



Ontario Association of Radiologists

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Swine Flu Outbreak Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reminder

Increased warnings of the potential impact of the Swine Flu outbreak in Canada are a serious reminder to all radiologists and staff about taking appropriate precautions to protect themselves and patients.

Radiologists in hospitals should contact your infectious disease directors for local pertinent information and any required personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of diagnostic imaging personnel if required.

IHF radiologists and staff can contact MICO (Medical Imaging Clinics of Ontario) to order PPE supplies. MICO's telephone number is 905-845-6426 or 1-800-363-8706. Fax contact information is 905-845-7161 or 1-800-363-8244. Email contact via kmajoomdar@mico-on.ca.

Personal protective equipment includes N95 masks, protective gowns, double gloves, eye shields or goggles, hair covers, shoe covers, and hand hygiene cleansers.

Attached you find some practical information for the safe donning and removal of PPE articles as a reminder of approved practices developed from the SARS experience.

Further updates from the OAR will be provided as they become available.

Currently there are no reported incidents affecting Ontario DI facilities, but the World Health Organization is currently considering an increased alert level.

Attachs.