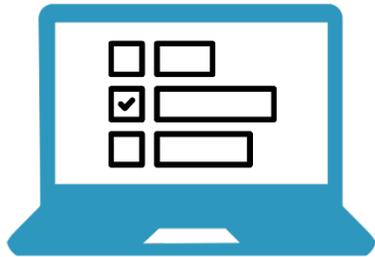


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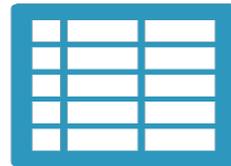
HELP US UNDERSTAND PPE NEEDS IN PRIMARY CARE

The Central Region COVID-19 Response Team's Primary Care Leads have been reaching out to family medicine and nurse practitioner clinics through the **Primary Care PPE Survey** to better understand the PPE needs within the community. The survey data will be used by Primary Care Leads for **need-based planning, and action of PPE supplies** if PPE is made available.

How to share your PPE information (Primary Care only)



Complete the Central Region Primary Care PPE Survey



Survey results of PPE supply levels for Primary Care Clinics across Central Region is stored in a database and analyzed for insights

DECLARING A CRITICAL NEED

TELL US WHEN YOU HAVE A CRITICAL PPE SHORTAGE

The Central Region Supply Chain Team responds to critical requests when health service providers have **7 days or less PPE supply**. Providers need to have exhausted all available supply chain options before making a request. The Supply Chain Team uses the Provincial Ethical Framework for prioritization of requests and can support by linking providers to PPE donations and other supply chain options. Effective April 22, this request process has been streamlined through a **Central Region PPE Information Hub** on each LHIN website.

How to make a critical PPE request (all Health Service Providers)



Complete online PPE Intake Form

This form is located on the **Central Region PPE Information Hub** on each Central Region LHIN website (e.g., <http://mhlhin.on.ca/en/forhsp/ppe>)

...and accessed directly at this link: <https://ehealthontario.on.ca/en/for-healthcare-professionals/ppe-intake?a=ppe-intake>

CONSERVING PPE SUPPLY

CONSERVATION IS ALWAYS THE FIRST STEP

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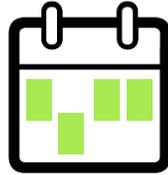
Primary Care strategies to minimize viral spread, conserve PPE, and maintain staffing levels in case of an office COVID-19 outbreak



Personal protective equipment (PPE) is strongly recommended if you will be within 6 feet of a patient to provide care, regardless of COVID-19 status.



Maximize virtual care via phone or video. Any patient who does not need to be physically present in a clinic should not be there.



Group in-person appointments into blocks and cohort patients by type (e.g., well baby visits) to minimize potential for viral exposure.



Dedicate one doctor for all in-person visits per half or full day for the entire practice.



Do not wear PPE if you are 6 feet or more away from asymptomatic or symptomatic patients. For example, doctors, nurses and administrative staff do not need to wear PPE in non-clinical areas.



Hand hygiene will save your life. Watch this video on how to do the “COVID scrub”:
<https://youtu.be/eW-hmHFo4Oo>



Extend use of the surgical mask by wearing over the course of several patients. Conserve the mask for as long as possible, but once it is wet, damaged, or soiled, you should immediately dispose of the mask.



Wear reusable cloth gowns, if available, since disposable gowns are in short supply. Change your cloth gown (e.g., blue isolation gown) between patients. Reuse by washing and drying on high heat.



Extend use of the eye protection by wearing the same set of eye goggles / face shield for repeated in-person visits. Wipe down goggles and store for use the next day.

HELPFUL GUIDELINES



Ontario Health: https://www.oha.com/Bulletins/Personal%20Protective%20Equipment%20use-COVID-19_Released_March_30_2020.pdf
Public Health Ontario: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en>



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