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To the CLAC and PCA Contractor Community:

We know that these are trying times and that daily, you and your organization face new pressures and fresh challenges arising out of COVID-19. For many of us, belonging to a broader community of friends and associates has served us well in these last few weeks as we try to make our way through the professional and personal challenges brought on by this pandemic.

It is in that vein of being members of a common community that we write to you this morning.

At this time, PCA and CLAC are calling on the collective strength of our partnership to serve a different corner of our community. As many will know, CLAC serves nearly 8,000 front line health care workers. This is a dire moment for those workers because of a surge in demand of PPE, that production capacity and supply chain problems cannot keep up with. As we write this letter, outbreaks have been declared in dozens of facilities across the province.

We are writing to ask the CLAC and PCA contractor community to help, if they can, with donations of PPE. Some of our contractor members may have been affected by today's closure of 'non-essential' construction projects. You may have additional PPE at your disposal at this time. CLAC's long term care, retirement home and home care workers are in need of any **unused medical masks, including procedural masks, masks with face shields, and N95 masks.**

Deliveries can be made to the nearest CLAC Member Centre, in sealed, plastic bags. Please contact your CLAC representative to confirm delivery details prior to dropping off.

Please seriously consider this request. Our partnership has served our institutions, our organizations, and our workers well, and together we have achieved some very remarkable accomplishments. We all find ourselves in this battle together, and it is only by working together that we can fight with full strength.

Any help that you can offer is greatly appreciated, and we sincerely thank you for your support and consideration.

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