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**TO:** All Staff & Physicians

**FROM:** François Lemaire, Vice President Clinical & Support Services / Chief Nursing Executive 

**DATE:** March 18, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)  
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Directive

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We have received a directive from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, that Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Entities are to adopt droplet and contact precautions for the routine care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and airborne precautions (N95) when aerosol-generating procedures are performed.

We are aware that the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) is not in agreement with this recommendation however, the **Pembroke Regional Hospital (PRH)** and all other Hospitals are following recommendations provided by **Public Health Ontario (PHO)** and the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. According to PHO and WHO this directive will protect healthcare workers' health and safety.

We are in this together and believe and trust that you will be following the recommendations from Public Health Ontario and WHO.

If anything changes we will keep you informed. Thank you again for your commitment.