

EquipCare BC

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IPC, safety, and quality items are available to publicly funded assisted living and long-term care homes primarily serving seniors.

Infection Prevention and Control



Eligible Items

To prevent, control and eliminate infections as well as help manage COVID-19 responses, the following are the eligible items for purchase under the program. Categories of items include consumables, non-consumables, and outbreak management.

| Consumables | |
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| Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eye & facial protection (goggles & face shields)• Masks & respiratory infection (surgical or procedural masks, N95 respirators)• Gloves (latex, latex free, nitrile & rubber)• Gowns, aprons, or overalls (sterile, reusable, disposable, fluid repellent)• Shoe covers | |
| Environmental Cleaning, Waste Management, Housekeeping & Laundry <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital grade cleaning products (soap & disinfectants)• Mop heads• Industrial brooms• Cloths and single use wipes• Detergent• Garbage bags• Dissolvable laundry bags | |
| Food Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disposable dishware• Food covers | Hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand soap and lotion• Point of care alcohol-based hand rub• Eye wash |
| Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tissues• Ventilation – air filters for HVAC system• Fit test kits | Resident Infection Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slings (includes disposable or single use)• Topical skin adhesives• Single use mortuary bags |

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- Drainage fluid bags
- Hazardous biological substance bags

Non-Consumables

Food Services

- Sneeze guards
- Food handling utensils
- Food thermometers
- Meal delivery carts or trays (sanitizable)
- No touch ice dispensers (ice chests ineligible)
- Commercial dishwashers, refrigerators & freezers

Hygiene

- Soap dispensers (mechanical activation only)
- Face mask dispensers
- Hand sanitizer dispenser (mechanical activation only)
- Paper towel holders
- Mobile sinks
- Fixed sinks for residents
- Dedicated sinks for staff
- Toilets and faucets
- Commodes, shower chairs
- Bathtubs
- Bedpans
- Towels

Environmental Cleaning, Waste Management, Housekeeping & Laundry

- Buckets, mop pails or dustpans
- Floor cleaning machines & scrubbers
- Disinfection systems (includes testing kits)
- HEPA air purification systems
- Disinfecting floor mats
- Wheelchair washers
- Sharps containers
- Laundry bins or bags
- Clothes washers or dryers
- No touch waste receptacles with lids
- Macerators
- Containers for biomedical wastes
- Stericycle pick-up service

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Furniture & Accessories

- Overbed tables (easy to clean)
- Dining tables & chairs (distancing)
- Medical bed mattress (water repellent & cleanable)
- Cabinets & drawers (PPE)
- Waterproof pads
- Mattress & positional wedge covers
- Mattress overlays for ulcer prevention
- Wheelchair covers
- Blankets

Storage & Spatial Separation

- Barriers, partitions
- Supports for clean/dirty separation
- Cabinets & containers (sterile instruments & devices)
- Medical carts
- Housekeeping carts
- Vaccine refrigerator

Medical, Screening & Vital Sign Devices

- Thermometers & probe covers
- Thermal screening cameras (residents & staff)
- Blood pressure monitors and disposable cuffs
- Oxygen equipment, supplies or accessories

Outbreak Management

Signage

- Signs for visitors (symptoms of illness)
- Notification signs (outbreak or precaution)

Sensory

- Activity items (disposable)
- Sensory items (washable)

Equipment

- Outbreak or isolation carts (includes covers)
- Isolation caddies

Technology

- Hand hygiene automated monitoring
- Cleanliness audit system
- Infection monitoring system

Staff Education

- Training in consumables, non-consumables and infection prevention and control (IPC) best practices
- GlowBug Hand Washing Kits

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*Safety & Quality
List of Eligible Items*

Safety

Mobility

- Ceiling Lift: gantry track & motor (room covering)
- Ceiling Lift: straight track & motor (monorail over bed)
- Replacement lift motors for existing tracks
- Parts for existing lift systems (controls, belts, pendants)
- Slings for new or existing lift systems
- Floor Lift: Active (sit-to-stand)
- Floor Lift: Passive
- Transfer aids (repositioning sheets or transfer poles)
- Grab Bars
- Specialized or transport wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Anti-slip flooring

Prevention or Urgent Response

- Fall monitors
- Fall alarms
- Exit alarms
- Fall mats
- Bed alarms or sensors
- Bed safety assessment kits
- Hip protectors
- Nurse call system
- Security System (Includes Picture ID machine)
- Wandering system (Includes wandering bands)
- Telephone system
- Walkie talkies
- Fire prevention
- Parts for existing prevention or urgent response system

Medical Devices

- AED-defibrillator
- Bladder scanner
- Ultrasound - Bladder Screening
- Infusion pumps
- Pill crushers

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- Suction/aspirator machine
- Vital sign devices
- Wheelchair scale

Furniture

- Beds

Bathing

- Accessible showers
- Accessible tub modifications
- Specialty bathing equipment

Quality

Transportation

- Accessible bus or van

Furniture & Accessories

- Ergonomic furniture – specialized chairs or tables
- Mattress elevation
- Seat cushions (includes ROHO) – skin degradation

Laundry

- Labelling machines and labels

Physical Therapy

- Exercise equipment

Sensory Therapy

- Snoezelen room
- Sensory items or equipment
- Towel & blanket warmers
- Lighting and visual aids
- Music therapy

Temperature Control

- Boilers
- Water controls or temperature valves
- Blinds
- Air conditioning
- Pergola

Communication

- WiFi
- PC's, laptops, or tablets (Resident Use)