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## Local physician community asking for protective equipment donations

Your family doctors, nurse practitioners and midwives in the South Okanagan Similkameen are graciously accepting public donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to assist in their frontline battle against COVID-19.

Please do not drop off equipment at clinics or at the hospital. If your organization or business is willing to donate any unused equipment listed below, please email [ppedonations@sosdivision.ca](mailto:ppedonations@sosdivision.ca)

We are currently looking to acquire:

- Surgical or procedural masks or n95 masks
- Industrial dust masks
- Latex and non-latex gloves
- Safety glasses
- Safety goggles
- Face shields (with or without masks)
- Procedural gowns

“We’re very grateful for the support of our community, as we make our way through this challenging time,” says Dr. Tim Phillips, SOS Division of Family Practice physician lead.

Conflicting messages about a call out for protective equipment are circulating. We ask patients to please visit the SOS Division of Family Practice website (<https://www.divisionsbc.ca/south-okanagan-similkameen>) for more information, and for a daily memo from your local primary care provider community. For general information on COVID-19, please ensure you are accessing accurate information available on: HealthlinkBC, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and BC’s Ministry of Health pages.

**A reminder to patients looking to access care:** GPs and NPs in the South Okanagan Similkameen are here for you. If you are in need of non-emergency medical care, call your family medicine clinic to inquire about setting up a virtual appointment. If you do not have a GP/NP, call a local walk-in clinic. We all have a responsibility to comply with social distancing measures; It is very important that no patients ‘show up’ at any medical clinics without first calling ahead.

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