

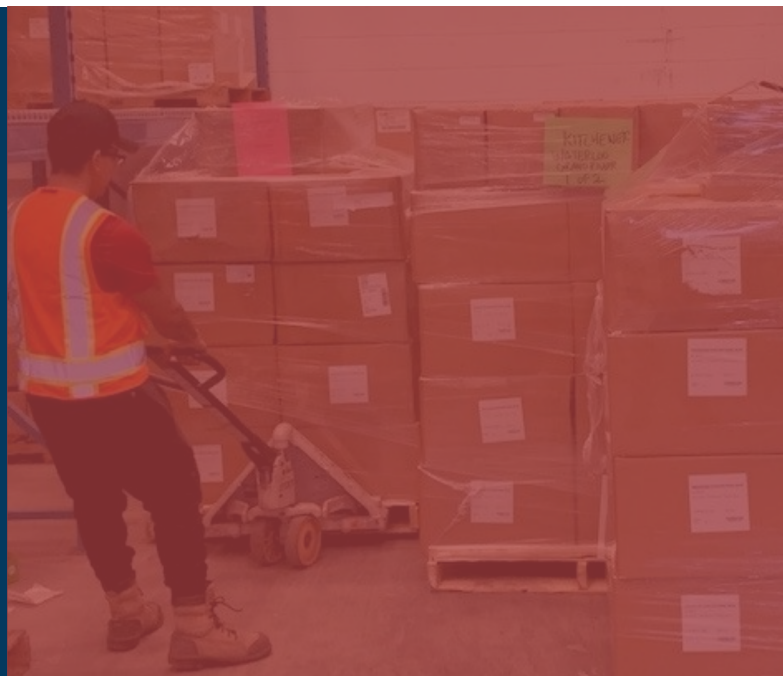
REGIONAL COVID-19 PORTAL



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WEEKLY UPDATE

PPE supply in the Ontario Health
West Region during COVID-19



Weekly Call to Action

- Visit HMMSCovid19.ca daily to make orders and stay informed
- Let your colleagues know gowns and N95 masks remain a challenge to procure
- Conservation strategies must be maintained to ensure the sustainability of supply

Updated Order Form

Thank you to all providers for using the [online order form](#) to submit urgent requests for PPE. Based on feedback from providers and hub operators, we have made some changes to improve the experience and get PPE in the hands of those who need it as soon as possible.

Allocation Committee

The Ontario Health West COVID-19 Regional Allocation Committee (RAC) provides direction for the distribution of PPE received through the provincial pipeline to ensure consistency and promote conservation. Read the [Terms of Reference](#) to learn more about the RAC.



More Products Received

The Ontario Health West Region has received a third shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the province. This allocation consists of the following:

- Disinfectant Wipes – 700,000+
- Gloves – 4,100,000+
- Level 1 Gowns – 200,000
- Level 2 Surgical Masks – 140,000

To learn more about this shipment including which sectors have access to this PPE, visit HMMSCovid19.ca.



Gown Procurement and Conservation

A low supply of level 2 isolation gowns continues to be a challenge for many organizations across the West Region. Please be assured that supply chain partners are exploring new leads to procure these gowns, while continuing discussions with the province around securing this form of PPE.

It is important to continue practicing conservation strategies to ensure level 2 gowns remain available while these efforts are being made.



We need to work as a team to support those in need of urgent PPE.



Good News

Here are some good news stories about the innovation and collaboration happening between supply chain and health system partners in the Ontario Health West Region:

Ontario's West Region Develops Coordinated System to Address Urgent PPE Needs in Real-Time

<https://www.oha.com/news/ontario%E2%80%99s-west-region-develops-coordinated-system-to-address-urgent-ppe-needs-in-real-time>

TransForm expands scope to source PPE for broader health-care sector in region

<https://www.chathamdailynews.ca/news/local-news/transform-expands-scope-to-source-ppe-for-broader-healthcare-sector-in-region>

Resources

Optimizing the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Ontario Health)

<https://www.hpph.ca/en/health-matters/resources/Documents/Coronavirus/Optimizing-PPE-COVID19.pdf>

Ontario's COVID-19 website

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>



Stay up-to-date with information and submit urgent requests for PPE at HMMSCovid19.ca.