

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & TRAINING TO PREVENT DISEASE TRANSMISSION

SUPPORTING FRONTLINE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND THOSE THEY SERVE IN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

Canadian organizations have never faced a challenge like COVID-19. This pandemic is unprecedented and affecting Canadian organizations and their staff and volunteers on every level and in every region of the country.



Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross has been on the ground supporting Canadians, which makes us uniquely placed to understand the needs of these organizations and to work with them to support their frontline personnel and service delivery to the most vulnerable.

To ensure that local community organizations can continue delivering vital services during this pandemic, the Canadian Red Cross is offering **FREE** Personal Protective Equipment & Training to Prevent Disease Transmission.

This program targets frontline workers responding to COVID-19 in low- to medium-risk environments, in support of their direct service delivery to those who are the most vulnerable to the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Specifically, this program supports the health and wellbeing of frontline workers by equipping them, for free, with critical personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks and gloves, and provides access to free self-directed online training on how to use this equipment to ensure their health and wellbeing.



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The free training provides the tools needed to help keep frontline volunteers and staff safe. It allows volunteers and staff to resume their duties feeling safe and confident in the infection prevention techniques they have learned.

For maximum time flexibility and to support organizations and their staff and volunteers in learning at a time and pace that best meets their needs, training is provided online and is self-directed.

What is covered in the Personal Protective Equipment & Training to Prevent Disease Transmission Program?

The course, which takes approximately 40 minutes to complete online, provides basic information for participants on the following topics:

- What is infection and how is it caused
- Infection transmission routes
- How to prevent infection and disease transmission
- Proper handwashing techniques
- Types of Personal Protective Equipment
- Proper donning, doffing and disposal protocols for PPE

What equipment can be provided?

Personal protective equipment is available to ensure the safety of frontline personnel. This includes one mask and two pairs of gloves per person, per day. Each organization that receives personal protective equipment will have an assortment of sizing options.

Canadian Red Cross is currently offering support for training and equipment as part of its Personal Protective Equipment & Training to Prevent Disease Transmission Program, thanks to funding from the Government of Canada led by Employment and Social Development Canada. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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