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# Front line members urged to complete survey on PPE and staffing levels

*Facility level data needed to push government for stronger protections against Omicron*

Since the onset of the pandemic, HSA has been pushing government to protect health science and community social service professionals on the front lines.

Our union led the way by commissioning original research by Dr. John Murphy an expert on occupational hygiene and adjunct professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, for evidence-based guidance showing N95 masking was the most effective strategy against airborne spread of COVID-19.

- [March 19, 2020 HSA Releases New Research Showing Higher Precautions Needed](#)
- [October 7, 2020, HSA Renews Call for Enhanced PPE for Workers in Vulnerable Settings](#)

With the arrival of the Omicron variant, the pandemic has changed, and it's time to change the approach to PPE. With the staffing crisis getting worse each day, HSA has renewed calls to provide health care workers with better protection against a more transmissible variant.

- [January 12, 2022: Better Protection Needed for Health Care Workers](#)

Now your help is needed. Members working in a front line capacity are urged to complete the survey below to report issues around access to N95 masks and staffing levels as impacted by the current pandemic wave.

[\*\*Click here to take the survey\*\*](#)

The survey takes less than 5 minutes, and all information will be kept confidential to protect participants. While there is currently no set closing date for the survey, member feedback is needed urgently and you are encouraged to take the survey as soon as possible to support HSA's immediate efforts to improve protection for our members.