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To: Ontario Health (Central) Hospitals, Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

From: Debbie Roberts, PPE Executive Lead, Ontario Health (Central)
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Re: **PROACTIVE PPE ALLOCATIONS TO STOP APRIL 1, 2021**

Ontario Health (Central) proactively allocates personal protective equipment (PPE) to qualifying hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes. **Proactive allocations** refers to PPE that is sent regularly to qualifying long-term care, retirement homes and hospitals from Ontario Health (Central) based on inventory reporting data.

This data has shown that fewer proactive PPE allocations are required in the Central Region, and we are informing you that **as of April 1, 2021, all proactive allocations will stop.**

Reactive allocations, requested through the [Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form](#), **will continue.**

Why is Ontario Health (Central) stopping proactive PPE allocations?

Organizations within the hospital, long-term care and retirement home sectors in Central Region have stabilized and managed their internal PPE supply chains and therefore less frequently require proactive allocations.

This change will enable us to continue to meet your critical PPE supply needs, through the [Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form](#), while also addressing specific PPE management challenges experienced by some organizations.

When will I receive my last proactive PPE allocation?

The last proactive personal protective equipment allocation to long-term care homes will be the week of March 22.

The last proactive personal protective equipment allocation to hospitals and retirement homes will be the week of March 29.

How will I be able to obtain PPE going forward?

Hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes will be able to continue to use the reactive ordering process through the [Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form](#). We encourage you to continue your practice of monitoring your personal protective equipment inventory and ordering supplies through your regular supply chains and through the Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form, as needed.

Will I still have to complete the CSE Online Reporting Survey?

Yes, organizations are expected to continue reporting their inventory weekly through the [Critical Supplies and Equipment \(CSE\) Survey](#). This survey is used for identifying the current status and anticipated demand of CSE across multiple sectors within the province. Your continued participation is invaluable in ensuring we have the critical information needed to procure and allocate supplies effectively.

Informing Your Teams

It is crucial that information regarding this change reaches those responsible for PPE procurement within your organization. *Please forward this information to anyone within your organization who needs to be aware of this forthcoming change.* Please remind them that your organization will continue to be able to access PPE via the [Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form](#).

Throughout the first year of the pandemic, we have worked alongside you to ensure that our frontline providers caring for our most vulnerable are protected. We value your ongoing efforts and collaboration as we continue to respond to this pandemic together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at OHCentralPPE/SwabInquiries@lhins.on.ca. A member of the Ontario Health (Central) Regional Supply Team will be more than happy to assist you. You can also learn more about Central Region PPE procurement on our webpage: mhlhin.on.ca/forhsps/ppe

Thank you once again for working with us to build strong and stable PPE supply chains across the Central Region.

Sincerely,

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