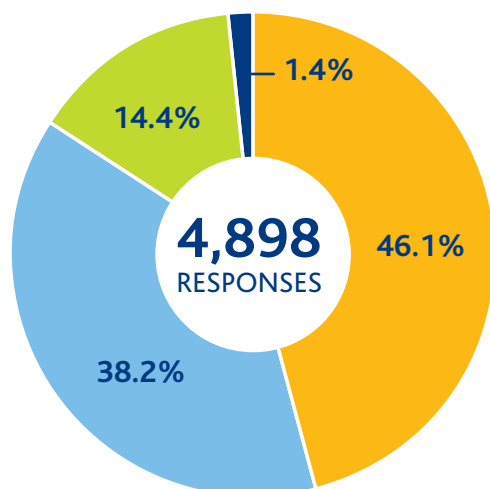


CMA Rapid Poll on the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment



Overall

The survey was conducted between Mar. 30-31, 2020.

In less than 48 hours, the survey garnered **4,898 responses** from CMA physician members. There was an almost even split between community (48.2%) and hospital-based (51.8%) physicians.

- 46.1% of respondents practise family medicine,
- while others are from a medical specialty (38.2%),
- surgical specialty (14.4%)
- or laboratory specialty (1.4%).

Most respondents (70.5%) live in large urban populations.

Key results

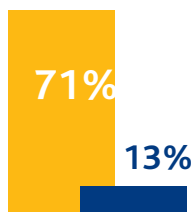
Generally, one in five physicians indicated they will run out of respirators (20%), eyeshields/faceshields (23%), and goggles/glasses (21%) in **TWO DAYS OR FEWER** if new stock is not procured or have already run out.



Gloves (34%) and surgical masks (20%) are most likely to last more than **10 DAYS** compared to other supply.



For physicians who work in community care, **THE MAJORITY (71%) HAVE ORDERED SUPPLIES** in the past month, but only 13% indicated that their most recent order **HAD ARRIVED** or was en route. Few of those awaiting supplies knew of alternative government sources of supply (11%).



ROUGHLY THREE QUARTERS of those who work primarily in a hospital (where COVID-19 cases are being directed) don't know the status of their stock of supplies compared to about **ONE IN FIVE** of those who primarily work in a community.



Regional differences

Physicians in NB and NL were more likely to indicate that **CRITICAL PPE SUPPLIES WILL RUN OUT** in two days or fewer if new stock is not procured or have already run out.



A third of physicians in NB have a supply to last two days or fewer of respirators (35%), eyeshields/faceshields (35%), goggles/glasses (35%) and gowns (32%).



About a quarter of physicians in NL said the same regarding respirators (22%), eyeshields/faceshields (24%) and goggles/glasses (27%). Also, one in five (20%) indicated having a two or fewer days' supply of gowns.

Of those who ordered supplies in the past month, **ONE IN FIVE PHYSICIANS (20%)** in MB and AB indicated they'd received the order or confirmation it was en route, making them the most likely physicians in Canada to say so.

Just 2% of those who ordered supplies in NS were able to confirm the supplies were received or en route.