Ontario Health
Central

**March 22, 2021**

# Personal Protective Equipment and Critical Supplies

## *Update #6*

Ontario Health (Central) Health System Partners,

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

## KEY UPDATES

### PROACTIVE PPE ALLOCATIONS TO HOSPITALS, LONG-TERM CARE AND RETIREMENT HOMES TO STOP APRIL 1

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.

As result, as of **April 1, 2021, all proactive allocations to qualifying hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes will stop**.

Reactive allocations, requested through the Online PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form, will continue.

For more information, click here.

### COMING SOON: 3M BROCKVILLE PLANT TO START PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING N95 1870+ MASKS

Mask fit testing requests for 1870+ Masks will become available on **April 1, 2021**. This new process will be available to all Ontario Health regions so we thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the anticipated volume of new requests.

### GLOBAL SHORTAGES LEAD TO DISINFECTANT WIPE SUBSTITUTION

Due to global shortages, disinfectant wipes will be substituted with disinfectant spray for community-based physician specialists, primary care providers, Home and Community Care providers, mental health and addictions providers, homes for special care and community support service providers.

### PPE MYTH BUSTING: PROVINCE-WIDE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE #2

On February 9, 2021 nearly 1000 attendees from across the Ontario health sector came together virtually for the second Ontario Health province-wide Personal Protective Equipment Knowledge Exchange, *PPE Myth Busting*. For event highlights, the recording and FAQ, visit our website.

## REMINDERS

→ All in-scope organizations are urged to submit their swab kit requests on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays while ensuring they have 28 days of supply on hand to avoid emergency weekend requests.

→ Look out for information coming soon on the third Ontario Health Provincial PPE Knowledge Exchange, focusing on Congregate Living Settings.

### CRITICAL REMINDER!

All in-scope organizations are expected to continue to report their inventory weekly through the Critical Supplies & Equipment (CSE) online portal. This survey is used for identifying the current status and anticipated demand of CSE across multiple sectors within the province.

**Need help reporting your PPE inventory online?**

- Call the CSE Help Desk (8 a.m. – 5 p.m., 7 days/week)
- Local 416-246-7172; Toll Free 1-888-444-9102
- CSESurveysupport@ontario.ca

**Concerns with or complaints about PPE received through the pandemic warehouse?**

Click on the image below to complete the PPE Product Concerns/Complaints Form

## Thank you

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.

Sincerely,

***Ontario Health Central Region PPE and Critical Supplies Table***

**Find up-to-date information on processes, guidance documents and events related, on your local PPE webpage:**
Central LHIN | Central West LHIN | Mississauga Halton LHIN | North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN

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