

PREVENTING DISEASE TRANSMISSION TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

SUPPORTING FRONTLINE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
AND THOSE THEY SERVE IN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

Canadian organizations have never faced a challenge like COVID-19. This pandemic is unprecedented and affecting Canadian organizations and their staff and volunteers on every level and in every region of the country.



Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross has been on the ground supporting Canadians, which makes us uniquely placed to understand the needs of these organizations and to work with them to support their frontline personnel and service delivery to the most vulnerable.

To ensure that local community organizations can continue delivering vital services during this pandemic, the Canadian Red Cross is offering the Preventing Disease Transmission Training and Equipment Program.

This program targets frontline workers responding to COVID-19 in low to medium risk environments, in support of their direct service delivery to those who are the most vulnerable to the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Specifically, this program will support the health and wellbeing of frontline workers by equipping them with critical personal protective equipment, including masks and gloves, and will train them to use this equipment to ensure their health and wellbeing.



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Our training will provide the tools needed to keep frontline volunteers and staff safe. Each learning option will ensure that volunteers and staff will resume their duties feeling safe and confident in the infection prevention techniques they have learned.

To ensure equal access for all, organizations can choose to learn on one of three platforms:

- ▶ **Online**
self-study for maximum time flexibility
- ▶ **Virtual classroom**
instructor-led for groups of up to 20 participants
- ▶ **In-person**
when necessary and possible

What equipment can be provided?

Personal protective equipment is also available to ensure the safety of frontline personnel. This includes one mask and two pairs of gloves per person, per day. Each organization that receives personal protective equipment will have an assortment of sizing options.

What is covered in the Preventing Disease Transmission Training?

The course, which takes approximately 40 minutes to complete online, provides basic information for participants on the following topics:

- What is infection and how it is caused
- Infection transmission routes
- How to prevent infection and disease transmission
- Proper handwashing techniques
- Types of Personal Protective Equipment
- Proper donning, doffing and disposal protocols for PPE

Canadian Red Cross is currently offering support for training and equipment as part of its Preventing Disease Transmission Training and Equipment Program, thanks to funding from the Government of Canada led by Employment and Social Development Canada. Click [here](#) to find out more.

We want to hear from you!

The Canadian Red Cross is working with community organizations to understand their needs in ensuring the health and safety of frontline personnel so that they can continue to support the most vulnerable impacted by COVID-19.

If you are interested in Preventing Disease Transmission Training and Equipment, but are not eligible for any current programs, please contact us [HERE](#) to fill in a short survey and express your needs.

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