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Personal Protective Equipment and Critical Supplies - Bulletin #4

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.

Updates

- **Novel PPE Pilot: ASTM Level 3 Foam Masks**
- **More PPE allocated to in-scope organizations**
- **Swab request process**
- **Preparing for Wave Two – Knowledge Exchange #3 Recap**
- **Central Region PPE Team Update**

Are you interested in piloting new ASTM Level 3 Foam masks?

In the early days of the pandemic, Ontario Health procured domestic Health Canada approved ASTM Level 3 foam masks. These masks, which require a brief assembly, are flexible, hypoallergenic and offer superior comfort and breathability.

Ontario Health (Central) is piloting the use of these masks in non-acute care settings. These masks will be provided free of charge to participating organizations. If your organization is interested in participating, please email us.

More PPE allocated to in-scope organizations

The Central Region PPE and Critical Supplies Table endorsed the recommendation to provide 28 days worth of supplies to in-scope organizations in both proactive and reactive allocations.

As per the Minister's Order and to qualify for proactive allocations, all in-scope entities are required to submit their current PPE inventory twice per week through the Critical Supplies & Equipment (CSE) online portal.

Need help reporting your PPE inventory online?

Call their Help Desk at
416-246-7172 | 1-888-444-9102
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7 days / week or email CSESurveysupport@ontario.ca for support.

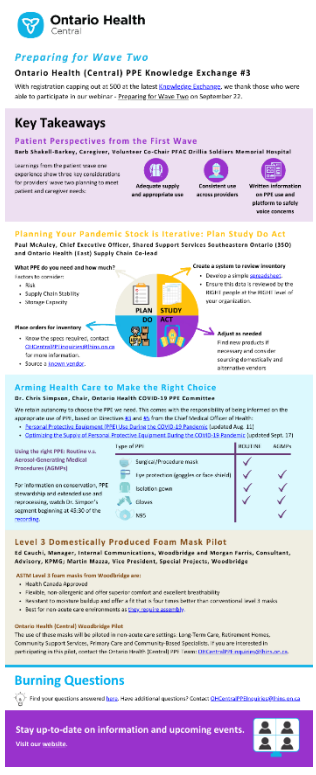
Swab Update – Request Process

On September 10, the intake and distribution process of COVID-19 swab kits transitioned from Public Health Ontario to Ontario Health.

Requests can now be entered using our online Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Intake Form. Review the PPE and Swab Kit Request Guide for more information.

Preparing for Wave 2

Knowledge Exchange #3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Preparing for Wave Two

Ontario Health (Central) PPE Knowledge Exchange #3

With registration capping out at 500 at the latest Knowledge Exchange, we think those who were able to participate in our webinar - Preparing for Wave Two on September 22.

Key Takeaways

Patient Perspectives from the First Wave

Barb Shakell-Barkey, Caregiver, Volunteer Co-Chair PFAC Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital

Learnings from the patient wave one experience show three key considerations for providers' wave two planning to meet patient and caregiver needs:

Adequate supply and appropriate use

Consistent use across providers

Written information on PPE use and platform to safely voice concerns

Planning Your Pandemic Stock is Iterative: Plan Study Do Act

Paul McAuley, Chief Executive Officer, Shared Support Services Southeastern Ontario (SSO) and Ontario Health (East) Supply Chain Co-lead

What PPE do you need and how much?

Factors to consider:
- Risk
- Supply Chain Stability
- Storage Capacity

Create a system to review inventory
- Develop a simple spreadsheet.
- Ensure this data is reviewed by the RIGHT people at the RIGHT level of your organization.

PLAN DO STUDY ACT

Place orders for inventory
- Know the specs required, contact OHCentralPPEinquiries@hhsc.on.ca for more information.
- Source a known vendor.

Adjust as needed
Find new products if necessary and consider sourcing domestically and alternative vendors

Arming Health Care to Make the Right Choice

Dr. Chris Simpson, Chair, Ontario Health COVID-19 PPE Committee

We retain autonomy to choose the PPE we need. This comes with the responsibility of being informed on the appropriate use of PPE, based on Directives #1 and #6 from the Chief Medical Officer of Health:
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic (updated Aug. 11)
- Optimizing the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment During the COVID-19 Pandemic (updated Sept. 17)

Using the right PPE: Routine v.s. Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs)

Type of PPE	ROUTINE	AGMPs
Surgical/Procedure mask	✓	
Eye protection (goggles or face shield)	✓	✓
Isolation gown	✓	✓
Gloves	✓	✓
N95		✓

For information on conservation, PPE stewardship and extended use and reprocessing, watch Dr. Simpson's segment beginning at 45:30 of the recording.

