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Dear Physicians

We again wish to start our communication with an expression of gratitude to physicians and allied healthcare providers for providing the best quality of care to patients during this period of fear and uncertainty about the COVID-19 pandemic.

We understand that there are significant concern about the allocation and availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

We wish to assure all healthcare workers that the SHA task force is working diligently on obtaining PPE, and the process of allocating and distributing PPE.

When faced with any presumed scarcity of an essential resource like PPE, there are a number of ethical, legal and societal issues which have to be considered.

It is vitally important that all stakeholders, not only physicians, collectively contribute to ensure that PPE is available to the most appropriate providers and healthcare units during a pandemic.

We ask everyone to:

- Review the guidance document of the SHA that will likely be available early next week,
- Refrain from stockpiling PPE which may not be utilized appropriately, possibly causing a shortage in an area of critical need,
- Continue to follow the infection control strategies of physical distancing, diligent hand washing and not touching your face,
- Utilize virtual means of service delivery where feasible, and
- Follow evidence based guidelines and best-practice recommendations for the [appropriate use of PPE](#).

We're all in this together, and should act together to provide the best care possible during these trying times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Werner Oberholzer".

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