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## Use of Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE")

Sienna is following all provincial protocols to protect team members and vulnerable residents. The senior living sector is being disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the dedication and hard work of team members in this crisis is extraordinary. We have received a number of questions regarding the use of Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE")

We want to share the facts:

- PPE supply: In regards to availability, there has been a supply of PPE at all residences since prior to this this pandemic outbreak. Sienna does not anticipate any near-term shortages at this time and we are doing everything we can to procure an adequate supply of PPE for the duration of the pandemic and beyond.
- Adherence to CMHO directives: In early March 2020 Chief Medical Officer of Health ("CMHO") began to issue directives regarding COVID-19, the use of droplet and contact precautions for the routine care of residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, and airborne precautions when aerosol generating medical procedures.
- All Sienna residences adhere to the directives from the CMHO including:
  - wearing surgical masks at all times in every residence and using isolation protocols as directed by public health in cohorting and caring for residents that are COVID-19 positive;
  - using N-95 masks for COVID aerosol generating medical procedures with COVID-19 positive residents and when a regulated health professional deems it necessary as indicated by CMHO protocols.