## Pembroke Regional Hospital Is Closely Managing Supplies and Looking for Donations

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PEMBROKE – The Pembroke Regional Hospital is working with health care facilities and hospitals in the region in order to ensure there will be enough supplies to deal with COVID-19 when they are needed most.

"Although there have been some limitations, we have still been able to get what is needed for our patients and staff," said PRH President and CEO Pierre Noel.

Mr. Noel said the province has assured hospitals that they will have the supplies they need when the time comes.

"We are also working with the regional Command Centre to carefully manage supplies and following the guidelines set out by our Chief Medical Officer of Health in terms of supply use, and we have an internal working group meeting daily to review supply needs and inventory."

Within the hospital, the supply distribution process has been changed to a "just in time" system which also allows for better monitoring of what is being used on a daily basis.

Given the current situation, Mr. Noel said the use of personal protective equipment has increased well beyond normal circumstances and as a result, the hospital is doing all it can to ensure that this increased demand can be met.

This includes reaching out to the community with a message to businesses or individuals who may have surplus unopened, and unexpired personal protective equipment, like masks and gloves that could be donated to PRH.

"In the last several days we have received many offers of support from businesses and people eager to help in any way they can during this pandemic. Many have offered services and others have offered or provided us with donated items that we may be able to use if faced with a supply shortage and for this we are very thankful," Mr. Noel said.

## Items needed are:

- hand sanitizer
- N95 masks
- surgical masks (with or without visors)
- latex-free gloves
- disinfectant wipes
- protective eyewear (shields, safety goggles)
- Level 2 isolation gowns

Those who may have these items available for donation are to asked to email <u>pr@prh.email</u> or call the Public Affairs and Communication office at (613) 732-2811 extension 6165 for instructions on where the items can be delivered.

"Our community always rallies around us when we need it the most and now is certainly one of those times," added Mr. Noel.

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