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.