



The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Bulletin has been created to provide ongoing direction to health-care providers regarding the recommended guidelines, processes and provincial supply of PPE. If you have any questions about PPE please call the OHS Hotline at 1-833-233-4403 or email OHS_Healthcareworkers_COVID19@saskhealthauthority.ca

Expanded masking and discontinuation of cloth masks:

The health care workforce, patients, clients, residents and support people are required to wear a medical mask at all times inside any SHA building and facility, unless eating and/or drinking. This includes public/common areas (e.g., elevators, hallways, lobbies, cafeterias/food court areas), meeting rooms and break rooms.

Cloth masks are not approved for use in SHA operated facilities. The rationale behind this change in recommendation has been made as a result of Public Health Agency of Canada guidance on the material, structure and fit of non-medical (cloth) masks. We know the range of styles, materials and design of cloth masks vary significantly as does their performance. As such, it is difficult to ensure that the cloth masks worn in our health care facilities will meet these criteria.

The use of physical barriers (e.g., Plexiglas) is not a substitute for continuous masking and the use of a face shield or clear face mask is not an acceptable alternative to wearing a medical mask.

In the event there is a discrepancy in the direction between the current Public Health Orders and the SHA guidelines, the health care workforce will be required to follow the stricter of the two.

More information re: continuous masking and frequently asked questions can be found on at the [Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website](#).

Uniforms and Scrubs Frequently Asked Questions:

During clinical assessment with suspect and confirmed COVID – 19 patients, physicians and staff must use Droplet/Contact Plus precautions and wear the appropriate PPE which includes gowns, gloves, procedure/surgical mask and eye protection/face shield. Hospital issued scrubs are not required.

For more detailed information about SHA issued scrubs, refer to this [knowledge document](#)

