



Memorandum

Ministry of Health

Cliff # 1181580

Date: November 17, 2020

To: Midwives Association of British Columbia

Re: Personal Protective Equipment and Critical Supplies for Midwives

We thank midwives for your ongoing work to provide the best primary maternity, reproductive and newborn care for British Columbians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

With COVID-19 and the increased number of home births, we know that reliable access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical supplies is vital to safeguard your health and that of your patients. As such, the Ministry of Health is extending the distribution of PPE and critical supplies to midwives at no cost for both clinic work and home births through the Home Birth Supplies Program until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Please note that you will also be able to obtain medical masks at no charge through the Home Birth Supplies Program to comply with the recently updated [mask use policy in health-care settings](#) for all your clinical work.

We appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we work together to overcome the challenges of COVID-19. We are committed to keeping you informed and will continue to share key updates to support you during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

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