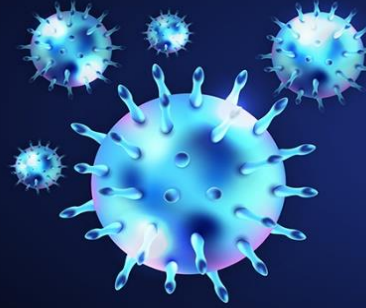


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HDS CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 BULLETIN

PROVINCE TO ESTABLISH CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT OF PPE

Good news: the provincial government is working with suppliers to ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is in place for Ontario hospitals. PPE inventories will be managed centrally and hospitals will order PPE from a centralized hub in order to ensure that all hospital's needs are addressed.

On Sunday, March 29, a joint statement was issued by Anthony Dale, President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association (OH) and Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (MOH):

“From the beginning of the outbreak of COVID-19, the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Hospital Association have been working to prepare for the challenges this pandemic will present. We are in full agreement that the health and safety of frontline workers is paramount.

Recognizing increasing demand and use, the province is overcoming the challenges presented by a strained global supply chain by:

- Securing more personal protective equipment.
- Carefully managing the supply of personal protective equipment, including masks, that we do have until new supplies arrive.
- Having Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, issue and continually review directives on the proper use of PPE to ensure that Ontario is a good steward of supply.

The Government of Ontario and Ontario hospitals are dedicating every resource needed to ensure that health care workers have what they need to serve our grateful province.

Health care workers are on the front lines of this pandemic, caring for patients and preparing to support future patients requiring admission to acute care. The province and Ontario's hospitals are eternally grateful for their professionalism and commitment to the service and care of others.”

PPE DONATIONS

Thanks to the HDS Foundation and their callout to the community, we have received some mask donations.

Every donation makes a difference.

If you know of any organization who is able to donate PPE or other supplies, please connect them with the HDS Foundation's Executive Director: tracy.geoffroy@hoteldieushaver.org

WORKING AT MORE THAN ONE FACILITY

Currently we are maintaining usual practices when it comes to staff that work here and at another facility:

- Our directions are the same regarding staff that work in an outbreak unit. Several nursing homes are in outbreak for a variety of reasons. If you work at an organization that is in outbreak, you cannot continue to work here and need to let your manager know. This is our regular process during outbreaks.
- Also, if you are working on a unit with an another organization that is taking care of positive COVID-19 patients we are taking the extra precautionary measure by asking that you do not continue to work here, and to inform your manager of the situation.

SCREENING CONTINUES AT TWO ENTRANCES

Clarification about screening entrances, which applies to [all](#) staff and physicians who enter our facilities:

- Screening will remain in operation from 7:45 – 10 a.m. Monday to Friday in the Outpatient building (rehab side).
- Screening will remain in operation from 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. each day in the Inpatient building.
- For those who are in possession of FOBs or entry cards, please only enter the Outpatient building from 7:45 – 10 a.m. to ensure proper screening.
- Do not use your FOB or card at other times, because this adds a health risk to your entry.
- For those who have been entering the Inpatient building, please continue to do so.
- For others who have been entering through the Outpatient building, you must enter through the Inpatient building if arriving prior to 7:45 a.m. or after 10 a.m.

Thanks for doing your part to keep each other and our patients safe.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Some other reference material:

- [Niagara Region Public Health](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada information on Coronaviruses](#)
- [Government of Ontario - Wuhan Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

OUR COMMITMENT

- We continue to be deeply committed to keeping our patients and each other safe.
- We continue to monitor this ever-changing situation with our health partners, adding necessary precautions as appropriate. Much like our health partners, we are acting on the best advice of the Province's Chief Medical Officer of Health and other leading public health officials.
- Thanks for your ongoing co-operation and tireless dedication.

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