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MHA statement on protecting front-line health care professionals

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Minnesota's hospitals and health systems continue to take actions to keep our health care team members healthy and available to respond to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 patients who need our care. Our success in caring for patients in our hospitals and in our systems depends on our nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists, environmental services workers and the whole care team feeling supported. Hospital leaders are in constant communication with their front-line caregivers about personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and updated guidelines coming out from national and state health agencies.

Minnesota's hospitals and health systems continue to be concerned about supply shortages overall and the need to protect our front-line workers. Individual hospitals and health systems are closely monitoring their PPE use for COVID-19 patients under their care now, under a surge or hot spot and the increased use of PPE as additional procedures for other patients increase. In keeping with national and state guidelines, we will continue to have to practice conservation to protect workers and at the same time provide care to all patients. Minnesota's hospitals and health systems are following [MDH](#) and [CDC](#) guidance for the conservation and extended use of PPE. We know the state of Minnesota is working hard to acquire additional supplies and to improve the supply chain.

Our top priority remains having the spaces, staff and supplies necessary in our hospitals and health systems to continue to provide high-quality care to all of our patients and fully support our care team members. We urge Minnesotans to continue to practice diligent social distancing in public and to stay at home whenever possible to protect their and their families' health and reduce the spread of infection to vulnerable populations in our state.

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