

# PPE Safety Coach Community of Practice (CoP)

## Summary March 12, 2021

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/Speaker	Summary
<i>Physician, Infectious Diseases, PPE Task Force Group Member</i>  <b>Topic:</b> Recognition of the integral role of PPE Safety Coaches	<p>Provided an overview of the PPE Task force and the importance of the PPE Safety Coach Program and discussed the formation of the PPE Safety Coach Program at the University Hospital and the integral role it has played throughout the pandemic response.</p> <p><b>Key learnings</b></p> <p>Guest speaker explained that although the PPE Safety Coach program is still in its infancy it has begun to address the following subjects for many healthcare professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education and consultation</li><li>• PPE breaches and staff safety</li><li>• Controlling and limiting transmission in outbreak environments</li><li>• Support for PPE fatigue</li><li>• Patient and designated support visitor safety</li><li>• Physician support for PPE use</li></ul>
<i>Manager, Beaver Lodge, Valleyview</i>  <b>Topic:</b> PPE Safety Coach: Success Story	<p><b>Practical Implementation of the PPE Safety Coach Program</b></p> <p>Discussed implementing the PPE Safety Coach Program at the start of an outbreak and the importance of education and coaching in controlling the outbreak.</p> <p><b>Key learnings</b></p> <p>Success of a PPE Safety Coach is influenced by leadership support and training and not individual credentials.</p>
<b>Role Play Scenarios</b> <i>Participants viewed 2 scenarios and where given the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback and support to each other</i>	<p><b>Key learnings</b></p> <p>As a PPE Safety Coach, mentoring peers or others in leadership roles can at times be challenging, some ways to help guide these conversations could be: to try practice being open, non-judgmental, and recognizing that they may not have had previous education regarding donning and doffing PPE.</p>
<b>PPE Questions</b>	<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 PPE Task Force: <a href="mailto:ppe@ahs.ca">ppe@ahs.ca</a></p> <p>If you have questions about the Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program, contact us at <a href="mailto:ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca">ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca</a></p>
<b>Next CoP</b>	Wednesday April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 1:45pm