



Ontario Health West COVID-19 Regional Allocation Committee (RAC)

What is the RAC?

The Ontario Health West COVID-19 Regional Allocation Committee (RAC) was created to support the sudden change to the supply and demand of PPE within the West Region. It is comprised of health care and supply chain professionals from several health sectors and geographical areas across the West Region who formally meet three times per week. Its role is to develop conservation and allocation frameworks that ensure the sustainability of the supply chain, and the consistent and fair distribution of PPE received from the provincial pandemic stockpile.

Who are the members of the RAC?

The RAC consists of two co-chairs and 20 members. Membership, including clinical and non-clinical professionals, comes from across the entire West Region and represents many sectors and areas of expertise:

- Hospital
- Long-term care
- Retirement home
- Primary care
- Community (non-acute) providers
- Indigenous health
- Supply chain
- Infection prevention and control
- Ethics
- Occupational health and safety

How is the allocation of urgent PPE determined?

The RAC's allocation framework is based on supplies received from the provincial stockpile to address urgent requests for PPE, and informed by daily usage trends and conservation strategies. This framework is updated as supply and demand changes in the region, and varies by type (e.g. mask, gloves).

Is the RAC responsible to make decisions regarding PPE allocation within a specific organization (e.g a hospital, community provider)?

No, the RAC only makes decisions related to the distribution of PPE from the provincial pipeline, intended for urgent requests related to COVID-19. This does not affect pre-existing local relationships between providers and their traditional suppliers.

What is the RAC's role in the Urgent Request process?

All PPE received from the provincial stockpile is distributed by West Region supply chain organizations in accordance with the RAC's allocation framework. The RAC is responsible for determining the allocation formulas and eligibility criteria to ensure all supply chain organizations and area hubs are consistently and ethically distributing PPE to providers who have submitted an urgent request.

For example, the RAC has established that the term "urgent" means a provider has 7 days or less of PPE on-hand.

Do you have questions about the PPE allocation you've received or suggestions to help guide updates to the allocation framework?

You can learn more about the RAC, supply chain and other PPE information related to COVID-19 by visiting [HMMSCovid19.ca](https://hmmscovid19.ca). For any additional questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact HMMSCOVID19@hmms.on.ca.

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