

SHM Position Statement on PPE

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Hospitalists are frontline providers addressing the coronavirus pandemic throughout the United States. The safety and wellbeing of hospitalists and hospital team members are critical to the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM). SHM has and will continue to strongly advocate with Congress and the Trump Administration to address on-going shortages of PPE.

However, many hospitalists actively report PPE shortages in their hospitals today, which presents a risk to themselves, their families and the hospital medicine team members overall. We support policies that follow current CDC Guidelines around PPE use. We also support the individual use of donated or self-purchased PPE as an interim solution but urge hospitalists, hospital medicine groups, and hospital systems to work together to address this problem in a coordinated way.