



## BCMS/SAFER Texas PPE Distribution Update



The Bexar County Medical Society in conjunction with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) was recently able to donate over 7 million surgical and N95 face masks to local non-profit organizations including the San Antonio Area Food Bank, Haven for Hope, Catholic Charities, several area churches, etc. This was in addition to providing over 210,000 items of personal protective equipment (PPE) to independent physician practices since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020. The PPE supplies have consisted of donations from individuals, vendors, distilleries, etc. from across the country. The PPE distribution to the physician practices has also been in cooperation with the South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC).



Thank you to everyone that has made this ongoing project such a success! A special thank you to the medical students that started SAFER Texas (Strategic Alliance for Emergency Response) who have sought out donors and developed, coordinated and manned the PPE distribution project from the very beginning!



If you or a physician colleague is in need of PPE, please go to the BCMS website [www.bcms.org](http://www.bcms.org) COVID-19 Resources page and click on the Request PPE button. All requests are filled as items are available.

