

Provincial Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Safety Coach **Designate Responsibilities**

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Goals

The long term outcome of the Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program is to create a culture where staff become competent selecting and using PPE to prevent transmission of infectious diseases within healthcare. The PPE Safety Coach Designate is a leader in creating a system of peer safety coaching to provide just-in-time support and mentorship to frontline employees and physicians when selecting and using PPE.

Selection

The designate is primarily responsible for the implementation of the program at their site(s) by training and mentoring of PPE safety coaches. Designates should:

- have baseline knowledge of IPC principles and best practices
- demonstrate strong communication, inter-professional team effectiveness, collaboration, leadership, and coaching skills
- be comfortable with basic utilization or have support with the use of Microsoft office (Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint), Skype or Zoom and navigating the external AHS IPC webpages

Responsibilities

- Complete the prerequisite PPE safety coach education including the competency check and complete designate training with a member of the AHS IPC; up to four hours of total training time
- Collaborate with site leadership to identify additional PPE safety coaches and develop an implementation strategy
- Review self-assessments for passing grade, observe PPE donning/doffing demonstrations and complete competency checks
- Maintain access and accuracy of training tools (e.g., safety coach training records, certificates and correct version control of provided resources)
- Mentor PPE safety coaches
- Participate in the community of practice and promote these events with PPE safety coaches (e.g., sharing key messages from meetings and reminder emails)
- Regularly liaise with the AHS IPC and provide monthly status reports using template provided



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