

# PPE Safety Coach Community of Practice (CoP)

## Summary **May 25, 2022**

At the PPE Safety Coach CoP, knowledge and experience sharing amongst coaches is welcomed and encouraged. Coaches come together from across the province to discuss and learn from the experiences of others with the same professional interest.

This document summarizes key learnings shared with the coaches to help support the coaching process. Coaches are encouraged to review the key learnings (takeaways) from the sessions if they are unable to attend.

Topic	Summary & Key Learnings
PPE Safety Coach Acute Care Formative Evaluation Findings	<p>In the summer of 2021, we launched a survey in AHS settings to get a sense of if the Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program is meeting its intended function and to see if there are ways to improve the program and uptake.</p> <p>In addition to the survey, there were also opportunities for people to participate in interviews to share their experiences. A <a href="#">summary</a> (infographic) of the results was shared. PPE Safety Coaches are encouraged to share the infographic with their managers and colleagues.</p>
Point-of-care risk assessment and other tools to facilitate selection of PPE ( <a href="#">Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) Algorithm (albertahealthservices.ca)</a> )	<p>A point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) must be completed before every patient/client/resident interaction to determine PPE required by the healthcare worker. The PCRA includes considerations to the intended task, patient factors and the nature of the environment. It is important to consider the possibility of the presence of infectious organisms beyond COVID. Scenarios provided insight on using the PCRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Patient admitted with COVID; precautions discontinued due to discontinuation of precautions for COVID; patient had extensive rash; 4 days later diagnosis of Norwegian scabies (<a href="#">IPC Rash Symptom Assessment (albertahealthservices.ca)</a>)</li><li>▪ Patient admitted with respiratory symptoms; swabbed negative for COVID; physician diagnosis of TB (<a href="#">Respiratory Illness (Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions Algorithm) (albertahealthservices.ca)</a>)</li></ul>
Grant Funding	<p>In partnership with AHS Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care, reimbursement funding is available to support the rapid roll-out of the Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program at all contracted Long Term Care, DSL and Hospice sites in Alberta.</p> <p><b>All AHS-contracted long-term care (LTC), designated supportive living (DSL) and hospice sites in Alberta are eligible for funding, including AHS continuing care facilities.</b> Reimbursement is available for designates trained by the AHS Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program, and coaches trained by those designates from <b>November 2020 to August 2022.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For more information, visit the <a href="#">PPE Safety Coach Webpages</a></li></ul>
PPE Questions	<p>If you have any PPE fit concerns, contact your site's Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Advisor.</p> <p>If you have PPE supply questions or ordering concerns, contact your site's Contract Procurement &amp; Supply Management (CPSM) Lead.</p> <p>If you have general questions about PPE in Alberta, contact the <b>PPE Task Force</b>: <a href="mailto:ppe@ahs.ca">ppe@ahs.ca</a></p> <p>If you have questions about the <b>Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program</b>, contact us at <a href="mailto:ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca">ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca</a></p>
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