

## Australia increases availability of personal protective equipment

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**The Australian government is committed to ensuring that healthcare professionals have access to the critical PPE supplies**



The Australian government has announced significant quantities of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be made available for GPs, and other healthcare providers across Sydney who will continue to see their patients within their practices.

While telehealth consultations ensure that Australians can continue to see their GP, renew scripts and seek mental health support from the safety of their own home this isn't always possible.

GPs, pharmacists and allied health professionals in Greater Sydney are able to request a package of PPE from the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) through their local Primary Health Network (PHN) through an initial allocation of up to 1,000,000 surgical masks; 1,000,000 N95 masks; 250,000 pairs of gloves; 250,000 gowns; and 250,000 goggles.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Australian government has deployed more than 90 million masks, 5.6 million gowns, 12.4 million sets of gloves and 980,000 goggles from the National Medical Stockpile.