

**Ministry of the Solicitor General**

Public Safety Division  
Public Safety Training Division

25 Grosvenor St.  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2H3

Telephone: (416) 314-3377  
Facsimile: (416) 314-4037

**Ministère du Solliciteur général**

Division de la sécurité publique  
Division de la formation en matière  
de sécurité publique

25 rue Grosvenor  
12<sup>e</sup> étage  
Toronto ON M7A 2H3

Téléphone: (416) 314-3377  
Télécopieur: (416) 314-4037



**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

**SUBJECT:** **Use of N95 Masks for Frontline Policing Personnel**

<b>DATE OF ISSUE:</b>	<b>March 25, 2020</b>
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>For Action</b>
<b>RETENTION:</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>INDEX NO.:</b>	<b>20-0026</b>
<b>PRIORITY:</b>	<b>High</b>

The ministry recognizes that police services boards and chiefs of police have been diligent in providing important personal protective equipment to their personnel. This effort, over the course of the past several years, has positioned the policing community as leaders in the protection of policing personnel from infectious diseases.

To support the continued efforts of police services boards and chiefs of police, Ontario's Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health provided advice to the Ministry of the Solicitor General on the use of facial protection for frontline policing personnel in relation to COVID-19, which, as indicated, aligns with guidelines for the healthcare sector. Please see the attached memo from Dr. Barbara Yaffe. Also attached is a scientific evidence brief prepared by Public Health Ontario for your reference.

Police services boards should continue to assess, and meet, their obligations under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

Attachments