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PPE Update for Community Physicians

PPE for Routine Office Use

During the past 24 hours, the NLMA has had constructive discussions with the Department with regard to PPE for community-based physicians.

The provincial government has asked the NLMA to provide an estimate of total PPE requirements in community physician practices to determine whether the RHA inventory can support this demand.

Later today, NLMA will send you a link to a form where your practice can provide an estimate of how much PPE the physicians and staff in your practice will require per week. Please ensure that only one form is submitted on behalf of all physicians and staff in your practice. Forms are due by **end of day Thursday, May 14th**. NLMA will share this estimate with the Department on Friday.

Please look for the form in your inbox later today. We will continue to provide you with updates as this situation unfolds. Please remember, this form will initially be used for data collection, but it will then be used as an order from your practice if access to the provincial inventory is approved.

We recognize that some practices may wish to continue using existing suppliers of PPE and may choose not to participate in this process.

Emergency Kits

At present, community-based physicians can continue to [call to receive or replenish](#) three emergency PPE kits from the RHAs.

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