



Updated Pandemic Stockpile Guidelines

The Ministry of Health has released an addendum to the [COVID-19 Guidance: Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Health Care Workers and Entities](#). The new [Addendum: Guidelines for Pandemic Stockpile Use](#) includes an Ethical Allocation Framework identifying criteria to help determine priority for available PPE supply in the event of scarcity during a COVID-19 response.

It also includes information and guidelines for health care providers and entities on stockpiling, inventory management practices, accessing needed PPE from the emergency stockpile and the Ethical Allocation Framework. The prioritization of allocation occurs by balancing Critical Societal Functions, Essential Work Function, the Risk of Exposure, Vulnerability of a Population and Urgent Need.

Eligibility for access to the stockpile

- Primary Care Providers including Midwifery Practices
- Community-based Physician Specialists
- Dental Care Providers
- Indigenous Communities and Indigenous Providers
- Community Health Service Providers including but not limited to:
 - Consumption and Treatment Services
 - Hospice Care
 - Community Mental Health and Addictions Agencies, including residential programs
 - Community Support Service Agencies
 - Non-Municipal Seniors and supportive housing providers
 - Homes for Special Care
 - Independent Health Facilities
 - Respiratory Therapists
- Hospitals
- Long Term Care and Retirement Homes
- Home Care Service Provider Organizations (SPO)
- Ambulance/EMS/First Responders
- Community Pharmacies

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