

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #70 – COVID-19 – IPC Guidance on PPE in a Shortage – Sep 10 2020

IPC Guidance on PPE in a shortage

New Brunswick, like all jurisdictions, is taking all steps necessary to ensure the province and its residents are prepared to respond to COVID-19, and future pandemics.

The *NB Guide to Managing Personal Protective Equipment in a Shortage: COVID-19*, is designed to help determine what type of PPE be provided during pandemics if demand for overwhelms supply. This guide applies to people working in or visiting health-care settings, or working with vulnerable persons.

The ID-IPC COVID-19 Committee received permission for the New Brunswick Pandemic Task Force to adapt the guidance document and develop Horizon's operational plan. [The Infection Prevention & Control Guide to Managing Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) in a shortage: COVID-19 Pandemic and Appendix I: Horizon PPE Conservation Strategies for Healthcare Facilities \(All Phases\)](#) is posted under the Coronavirus page on [Skyline](#).

The NB guidance document was developed through a collaborative effort involving ethicists, administrators, clinical health care providers, procurement experts and regulators from the following organizations:

- Department of Health
- Vitalité Health Network
- Horizon Health Network
- EMP/ANB Inc.
- Department of Social Development
- WorkSafeNB
- Service New Brunswick

The Pandemic Task Force is regularly briefed about the status of New Brunswick's PPE, recommendations of recognized national and international authorities, and any significant events that may occur during the pandemic with respect to PPE. Subsequent revisions of this document may be required as the scientific and medical community's understanding of COVID-19 evolves.