

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Guidance for the LTC & RH Sectors (Version 1.0: April 16, 2020)

PPE Escalation Process (Applicable for both the LTC and RH sectors)

Once you have ascertained that, despite stewardship and conservation efforts, you have a supply shortage take the following steps:

Step 1

- Work with your regular supplier to determine when you will get regular shipments of PPE and equipment

Step 2

- Work with other local health care providers to determine if others in your local area have supplies they can provide to you

Step 3

- 3a. Complete the Equipment Request Escalation Form to escalate your request to your Regional Table Lead (see list of leads below)
- 3b. Notify the MLTC Inspector assigned to your home that you have escalated your request to the Regional Table Lead (for LTC Homes)

[Click Here for Form](#)

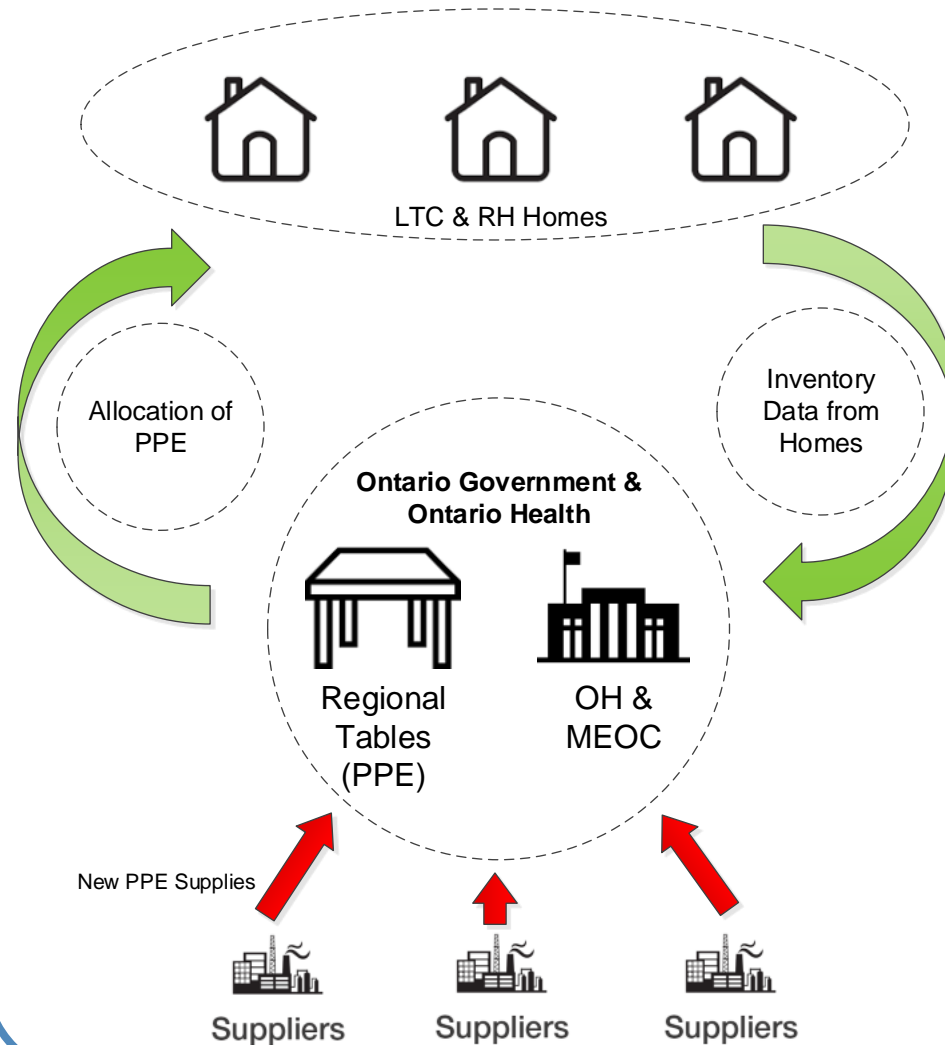
Step 4

- If steps 1-3 are not successful, the Regional Table Lead will escalate your request to the Ministry Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC)
- Homes will be notified that their request has been received and is being processed. The MEOC is working to respond to requests within 24 hours.

