

**Site Applicability:**

**BCW Maternal Newborn Programs**

**Date:** Effective April 14, 2020

<b>What's New?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient transports will be completed by nurses and other health care providers from the program. <b>One porter will remain assigned (24 hours) to prioritize BCW Maternal Newborn patient transports.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Why?</b>	<p>Changing the role of most porters to exclude patient transports is an important PPE preservation strategy. This limits the number of staff members entering the patient environment. This change aligns with the Ministry of Health <a href="#"><u>COVID-19 Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework</u></a>.</p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Program staff</b> will continue to enter patient transports in TransportTracking.</li> <li>• The <b>Porter</b> assigned to BCW Maternal Newborn patient transports will continue to accept patient transports as dispatched through TransportTracking.</li> <li>• <b>Nurses</b> will complete patient transports, without porter support, if there are many patient transports pending and patient flow is impacted. Nurse led patient transports include collecting, set up, disinfection, and returning the stretcher and HoverMatt back to LDR.</li> <li>• <b>Porter Coordinators</b> will monitor the TransportTracking dashboard and contact the requesting unit if the porter will be greater than 30 minutes to arrive.</li> <li>• <b>All Porters</b> will continue to transport specimens, equipment, blood products, and other 'items'. Porters will continue to transport deceased patients and stillborn infants to the morgue.</li> </ul>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<p>Contact your leader, unit educator or manager</p>