# **Coronavirus Update - Distribution of Masks to General Practice Expression of Interest Form**

As many local Adelaide health professionals will be aware, there has been an outbreak of a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) originating in Wuhan, Hubei Province, in mainland China. Coronavirus is an evolving international health concern with the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring a global emergency on the 30 January 2020.

In keeping with [current management advice for South Australian health professionals](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public%2Bcontent/sa%2Bhealth%2Binternet/protecting%2Bpublic%2Bhealth/alerts/health%2Balerts/update%2Bon%2Bnovel%2Bcoronavirus%2Binfection%2B30%2Bjan) providing care to those with suspected 2019-nCOV, and in recognition that availability of masks has been impacted by recent bushfires, the Commonwealth Department of Health advised that surgical masks would be distributed via PHNs to **general practices with a demonstrated need** across Australia.

On 31 January, Adelaide PHN received a very limited delivery of *Proshield Surgical Face Mask Soft* for distribution to general practices in need across the Adelaide region.  To comply with Department of Health requirements and ensure equitable access across our region, Adelaide PHN plan to allocate 1 box of masks (50 masks) to every general practice within the metropolitan region who opt in via the below linked Expression of Interest (EOI) form.  Where available, additional boxes will be provided to practices who can demonstrate need.

Delivery will commence on Monday 3rd February 2020 via Courier service to your practice. Alternatively, you can come to the Adelaide PHN office and pick up your practice’s allocation.

Expression of Interest Form

*Please complete the below details and return to* *practicesupport@adelaidephn.com.au**. Once Adelaide PHN has received you completed EOI, your Practice Facilitator will contact you.*

* Practice Name:
* Practice Address:

Where available, practices with demonstrated need will be allocated additional masks - please confirm the general practice:

* has no or low existing stock of masks and have no access to local stock - Yes/No
* provides care to patient groups more likely to have been exposed to the novel coronavirus and/or has an unusual number of patients presenting with respiratory symptoms - Yes/No