Level 3 Domestically Produced Foam Mask Pilot

Ed Couch, Manager, Internal Communications, Woodbridge and Morgan Farris, Consultant, Advisory, KPMG; Martin Mazza, Vice President, Special Projects, Woodbridge

ASTM Level 3 foam masks from Woodbridge are:
- Health Canada Approved
- Flexible, non-allergenic and offer superior comfort and excellent breathability
- Resistant to moisture buildup and offer a fit that is four times better than conventional level 3 masks
- Best for non-acute care environments as they require assembly.

Ontario Health (Central) Woodbridge Pilot

The use of these masks will be piloted in non-acute care settings: Long-Term Care, Retirement Homes, Community Support Services, Primary Care and Community-Based Specialists. If you are interested in participating in this pilot, contact the Ontario Health (Central) PPE Team: OHCentralPPEinquiries@hhsc.on.ca.

Burning Questions

Find your questions answered here. Have additional questions? Contact OHCentralPPEinquiries@hhsc.on.ca

Stay up-to-date on information and upcoming events.
Visit our website.

On Tuesday, September 22, we hosted our third Knowledge Exchange event. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate.

Event highlights, a recording of the webinar and an FAQ can be found on our **Knowledge Exchange Events webpage.**

Have you attended a Knowledge Exchange?

If so, please consider participating in our **evaluation** to help us to continue to evolve these events to meet your needs. The linked survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

REMINDERS

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!**

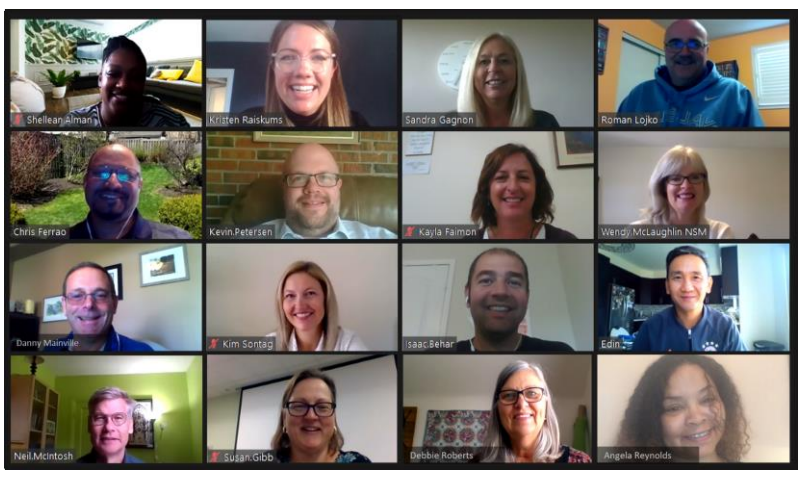
Need information on Ontario Health (Central) PPE? Find up-to-date information on processes, guidance documents and events related to PPE, on your local PPE webpage:

Central LHIN | Central West LHIN | Mississauga Halton LHIN | North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN

A Big Thank You to the Wave 1 Central Region PPE Supply Team!

These are the faces of the individuals who worked to ensure that organizations within Ontario Health (Central) had access to PPE throughout the first wave of the pandemic. Many of them did this work while continuing their regular roles within the region, often working into the evenings and over weekends.

As we transition to a more permanent team, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone on the first wave team for all of their hard work and dedication towards keeping our organizations safe during COVID-19.



Ontario Health (Central) Wave 1 Team: From left to right, top to bottom: Shellean Alman, Kristen Raiskums*, Sandra Gagnon*, Roman Lojko*, Chris Ferrao, Kevin Petersen, Kayla Faimon*, Wendy McLaughlin, Daniel Mainville, Kim Sontag, Isaac Behar, Edon Wong, Neil McIntosh, Susan Gibb (Director)*, Debbie Roberts (Exective Sponser)*, Angela Reynolds

***Team members transitioning to our permanent team**