

MEMO

Date: March 13, 2020
To: CEO Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
COO Manitoba Distribution Agency
From: Jay, Singh, Logistics Chief, Incident Command
CC: CEO Saint Boniface Hospital
COO Grace General Hospital
WRHA OESH Department
Director Material Management Department St. Boniface Hospital
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Re: COVID-19 – Supply Chain Management – N95 Respirators

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/>
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/coronavirus-resources/>

As previously communicated, across Manitoba's health system steps are being taken to ensure N95 respirators are available for the appropriate aerosol-generating medical procedures ([AGMPs](#)).

Manitoba's supply chain includes more than one brand of N95 respirator – some of which exist in significant quantities across regional health authorities and individual facilities. In order to optimize existing – and additional – resources, we will immediately begin to strategically assign and stock specific brands of supplies at your facility(ies).

Coordination of this change will be managed through Supply Chain and Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health (OESH).

N95 respirators branded Pleat Plus & Kimberly Clark will be made available in various sizes. Stable supplies of existing fit-tested N95 respirators will be available to ensure appropriate access for us in fit-testing, training and deployment for clinical use.

Fit testing will follow and will be prioritized for those individuals who will be performing or assisting with AGMPs.

Inventory will be mobilized from MDA to your facility between 03/13/2020 through 03/15/2020.

Surgical/Procedure masks continue to be available for use as per contact/droplet precautions.

With questions or concerns please feel free to contact Jay Singh at jsingh13@wrha.mb.ca.