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Personal Protective Equipment and Critical Supplies - Update #3

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)**, Ontario Health Central Region PPE order and allocation processes.

Key Updates

- **New Temporary Pandemic PPE Transitional Support (PPTS) announced**
- **PPE Online Survey/Inventory reporting has been REDUCED to twice a week**
- **More PPE can now be allocated sooner to eligible organizations in need**
- **Group Purchasing and Procurement Logistics – Knowledge Exchange Event #2**

New! Pandemic PPE Transitional Support

On August 5, the Ministry of Health announced a policy change called the Pandemic PPE Transitional Support (PPTS), which provides temporary access to a dedicated supply of PPE from the provincial stockpile to providers and organizations facing PPE sourcing challenges.

Providers who are not eligible for this transitional support remain eligible to access the provincial stockpile after attempting to source PPE through their regular supply chain.

Please refer to the most up to date guidance documents on each LHIN PPE webpage to learn more about this policy change and the eligible sectors:

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

PPE Online Survey/Inventory reporting has been REDUCED to twice a week

Recently, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has taken over the ongoing management of the Online PPE Inventory reporting portal referred to as the [Critical Supplies & Equipment \(CSE\)](#). All organizations are encouraged to complete the survey twice a week.

This data is used by the Provincial PPE Control Table when making PPE allocations to our region. Missing or incomplete data makes it very challenging for the Control Table to make appropriate allocations to ensure we have enough PPE to meet our regional need.

This survey also helps populate the PPE information on the [Ontario Health Central Regional Planning Dashboard](#), an interactive web-based tool that provides the most recently available information on the status of COVID-19 in Ontario.

Reminder: 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 AMGP [NON-AGMPs](#) (page 3).

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

Group Purchasing and Procurement Logistics – Knowledge Exchange #2

On Tuesday, July 21, we hosted our second Knowledge Exchange. We had diverse representation from over 200 health system partners. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Event highlights, including key learnings and burning questions, can be viewed [online](#) or attached.

Additional information, including presentations and full FAQs, as well as information about upcoming events can be found on our [Knowledge Exchange Events webpage](#).

Knowledge Exchange # 3 – Mark your calendars!



Preparing for Wave 2: Tuesday, September 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Registration information coming soon.

Reminder: Ontario Together – Vendor List

As supply chains stabilize, organizations should be considering how best to prepare for a second wave of COVID-19. The [Ontario Together website](#) is a resource available to assist you in navigating the supports available to you, and includes a '[Find PPE](#)' page, which lists vendors by PPE type.

Ordering PPE Supplies

The Central Region PPE and Critical Supplies Table endorsed the recommendation to provide PPE sooner to requestors (previously, requests were filled when an organization only had seven days worth of supply left and they would provide seven days worth of supply). Now requests will be filled when an organization has **14 days of supply and the region will provide 14 days worth of supply. This will provide any given organization with 28 days worth of supply, allowing them to plan more effectively when reopening their services.**



Please enter a request using our online [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Intake Form](#).

Our health care partners are one ecosystem. We are here to work with you so 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

