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Personal Protective Equipment and Critical Supplies - Update #1

Ontario Health Central Region Health System Partners,

The Ontario Health Central PPE and Critical Supplies Table is committed to gather, manage and equitably distribute PPE and critical supplies to in-scope sectors within the region. Please find below information on the use and conservation of **personal protective equipment (PPE)**, and Ontario Health Central Region PPE order and allocation processes.

Key Updates

- PPE Guidance as the Health System Expands Services
- Accessing PPE on an Emergency Basis
- Daily Provincial Reporting Continues
- Central Region launches PPE Dashboard
- PPE Supplies continues to be a challenge
- Ontario Health Central Region allocated 2M+ PPE items last month

Provincial PPE Use and Conservation Guidance

Appropriate PPE use, stewardship and conservation remains critical. As the health system prepares to expand services, all health service providers are reminded to follow the hierarchy of controls to eliminate or reduce the risks of transmission and to minimize the need for PPE. Please review the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development document: [Workplace Hazards](#).

Health service providers should be sourcing PPE through their regular supply chain and remain responsible for sourcing and providing PPE to their frontline workers. PPE allocation from the provincial pandemic stock will continue and PPE can be accessed, within available supply, on an emergency basis for those who have exhausted all efforts to procure their own (see [Ordering PPE Supplies](#)).

Please refer to updated guidance from Ontario Health. It is critical that all organizations are making all efforts to conserve. **Resources are available on each LHIN website:**

[Central LHIN](#) | [Central West LHIN](#) | [Mississauga Halton LHIN](#) | [North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN](#)

Provincial PPE Reporting

On March 28, 2020, the Ministry of Health issued an order directing that organizations must report into the daily [PPE survey](#) (password: PPEsurvey2020) to advise of your current PPE inventory. Please continue to complete this report daily to support system-wide planning and allocations

Central Region PPE Dashboard

The [Ontario Health Central Regional Planning Dashboard](#) is an interactive web-based tool that provides the most recently available information on the status of COVID-19 in Ontario. The dashboard now includes information on PPE supply by type, PPE inventory, supply by hospital, and expected use of equipment.

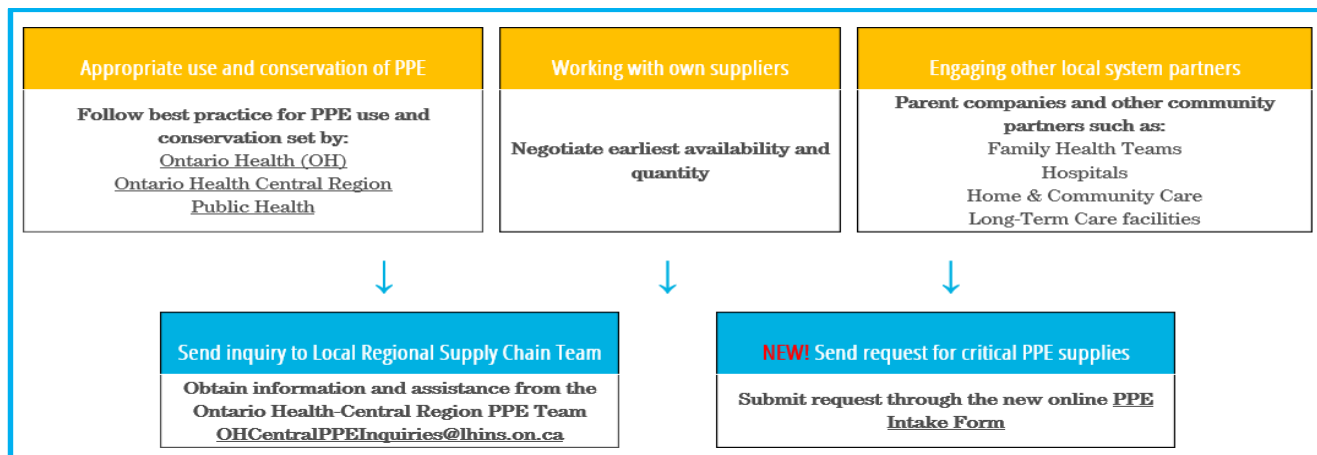
What are AGMPs?

Please review Public Health Ontario documents for details of what is an **Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures** [AGMPs](#) (page 4) and what is not considered an AGMP [NON-AGMPs](#) (page 3).

AGMPs require a provider to wear a fit tested N95 mask.

Ordering PPE Supplies

In the past month, the Ontario Health Central Supply Team allocated over 2 million PPE items to hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement homes in Central Region. The process to engage with the Central Region Supply Chain remains in place. **When you have 7 days or less of supply**, please enter a request using our online [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Intake Form](#).



PPE Community Donations

Thank you to the many corporations, academic institutions, associations and individuals who have generously supported frontline healthcare with PPE donations.

To facilitate effective distribution of donated PPE across the system, the Supply Chain Table has developed a virtual donation warehouse to match donors with providers. We help connect PPE donors with providers based on current inventory, quantity of request, and risk in their environment in accordance with provincial guidelines for PPE usage. **To date, Central Region has engaged with 80 + donors and distributed more than 39,000 items.**

NEW!

Click [HERE](#) to view up to date information on:

- **How the Donation Process Works**
- **Donations received, matched and distributed**
- **Escalation: How We Support Critical Need**

Ontario Together – Vendor List

During this time, critical personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are limited with re-supply timelines uncertain. As such, PPE is being allocated from the regional and provincial supply based on assessed critical need. The [Ontario Together website](#) is a new resource available to assist you in navigating the system, and includes a 'Find PPE' page, which lists vendors by PPE type.

Our health care partners are one ecosystem. We are here to work with you and above all, ensure that everyone has what they need in order to stay safe and provide care. Thank you as always for your support of Ontario's response to this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Ontario Health Central Region PPE and Critical Supplies Table

