

RE: Follow-up to March 25 CDM teleconference / Suivi de la téléconférence CDM du 25 mars

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Hi Deputy,

My understanding is that they embedded that latest guidance in the updated version of this document for workplaces. The added section is below:

Risk mitigation (including personal protective equipment)

Risk of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can be mitigated using multiple strategies in combination. The first strategy is to avoid situations and people that pose a risk, by having people stay home when ill and maintaining a 2 metre distance from others. When it's not possible to avoid contact with others, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are very important to reduce spread. Personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks and gloves, can be used in certain situations to protect people from infectious diseases. PPE is used on the advice of an organization's occupational health and safety office and is based on a risk assessment that considers both the risk associated with a specific task/activity as well as the characteristics of the source of the infection (e.g. a sick person or a contaminated environment). **The use of respirators (e.g. N-95 respirators) are not recommended**, except in healthcare settings when particular high risk procedures are being performed or in other industries when respirators are routinely used. Workers who are exposed to people who are ill with respiratory symptoms, such as coughing and sneezing, may use face masks and eye protection **if the nature of their work warrants it**. Gloves are only recommended when workers will be in direct contact with an ill person, or a contaminated object or environment. PPE must be used correctly to prevent contamination when taking it on and off; hand washing remains critical even when using PPE. Training on the use of PPE should be provided.

Practicing frequent and thorough hand hygiene (washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer), as well as not touching one's face, are the best ways to prevent infection. Those who are ill should stay home from work, and should always practice respiratory etiquette, by coughing into their arm or a tissue.

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Thanks - I was looking for the PHAC guidance on non-medical use of PPE for essential services

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On Mar 28, 2020, at 10:41 PM, Weber, Kendal (HC/SC) <kendal.weber@canada.ca> wrote:

Below is the link to the guidance.

On Mar 28, 2020, at 6:10 PM, Carter, Luke (HC/SC) <luke.carter@canada.ca> wrote:

Please see message send to PT DMs below which included the following link.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html>

This guidance covers non-medical use of N95 masks.

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Colleagues,

As a follow-up to our call today, for your information we are sharing a link to the Health Canada guidance on [optimizing the use of masks and respirators during the COVID-19 outbreak](#). This includes:

- guidance on the use of expired N95 respirators and masks; and
- guidance on the use of commercial-grade respirators for medical purposes.

In addition, we are re-circulating the draft guidance on risk-informed decision making for workplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic that includes PPE for non-medical settings. These are expected to go live shortly and will replace the [existing guidance](#) online.

Finally, please confirm if your LAC member is your single window contact for all issues related to PPE procurement. If not, please provide your jurisdiction's contact information to the LAC account phac.phisc.secretariat-secretariat.du.cdasp.aspc@canada.ca and copy the FPT Secretariat account hc.fpt.hsc.secretariat-csss.sc@canada.ca

Regards,

FPT Secretariat

Chers collègues,

Pour suivre notre appel aujourd'hui, veuillez trouver le lien des lignes directrices sur [l'optimisation l'utilisation des masques et des respirateurs lors de l'épidémie de la COVID-19](#) qui a publié par Santé. Ceci comprend:

- des conseils sur l'utilisation des masques et respirateurs N95 expirés; et
- des conseils sur l'utilisation d'appareils respiratoires de qualité commerciale à des fins médicales.

De plus, nous renvoyons l'ébauche des lignes directrices relatives à la prise de décisions fondées sur les risques pour les lieux de travail et les entreprises pendant la pandémie de COVID-19 qui inclus l'EPI pour les milieux non médicaux (disponible en anglais seulement maintenant). Ceux-ci devraient être mise en ligne sous peu et mettront à jour les [lignes directrices existantes](#) en ligne.

Enfin, veuillez confirmer si votre membre du Comité Consultatif Logistique FPT est votre contact à guichet unique pour toutes les questions liées à l'approvisionnement en PPE. Si ce n'est pas le cas, veuillez fournir les coordonnées de votre juridiction au compte de BAC phac.phisc.secretariat-secretariat.du.cdasp.aspc@canada.ca et copier le compte du Secrétariat FPT hc.fpt.hsc.secretariat-csss.sc@canada.ca

Merci,

Le secrétariat FPT