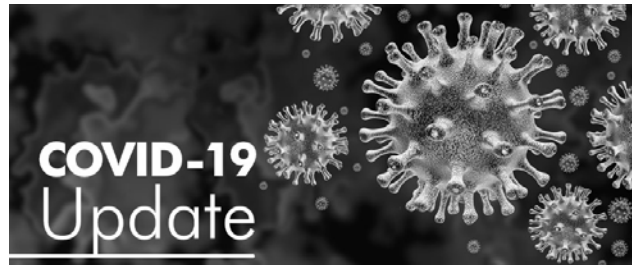


PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



DATE: April 7th, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update #20

Today's Take-Aways:

- As promised, below you will find an up-to-date list of our pandemic supply inventory. You will note that we continue to experience a shortage of surgical/procedure masks and we are working to secure additional inventory. In the meantime, we will all need to be mindful to use the supply we have appropriately. This list will be shared on a regular basis so everyone has an understanding of the supply situation.

Pembroke Regional Hospital Pandemic Supply Inventory

06-Apr-20

<i>Items targeted during Pandemic</i>	Total Stock
Hand Sanitizer 500ml	86
Hand Sanitizer 1000ml	98
N95 Respirators 8110s 3% of staff fit tested	267
N95 Respirators 1870+ 50% of staff fit tested	830
N95 Respirators 1860S 37% of staff fit tested	2,009
N95 Respirators 9210+	180
N95 Respirators 8210 2% usage	998
N95 Respirators 1860 4% usage	126
Gowns isolation (Level 2 XLg Yellow)	3,876
Latex-Free Gloves Small - each (vinyl) 13.6%	57,600
Latex-Free Gloves Medium - each (vinyl) 48.3%	65,850
Latex-Free Gloves Large - each (vinyl) 36.1%	77,850
Latex-Free Gloves X-Large - each (vinyl) 1.9%	3,840
Safety glasses	1,493
Disinfecting Wipes (Accel)	112
Safety goggles (over glasses)	728
Mask isolation (ear loop no visor)	650
Mask isolation (with tie no visor)	1,600
Mask visor ear loop	2,350
Mask visor with tie	900
Mask procedure (ear loop no visor)	0
Full face shield with velcro strap	726
Nasopharyngeal Swab (EORLA)	0
goggles - vented	41
Shoe Cover	1,000
*Concerns about supply	

- As part of an effort to conserve PPE (personal protective equipment), staff are now being asked to place goggles, N95 masks, ear-looped surgical masks and face shields in designated containers located on the clinical units for eventual reprocessing.

- Today's video features Dr. Tom Hurley, Chief of Staff, who is speaking about mask usage both for health care staff and the public.

<https://youtu.be/9Or7VN3vNFo>

- Please note that a separate memo on Uniform Guidelines has been sent out with today's update. This memo is designed to address a number of questions that have been raised around work wear.
- As noted in yesterday's update, the hospital is waiving parking fees for staff and physicians this month. For those who pay for parking on a monthly basis and have already paid for April, this month's payment will be rolled forward to cover the parking fees for May.
- Staff log sheets to track those entering patient rooms are now posted outside all patient rooms. Staff are asked to please print their name and their "p" number for easy follow up should it be required.
- Until everyone is comfortable with the new Code Blue/Code Pink algorithms, frequent mock codes will be held, at least for the next couple of weeks. Staff will have a chance to review the new algorithm at safety huddles on each shift and will be encouraged to attend the mocks if their patient load permits.
- Over the next few weeks, the Clinical Educators will be running simulations of "Planned Intubation for probable or positive COVID patients". These will be held daily at 8 a.m. in the ICU. All health care providers are welcome to come and observe the new protocol, but they are specifically designed for those most likely to be involved with an intubation such as respiratory therapists, anesthesiologists, the ED physician group, and ED/ICU nurses.

Each exercise will include a walk through of processes developed specifically for planned intubations. This includes a pre-procedure huddle with team members, review of the appropriate PPE, a checklist review, review of the new intubation medication box, the new method of communication, and three various patient presentation scenarios with equipment needed for each followed by a practice intubation using the new protocols.

- In Renfrew County there have been ten laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one death to date. There have been 560 people tested, with 155 still under investigation. For the latest Renfrew County information on COVID-19, please visit www.rcdhu.com.
- In Ontario, as of today, there have been 4,726 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. There have been 153 deaths and 1,802 cases have been resolved. A total of 614 patients are hospitalized, 233 of those in ICU and 187 of those on ventilator. A total of 81,364 people have been tested and 691 remain under investigation. For up-to-date information on provincial COVID-19 statistics, please visit www.ontario.ca.

- For all COVID-19 related questions, please be sure to email them to **covid19questions@prh.email** rather than sending them directly to Infection Prevention and Control. Before you send a question, check the Staff Resources section of our website (pembrokeregionalhospital.ca) to see if the question you are asking has already been asked and answered. Questions and answers are posted and organized by date.

Need information, assistance or have suggestions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Infection Prevention and Control at extension 7106 or Occupational Health and Safety at extension 7202 or your immediate supervisor.

If you have any suggestions on COVID-19 preparation, please bring these forward at your huddles or to your supervisor.

Recognizing the stress and anxiety that a situation like this can bring about, we remind you that our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has experts available to help by calling 1-844-880-9142 or visiting their website at www.worklifehealth.com.

Mental health workers are now offering free therapy to Ontario's frontline COVID-19 staff. For more information visit <https://covid19therapists.com/>.