PPE Survey

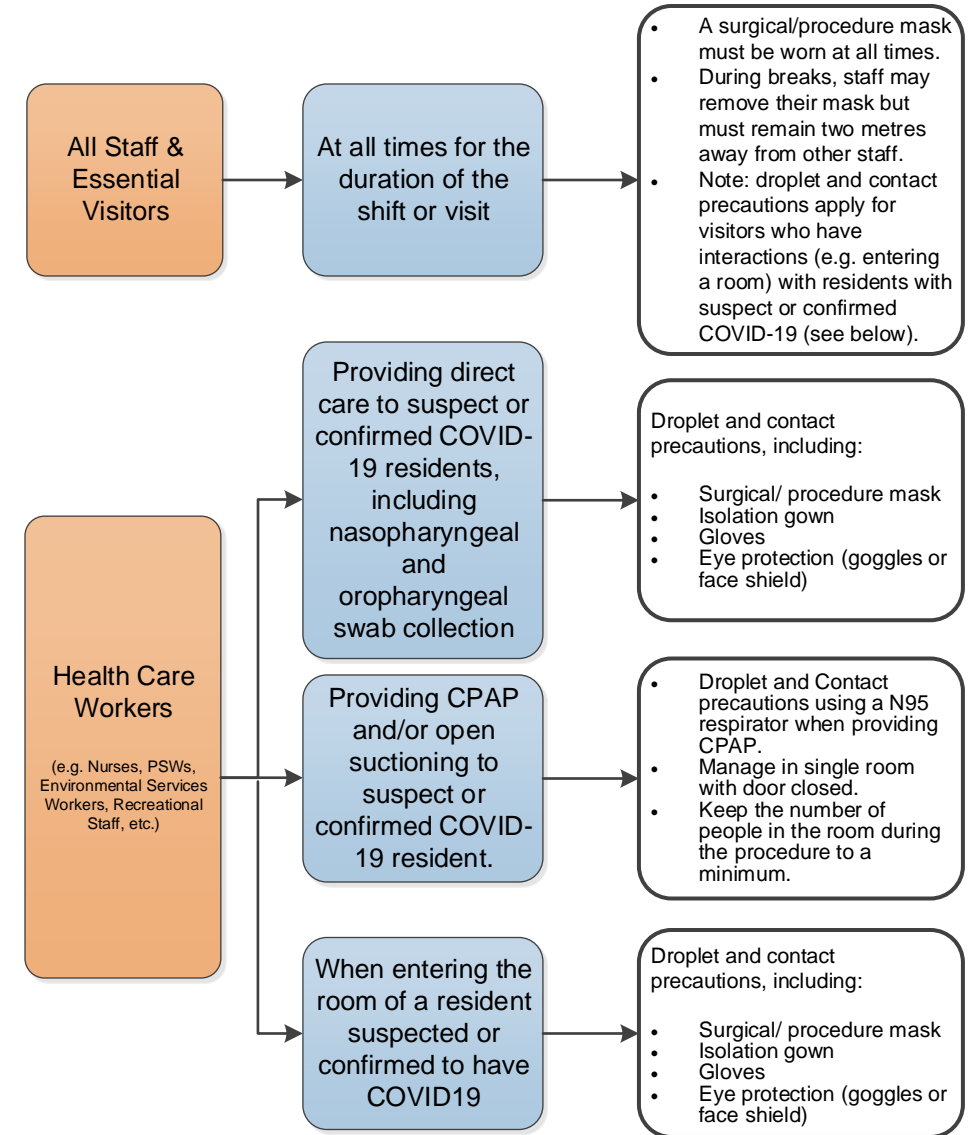
Health Service Providers across Ontario are contributing data on their PPE inventories, creating a provincial view of where supplies are available, and where they are urgently needed.

This information will be used to inform Ontario Health and regional tables in their support for health service providers, will allow us to react quickly in case of a local outbreak, and will empower the government to aggressively pursue new PPE supplies in a constricted global supply chain.



Guidance on the Use of PPE in LTC and RH Homes

Health Care Workers perform a point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) before every resident interaction, which helps to determine the correct PPE to be used. The guidance below represents minimum expectations.



Reference Resources: IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19 (as of April 6, 2020); Directives # 1, 3, and 5 (issued by the Ontario CMOH on March 30, 2020, April 15, 2020, and April 10, 2020, respectively); and Guidance for Mask Use in LTC Homes and Retirement Homes (issued by the Ministry of Health as of April 15, 2020)

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