



Q: What do I do if I am concerned about available personal protective equipment (PPE)?

A: LPNs have a professional obligation to persons receiving care to provide safe, effective, compassionate and ethical care. During times such as a pandemic, LPNs provide care using appropriate safety precautions in accordance with legislation and guidelines from governments and employers, and in keeping with best practices.

Everyone has the right to practice in a safe environment. When it comes to protecting yourself and others from communicable diseases it is important that you follow the best evidence and direction from experts when selecting the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the level of care you are providing.

If you have concerns that the required and appropriate PPE is not readily available for your use when providing required care, it is important to discuss your concerns with your employer. It is also important to remember, as you communicate with your team, that LPNs have a duty to *“collaborate with colleagues in a cooperative, constructive and respectful manner with the primary goal of providing safe, ethical and appropriate care to individuals, families and communities”*. *CCPNR Code of Ethics, Principle 4*

Seek out the right information, and ask the right questions, directed to the right person.