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## Victorian State Government – Tertiary COVID-19 Healthcare Package

On Wednesday April 1 Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Health Jenny Mikakos announced an additional \$1.3 billion healthcare package, to support Victoria's health system in meeting the expected surge case load at the peak of the Coronavirus pandemic.

At present, Victoria's public and private health services have approximately 450 fully equipped and staffed ICU beds. The package aims to deliver an extra 4,000 ICU beds for hospitals across Victoria.

The package will secure \$1.2 billion worth of essential healthcare equipment. The equipment order will see additional personal protective equipment (PPE) purchased, including 551 million gloves, 100 million masks and 14.5 million gowns.

In order to secure capacity in Victorian's intensive care system, \$65 million will be invested into capital works and workforce training.

This investment follows the Victorian Government reaching an in-principle agreement with the state's major private hospital operators that ensures the entire health system is operating at full capacity.

This package is in addition to the [\\$537 million the Victorian Government](#) has already invested into the Victorian health system as part of their coronavirus response.

### Further information

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