

# Businesses' use of personal protective equipment during COVID-19

Results from the Personal Protective Equipment Survey, December 2020

Hand sanitizer was the type of personal protective equipment (PPE) ranked most essential to business operations in all sectors surveyed.



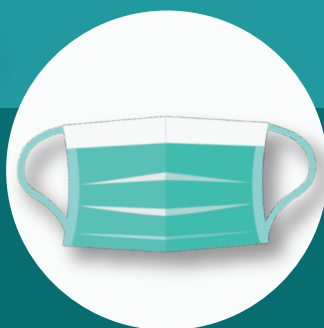
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Use of surgical masks rose from October (66,210,966) to December (81,403,133)

## Top 3 users for select types of PPE

### Non-medical masks

Retail trade: 23%  
Accommodation and food services: 17%  
Manufacturing: 15%



### Medical masks

Health care and social assistance: 25%  
Retail trade: 19%  
Manufacturing: 18%

### Non-medical gloves

Retail trade: 27%  
Accommodation and food services: 25%  
Health care and social assistance: 24%



### Nitrile gloves

Health care and social assistance: 40%  
Manufacturing: 12%  
Retail trade: 10%

### Disinfectant

Retail trade: 24%  
Accommodation and food services: 15%  
Manufacturing: 11%



### Disinfectant wipes

Retail trade: 23%  
Health care and social assistance: 17%  
Accommodation and food services: 9%



### Hand sanitizer

Retail trade: 28%  
Accommodation and food services: 11%  
Health care and social assistance: 17%



Note: For more information, consult the article "Staying partially open: Trends in businesses' needs for personal protective equipment since October" at the address: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/45-28-0001/2021001/article/00008-eng.htm>.

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