiganbusiness.org/ppe](https://michiganbusiness.org/ppe) to access the portal and learn more about the platform.

### **Why is the platform focusing on supporting businesses now, while the pandemic is still presenting a threat to public health?**

As businesses begin going through the process of resuming normal operations, PMBC understands that many employers will need to purchase PPE items in order to keep their employees safe and healthy. To that end, PMBC is expanding its existing online platform to now support businesses in need of non-medical grade PPE as they begin transitioning their employees onsite. The online portal is available for all scales of PPE demand and is open to companies of all sizes and industries. Visit [michiganbusiness.org/ppe](https://michiganbusiness.org/ppe) to access the portal and learn more about the platform. The PMBC portal also continues to connect health and human services providers with providers of medical grade PPE.

### **How does the platform work?**

The PMBC COVID-19 Procurement Platform provides an online B2B portal specifically designed to support the PPE needs of Michigan businesses as they begin resuming normal operations and seek to keep their employees and customers safe and healthy. In addition to businesses seeking PPE, businesses that have the capability to supply these materials can submit their information through the portal. The PMBC team then provides that supplier information to businesses in need to help fulfill their orders. Visit [michiganbusiness.org/ppe](https://michiganbusiness.org/ppe) to access the portal and learn more about the platform.

### **How can businesses be sure that the suppliers are legitimate? Is PMBC vetting them at all?**

The entities identified through this platform have submitted their information and indicated that they are engaged in their respective product or service area. The PMBC team and MEDC does not endorse any entity listed in the B2B platform and makes no representations about the quality of the goods or services of each entity, or the results that may be obtained as a result of doing business with any listed entity.

Upon receiving supplier submissions through the platform, the PMBC team is checking to determine whether these entities have reputable websites, email contacts and products that would support the demand for various forms of PPE throughout the state. Businesses using this list of suppliers are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence as well, as the PMBC team and MEDC do not make any representations about the quality of the goods or services provided by each entity.

### **My company submitted information to be listed as a supplier through the platform, but why aren't we included in the lists being provided?**

Suppliers with incomplete submissions may be removed from the list until applications are completed or corrected to reflect product/service offerings in line with demand requested. Should you have further questions on your submission being included on the list, please reach out to [pmbc@michigan.org](mailto:pmbc@michigan.org).

### **Can PMBC help businesses in search of PPE get responses from suppliers identified through the platform?**

Through this platform, the PMBC team is committed to providing businesses in need of PPE a list of relevant suppliers. From there, businesses will need to manage their relationship with those suppliers independently of the PMBC team.

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