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Dear Ms. Teskey and Mr. Wong:

Re: Access to PPE extended to June 30, 2022

I am grateful for you and your members' leadership, dedication and commitment to keeping Nova Scotians and our communities safe during these extraordinary times. Ensuring all healthcare workers have the equipment they need to safely care for their patients is a top priority for Nova Scotia.

To support your members to continue to do this work, the Department of Health and Wellness is now extending the supply of appropriate PPE to private practitioners, at no cost, from April 01, 2022 until June 30, 2022

In light of changes to the requirements under the Public Health Order, the Department will continue to assess the impacts of COVID-19 and the ongoing need for PPE from the emergency stockpile. Any changes to the program will be shared with your organization directly.

Health providers may continue to access PPE with their existing PPE account through online ordering at:

Nova Scotia Covid19 PPE Portal (novascotiappe.ca)

New supply requests and updates to previous requests can be made by completing the online application at:

(Click here) Link to Provincial COVID19 PPE Inventory Request Application

When a request is processed, the organization's primary contact will be notified by email of their approved supply volume with instructions for setting up online ordering. Please contact the Supplies Team at <u>PPErequest@novascotia.ca</u> for any questions.

Once again, we would like to extend our thanks for your work in caring for patients and keeping all Nova Scotians safe and healthy.

Yours truly,

Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness

cc. Jarrod Baboushkin, Project Executive, COVID-19 Task Force, DHW