



Storage of Personal Protective Equipment

The storage area must be secured to ensure good stewardship of resources and prevent access by unauthorized persons. The storage area must be protected from damage by the elements. It must be neat, clean and free from fire hazards, dampness, rodents and insects.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies must be stored in ideal storage conditions which include:

- Controlled temperature in the range of 15° to 30° C;
- Relative humidity between 30% and 50%;
- Equipment must be stored at least 15 cm (6 inches) off the floor;
- Equipment must not be piled closer than 3ft. (91 cm or 36 inches) to any heat source or
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be kept away from fire or flame, including electrical outlets.

NOTE

Recommended temperatures could vary if no temperature sensitive material is stored (e.g., gowns, face shields).

Special Requirements for Consideration:

- The building and all service components must be kept in good operating conditions to maintain satisfactory storage conditions;
- The storage area must be inspected periodically for any evidence of leakage, ground seepage, insect or rodent infestation, unauthorized removal of supplies and deterioration of any of the supplies;
- The storage area must be secured by lock and key. Security measures must be taken for windows, if any. The key must be kept in the possession of authorized personnel only;
- Rotate supplies, based on expiry dates, on a routine basis to prevent unnecessary wastage.