

MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Directors
Deputy Regional Directors
Superintendents

FROM: Daryl Pitfield
Executive Director

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: **Issuing of Cloth Masks to Inmates on Release**

As an added effort to proactively ensure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) resources for our institutions and promote personal safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, cloth masks are being produced by Trilcor.

Cloth masks are being produced as an 'emergency supply' for our institutions and effective immediately, will also be provided to inmates on release as a personal protective tool.

Non-symptomatic and non-medically isolated inmates will be provided with one (1) cloth mask at the time of their release and are to be notified that:

- The cloth mask is to help protect them in the community for short-term, close-contact activities (e.g. while on public transit or grocery shopping)
- The cloth mask should be donned by touching the ear loops and not the mask
- The cloth mask should be washed after use, whenever possible
- They should practice physical distancing and proper hygiene practices, such as hand-washing and not touching their face

Inmates who are released to the community from medical isolation are to be released with one (1) additional surgical/procedure mask, per current protocols.

We are committed to continuing to implement proactive measures to improve the safety of employees and inmates while responsibly maintaining an adequate supply of PPE in our institutions.

Thank you once again for your continued commitment to the front-line fight against COVID-19 and your ongoing efforts to protect the citizens of Ontario.

Sincerely,



Daryl Pitfield

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