

THE IFRC PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) PROJECT

The Individualized Funding Resource Centre (IFRC) Society has entered into a partnership with GEORIS to provide additional Canadian resources for medical grade personal protection equipment for CSIL and CLBC employers at comparative pricing.

The IFRC Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Project's first mandate was to learn what PPE a CSIL and a CLBC Employer needs to stay healthy and minimize possible exposure to COVID-19. The second mandate was to source certified and safe PPE and deliver it to CSIL and CLBC employers.

Most personal support workers fall under two categories - close and social distanced.

- There are two basic scenarios:
 - » Workers either carry out their duties close to you for the majority of their shift or
 - » They can remain social distanced (2m) from you and others during most of their shift.
- These scenarios require different PPE.
 - » If a person is in your home and staying 2 meters away most of the time, they could wear a simple or Non-Medical Mask.
 - » If they are providing personal care or assistance which requires them to work closely to you they should be wearing Certified or Real Medical Mask.
- These masks will have an ASTM rating on the Box.

The WorkSafe BC and the Provincial Health Officer requirements for a safe workplace for you and your employees was thoroughly reviewed to determine which masks would work best for CSIL and CLBC employers.

- There are different grades and the levels of PPE
- Health Canada uses a system called ASTM Standards for Medical Equipment to rate masks, shields and other PPE.

CSIL and CLBC employers require a way to purchase and have the correct PPE delivered to their home at reasonable cost and in quantities they can afford.

The IFRC has secured the logistics of purchasing the items, warehousing them, managing the orders and delivering the products to CSIL and CLBC employers.

- Access to the purchasing site can be found at: www.ifrcsociety.org under the PPE category tab on the home page.
- Supplies are limited and may not always be available
- More information on the WorkSafe BC requirements and the ASTM product standards are on the Home Page with links for more details.

**CSIL Employers are reminded that the purchase of PPE is an allowable expense under the CSIL Expense Guidelines.*

*** You must be a qualified CSIL or CLBC employer to purchase from this site.*