

# COVID-19 Update

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020  
**To:** All staff and physicians  
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**Subject:** **Scrubs inventory**

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As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an increased use of scrubs, and requests to expand access to scrubs beyond current policy guidelines. At this time, scrubs remain on a national shortage list.

## What you need to know

Our supplier, Mohawk Laundry, is expecting a shipment of regular OR green scrubs toward the end of next week. In the interim, HHS has purchased a limited supply of scrubs from a retail supplier that will be available this week. These Customer Owned Scrubs (COG) are similar to those available for purchase at retail stores. Because supplies are limited, they come in a variety of colours and do not look like our regular scrubs.

**The COG scrubs inventory is expected to be available this week, and will be provided directly to the JCC and JHCC ICU/CICU. Customer Support Services at the JHCC is working directly with the Managers of these units to coordinate stocking and collection of soiled scrubs.**

**Additionally, these COG scrubs will be stocked in the Scrubex machines at HGH in room 3-03 and at JHCC in room C1-41. Any COG scrubs collected via the Scrubex dispensing system must be returned to the Scrubex machines after use.**

The additional supply will help expand access to scrubs, but it is by no means sufficient to supply all staff.

## What you need to do

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It is important to return these scrubs for reprocessing as per the usual process for OR green scrubs. Mohawk Laundry will reprocess the scrubs after use.

Scrubs, whether owned by Mohawk Laundry or HHS, must not leave the facility. If you have been granted access to the inventory, please change into scrubs upon arrival at work and ensure that you deposit used scrubs into the Scrub-ex machine at the end of your shift. This is imperative to ensure ongoing processing and supply for all staff.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.