



## PROCEDURE: Access to the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpile by GPs for use for H1N1 Influenza 09

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| Applies To:         | General Practice Queensland, Divisions of GPs, GPs<br>Queensland Health SHECC-Logistics |
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| Review Officer:     | Manager Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control                                    |
| Authorised By:      | State Health Incident Controller  |

### 1. PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The purpose of this procedure is to provide direction for accessing stockpiled personal protective equipment (PPE) by General Practice (GPs) for use for H1N1 Influenza 09.

### 2. RATIONALE

Quantities of personal protective equipment (PPE) have been purchased by Department of Health and Ageing for use by General Practitioners providing direct care to people infected with or presenting with symptoms consistent with pandemic influenza as part of the *PROTECT* phase of the *Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza* (AHMPPI). This stockpile is the National Medical Stockpile (NMS).

#### **PPE stockpile**

The following items make up the National Medical Stockpile:

- P2 respirators
- surgical masks
- impermeable gowns
- gloves (mixed sizes)
- protective eyewear (disposable and non disposable)

### 3. PRINCIPLES FOR USE

- The NMS PPE is for use by General Practice staff who see patients with suspected or confirmed H1N1 Influenza 09.
- The NMS PPE must be used in accordance with the advice provided in the *PROTECT Phase annex* of the *Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza* (AHMPPI), found at [www.healthemergency.gov.au](http://www.healthemergency.gov.au)
- Each General Practice should purchase their own PPE stock while wholesale supply is available
- Only where there is a shortage in wholesale supply or where access is limited for specific areas, will Queensland Health provide GPs with the relevant PPE from the NMS

### 4. ACCESS TO NMS PPE STOCKPILE

- The General Practice provides advice to the local Division of General Practice of the type and quantity of PPE required and the rationale for requesting PPE from the NMS.
- The relevant General Practice making the request for PPE to be supplied from the NMS must ensure that the request is consistent with the recommendations for PPE usage in the PROTECT phase annex of the AHMPPI.
- The request is processed by the relevant Division of General Practice by email to [SHECC@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:SHECC@health.qld.gov.au) (attention: HEOC-Logistics) for review and approval where appropriate.
- The Division of General Practice to advise GPQ of request to access NMS PPE.
- Queensland Health HEOC-Logistics is responsible for:
  - reviewing the request and rationale
  - authorising supply
- Queensland Health HEOC-Logistics will place an order with Sales and Distribution Services (SDS), for delivery of the approved PPE to the requesting Division of General Practice.
- The relevant Division of General Practice will arrange delivery to the relevant GP practice.

### 5. MONITORING AND REPORTING OF STOCKPILE USAGE

HEOC-Logistics is responsible for:

- maintaining a register and monitoring PPE requests from Divisions of General Practice
- ensuring requests are in accordance with the PROTECT phase recommendations of the AHMPPI.
- monitoring the overall availability of the relevant stockpile products to GPs.
- Advising the Division of General Practice when the order has been processed.

- advising the State Health Incident Controller of any issues related to requests for NMS PPE stockpile by Divisions of General Practice.

## **6. REVIEW**

This procedure should be reviewed as required throughout the response to H1N1.

Signed on behalf of Queensland Health by:

State Health Incident Controller

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## Appendix 1 Process for accessing PPE by General Practices for use for H1N1 Influenza 09

