The Ontario Health Central PPE and Critical Supplies Table

Mental Health & Addiction Providers & Congregate Living Settings – February 1, 2021

1. In-scope Congregate Living Settings and Mental Health & Addiction Providers can submit requests for PPE Supply when encountering challenges with existing supply chains and have **14 days** or less of supplies left. **Organizations will receive up to 28 days of PPE supplies.**

2. Online requests can be made through the Critical PPE and Swab Kit Intake Form; Critical PPE and Swab Kit requests are supported 7 days a week, 8am – 6pm, 365 days/year
   *During the winter months, organizations requesting swabs will need to submit requests between Monday and Wednesday in order to receive swabs in the same week. Emergency escalations will still be addressed

   Additional Resource: Instructions for Completing the Remedy Intake Form
   Additional Resource:Workplace PPE Supplier Directory for accessing and establishing alternative supply chains

3. Prospective recipients of PPE from the province's pandemic supply must ensure their practices are in line with PPE guidance available on conservation and appropriate use as developed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The Ontario Health guidelines on Optimizing Supply of PPE provide guidance on PPE use and conservation strategies to ensure long-term sustainability of PPE during the pandemic, including N95s.

4. Organizations are required to provide their PPE daily consumption (burn rate) when making requests. Organizations are encouraged to regularly assess their PPE levels and have a minimum of 14 days of PPE on hand as preparation if they go into outbreak.

5. Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit their PPE inventory once per week through the Critical Supplies & Equipment (CSE) online portal. Organizations may contact the Help Desk at 416-246-7172 or 1-888-444-9102, 7 days/week, 8am-5pm, or email CSESurveysupport@ontario.ca if they have questions regarding the CSE Survey.

   Additional Resource: How-to-Guide: COVID-19 Critical Supplies and Equipment (CSE) Survey

6. N95s for fit-testing and regular supply are available however remain constrained. N95s may be allocated to Congregate Living Settings when:
   - The organization conducts aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs)
   - The organization requesting N95s has been fit-tested to the requested model or a fit testing service has been secured.
     A resource with available fit testing support can be provided to organizations requiring it.

7. The PPE team does not provide specific IPAC guidance or instruction to organizations, however we can direct them to available resources through connecting with their Public Health Unit and the Public Health Ontario website for Congregate Living Settings.

   Additional Resource: COVID-19 IPAC Fundamentals Training (course)
   Additional Resource: Managing COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings

8. Organizations are encouraged to join the Ontario Health (Central) PPE Knowledge Exchange sessions for timely updates related to PPE supply chain management. Recordings of previous sessions can be accessed here

9. Contact the OH Central PPE Team: OHCentralPPEinquiries@lhins.on.ca

10. Find information on PPE best practices, conservation guidance documents and events related to PPE, on your local PPE webpage:
    Central LHIN | Central West LHIN | Mississauga Halton LHIN | North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN