

# COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

## Update: ARI Form, Face Coverings Evidence, Flu Shot Guidance, PPE Supplies

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*Please share with staff*

### ARI Form from Southwestern Public Health

- [Submit this form](#) to public health if a patient presents with symptoms, particularly if the patient is not pursuing a COVID-19 test.
- Different file formats are on the SWPCA website: <https://www.swpca.ca/EMRResource/>

### Evidence to Support Face Coverings

- [Public Health Ontario](#) and the [Lancet](#) have published evidence for face coverings.

### Flu Shot Guidance

- PHAC released its [Guidance for influenza vaccine delivery in the presence of COVID-19](#).
- It recommends immunizers consider alternative models of influenza vaccine delivery “with the goal of reducing crowding while maintaining or increasing vaccine uptake.”

### Urgent PPE Supplies

- Even if you have accessed the transitional PPE supply, you can still access the Urgent PPE Supply. Here is the ordering process:
  - Once you have ascertained that, despite stewardship and conservation efforts, attempting to source supplies locally through your regular suppliers and partnering amongst each other to secure supplies, you have an urgent supply shortage (7 days or less of PPE stock on-hand), we would ask that you do the following:
    - Submit a request by completing an [Urgent Pandemic Supply Request Form](#) and attach the [Agreement for Donated, Aged or Expired PPE](#), if applicable.
  - Areas hubs will fill requests based on the allocation framework and availability of provincial supplies and/or donations. They will communicate with providers regarding their ability to fill or partially fill the order or deny the order, supply pick-up/delivery details, and any need to further escalate. Area Hubs may escalate to regional leads and subsequently to the Ministry’s Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC) for fulfillment.