

PAC PPE Distribution Tip Sheet

Based on survey responses from our post-acute providers, PPE as a continues to be an ongoing barrier to care delivery amidst the COVID crisis. In response, Northwestern Medicine will be implementing a temporary, needs-based PPE distribution program to support certain populations of patients discharging to a skilled nursing or custodial care facility. This program will run until Friday, May 8, 2020. Please note that as this is a needs-based program, it is not intended to replace existing pathways in place by local public health departments to distribute PPE.

Step 1- Identification of PPE need made by a facility at the time of discharge referral and / or placement.

Step 2- Confirm that the clinical scenario meets criteria for the PAC PPE program.

- COVID + / COVID recovered patients discharging to SNF level of care
- All patients, regardless of COVID status, discharging to custodial level of care

Step 3- Local discharge planning leadership to approve and facilitate distribution of requested PPE UP TO the max allotment per discharge:

- 1 box (#50) gowns
- 1 box (#100; 50 pair) gloves
- 1 box (#50) masks

The maximum allotment is based on estimated needs, with conservation techniques factored in, for an average patient and for approximately 7 days. If the quantity requested is less than the quantity provided in a box, the PPE can be placed in a plastic bag for distribution. **PLEASE HAVE STAFF ADVISE FACILITY THAT THE NM POST-ACUTE TEAM WILL BE REACHING OUT TO REQUEST DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING THE PROVISION OF PPE.** Please also instruct staff to set expectations with PAC providers that this is a *temporary* program only. Finally, encourage staff to refer receiving facility to NM PPE educational materials that were distributed by the NM Post-Acute Network team via email on April 23, 2020 (attached for reference).

Step 4- Tracking information to be emailed to the NM Post-Acute Network team (postacutenetwork@nm.org) using the attached template.

Please be sure to also cc: your local supply chain leader: Central Region – Michael Fons (michael.fons@nm.org) ; North Region – Luke Eber (luke.eber@nm.org); West Region – Jonathan Aggen (Jonathan.Aggen@nm.org); Northwest Region – Aaron Schmidt (aaron.schmidt@nm.org).



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Feel free to reach out to postacutenetwork@nm.org with any additional questions.