## Detailed guidance for the provision of PPE from the central supply

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| **Category** | **Service** | **Criteria** | **Guidance** | **Assessment** |
| **A** | Critical essential services – Tertiary & Secondary services | PPE is a legislative or mandatory requirement for BAU work | Includes DHB tertiary & secondary healthcare services, diagnostic services, select non-health border services (Customs, managed isolation facilities and managed isolation quarantine facilities).  Orders must be supported with appropriate usage and forecast information. | Full supply of PPE at all Alert Levels (via DHBs\*). |
| **B** | Essential community health services that are publicly funded | Providing services into homes and unable to practise physical distancing  Recommended or required to wear masks at Alert Levels 2, 3, and 4 as per alert level risk assessment. | Includes aged residential care, disability care services, lead maternity carers and home and community support services. This includes Māori and Pacific health and disability providers.  Need to confirm the purpose for which they are ordering in line with IPC guidance, and that any orders are proportionate to demand.  Steady state PPE quantities should be sourced from commercial or retail suppliers in Alert Level 1. Ministry is a supplier of last resort. | At Alert Levels 3 and 4 a full supply of PPE will be provided at no charge (via DHBs\*).  At Alert Level 2 PPE will be supplied at no charge, when supported by robust evidence of demand and forecasting information.  At Alert Level 1 there will be no PPE supply.  Full supply will be provided in the event of an outbreak in a facility.  All long-term residential facilities will be provided 1 week’s stock to store as a contingency in case of an outbreak in that facility or for use in levels 3 or 4.  The Ministry will assess individual provider circumstances and may on a case by case basis supply PPE at cost at Alert Level 1 where there is demonstrated inability to secure PPE from regular commercial suppliers or demonstrated commercial supply constraints. |
| **C** | Core essential health services that are publicly funded | Providing a core medical service to the public, and unable to practise physical distancing  Recommended or required to wear masks at Alert Levels 2, 3, and 4 as per alert level risk assessment. | Includes general practice, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians (not retail), etc. Need to confirm the purpose for which they are ordering in line with IPC guidance, and that any orders are proportionate to demand.  PPE should be sourced from commercial or retail suppliers in Alert Levels 1. The Ministry is a supplier of last resort. | At Alert Levels 3 and 4 a full supply of PPE will be provided at no charge.  At Alert Level 2 masks will be supplied at no charge, when supported by robust evidence of demand and forecasting information.  At Alert Level 1 PPE will be no PPE supply.  PPE is not be provided from the central supply for the purposes of providing or selling to the public.  At all Alert Levels, where a general practice is carrying out testing for COVID-19, they will be supplied with the full PPE required to swab.  The Ministry will assess individual provider circumstances and may on a case by case basis supply PPE at cost at Alert Levels 1 where there is demonstrated inability to secure PPE from regular commercial suppliers or demonstrated commercial supply constraints. |
| **D** | Non-essential health services | Unable to put in practical physical distancing measures or are working at the public interface.  Recommended or required to wear masks at Alert Levels 2, 3, and 4 as per alert level risk assessment. | Includes non-essential allied health services, funeral directors, dentists, chiropractors etc.  PPE should be sourced from commercial or retail suppliers. Ministry is a supplier of last resort. | Do not supply from the central supply unless designated as an essential service at Levels 3 and 4.  The Ministry will assess individual provider circumstances and may on a case by case basis supply PPE at cost at Alert 2 where there is demonstrated inability to secure PPE from regular commercial suppliers or demonstrated commercial supply constraints. |
| **E** | Non-health essential services | Inability to practise physical distancing. Either non-public facing but staff that can be directed, or workers who require PPE for BAU work.  Recommended or required to wear masks at Alert Levels 2, 3, and 4 as per alert level risk assessment. | Includes plumbers, electricians etc who go into homes, waste management etc.  PPE should be sourced from commercial or retail suppliers. Ministry is a supplier of last resort. | Do not supply from the central supply unless designated as an essential service at Levels 3 and 4.  The Ministry will assess individual provider circumstances and may on a case by case basis supply PPE at cost at Alert 2 where there is demonstrated inability to secure PPE from regular commercial suppliers or demonstrated commercial supply constraints. |
| **F** | Non-health essential services | Ability to practise physical distancing.  Recommended or required to wear masks at Alert Levels 2, 3, and 4 as per alert level risk assessment. | Mainly retail outlets, supermarkets, service stations, taxis (unless they have specified working with vulnerable people/suspected COVID-19 patients/patient transfer). | Do not supply from the central supply. |