

Emergency Infection Kits for NPs

As part of its pandemic planning initiative, the [Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#) is offering eligible Nurse Practitioners (NPs) an emergency infection control kit.

The kits can be used to provide the first line of defence during a large-scale infectious disease outbreak, such as an influenza pandemic. It's designed particularly for settings that do not have everyday access to infection control supplies and equipment.

Each kit comes in a sealed box and contains 10 days of infection control equipment such as gowns, gloves and masks that can be used in an outbreak of a droplet-spread disease. The ministry recommends that all health care facilities and services maintain a one-month supply of personal protective equipment.

To receive a kit, an NP must:

- be in good standing with the College;
- practise in a setting that is not directly affiliated with or located in a hospital, long-term care facility, family health clinic or correctional facility; and
- practise in a setting that is not located in the same office with a physician who previously received a kit.

For more information, e-mail the Nurse Practitioner Association of Ontario at info@npao.org or call 416 593-9779 to request a password to log into www.health.gov.on.ca/login. You do not need to be an NPAO member to obtain a password.