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Dear Dorothy:

Premier Scott Moe's office has asked that I reply to your February 18, 2021, email about COVID-19. I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns and apologize for the delay in response as we have been handling a very high volume of inquiries.

COVID-19 remains a significant threat to the health of the public. Our government is considering many actions and recommendations in our planning and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help manage the pressure on community and health services, we are making difficult decisions as we work to manage the spread of COVID-19 in our province. The [Public Health Orders](#) include a number of restrictions to enhance measures to address COVID-19 case rates in the province of Saskatchewan.

Our government, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, and its health partners, are committed to ensuring safe, appropriate care for patients, residents, and clients and a safe workplace for all health-care workers. It is our priority to acquire, maintain and provide adequate quantities of quality Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure health-care providers have the appropriate PPE for the service they are providing during these unprecedented times. PPE products purchased by our health system are evaluated against our quality assurance measures ensuring that PPE products deployed to health-care workers are safe, effective, and fit for purpose.

Our website provides information for private-sector employers on a variety of topics, including [accessing PPE](#) for employees, [appropriate use of PPE](#), [disinfection guidelines](#), and [guidelines](#) to support a wide variety of businesses and activities.

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As individuals, we are responsible for ensuring our actions do not put ourselves or others at risk. We encourage everyone to remember that there are individuals in our society who may be immune compromised and would be at significant risk if they are exposed to serious illness. Everyone should take preventative measures.

Public health officials continue to assess the national and provincial public health risks, based on the best available evidence. We are providing frequent updates to the public through our website at www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19, news releases, social media, and news conferences. The website provides details on our vaccine strategy and guidance on infection prevention, self-isolation/self-monitoring, mass gatherings, and travel.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Paul Merriman
Minister of Health

cc: Premier Scott Moe