

Allocation of COVID-19 Supplies PPE and other goods to support B.C.'s Restart

- COVID-19 Supply Hub - Technical Briefing Session
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gov.bc.ca/Covid-19 | bccdc.ca | 1-888-COVID19

Symptom Self-Assessment:

covid19.thrive.health



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Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit

- On March 26, 2020, the Province established the Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit (PSCCU) to coordinate goods and services distribution; taking a more active role in coordinating essential goods and services, during COVID-19.
- Since that time, the PSCCU has been helping to secure personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical supplies for the health care system.

Supply & Demand - Challenges

- Supply chain disruptions and increased international demand, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have limited the availability of PPE and cleaning supplies in B.C.
- There have also been challenges with the quality of some PPE that has been imported to meet health sector demands.

Supply & Demand - Opportunities

- Domestic manufacturers and suppliers have started to increase production and distribution of PPE and cleaning supplies.
- BC Government, in partnership with Small Business BC, is working to list a number of those suppliers on the new PPE Marketplace found at <https://smallbusinessbc.ca/ppe/>

Supply Available

6-month inventory for broader public service and social sectors

- Now that critical supplies are stable for our front-line health care workers, the Province is starting to look outside the health care sector to other kinds of organizations that need PPE, such as first responders.
- This – **short term response** - is intended to **supplement, not replace, your existing supply sources**, as the province moves forward with BC Restart.
- And, we continue to encourage everyone to **use every effort to employ risk mitigation strategies** to reduce the need for these critical supplies, including:
- following appropriate use guidance from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control,
- Conserving PPE and using appropriate PPE alternatives, engineering approaches (e.g. plexiglass barriers), and/or reducing service levels, operational timing.

Products for Sale

- Masks
- Gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Bleach
- Industrial cleaners
- Disinfectant cleaners
- Wipes
- Gowns
- Goggles
- Face shields



Ordering Products – www.gov.bc.ca/supplyhub

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the British Columbia government website. It includes the B.C. logo, a search bar, and a menu icon. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Public Safety & Emergency Services > Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery > B.C.'s Response to COVID-19 >. The main heading is 'Request or Donate Supplies to Support B.C.'s COVID-19 Response'. Below this is a large yellow banner with the text 'Request or Donate Supplies' and an illustration of various supplies like masks, gloves, and disinfectant bottles. To the right of the banner is a sidebar with a blue header 'B.C.'s Response to COVID-19' and a red graphic with the URL 'gov.bc.ca/covid19'. The sidebar text reads: 'Learn about how government is supporting essential services for things like:' followed by a list: '• Housing & monthly bills', '• Child care', and '• Transportation'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a blue button labeled 'COVID-19 Provincial Support'. Below the banner, the text states: 'Eligible organizations can request to purchase supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning and disinfectant products from the B.C. government. Donations of priority products are also invited.' and 'Last updated: August 7, 2020'. Under the heading 'On this page:', there are two links: '• [Request to purchase supplies from government](#)' and '• [Donate priority supplies to government](#)'.

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Request or Donate Supplies to Support B.C.'s COVID-19 Response

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COVID-19 Provincial Support

Client Journey

Your site experience

[Request](#)

- **Step 1.** Client submits request for supplies
- **Step 2.** Government reviews each request to ensure supplies go to highest and best uses – like first responders, others at highest risk
- **Step 3.** Client receives confirmation of order and payment and delivery information
- **Step 4.** Backorder when supplies not currently available.
Client notified if/when backordered supplies become available

Prioritization Framework

- Allocate limited supplies to the highest and best uses
- Based on *BC Emergency Management System (BCEMS)* response goals and *COVID-19 Ethical Decision-making Framework*, i.e. first responders, public safety, and essential services supporting vulnerable populations
- Ability to mitigate risk

Questions?



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