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WhidbeyHealth Mask Makers Info Sheet

Dear Community Members:

The COVID-19 has caused disruptions in the supply chain as it pertains to critical items used in taking care of our patients and protecting our staff. With the expected surge in patients over the coming weeks, we are asking for the community's help. If you have critical supplies tucked away that could be used for healthcare, we will gladly take them.

As you know, we're also looking for folks who can sew masks that can be used in low-risk areas and as a second, removable shield to use on the commercial N95 masks. Below is a list of items we need and drop-off information.

Critical donation needs:

- N95 masks
- Ear-loop masks
- Homemade masks

We have installed bins just inside the doors of the hospital for Manufactured N-95 and ear loop masks, along with bins for homemade masks and any materials for mask-making you may wish to donate. **Please do not add any additional tags to the masks,** such as personal identifiers or "made with care."

If you are dropping off homemade masks, please have these in a sack with your:

- Name
- Contact information
- Date
- Number and type of items in each package

All mask makers or face shields from home are asked to do self-screening for elevated temperatures, cough, sore throat and general body aches that are outside of your baseline normal. If you are, we ask you to stay home until you are feeling better. If you feel you need to be screened for COVID-19 – please call our hotline at 360.240.4055.

We are working to update our website that will allow individuals to communicate their desire for donations and provide information on making some of these critical items. The site will also contain directions on how to make face masks and face shields.

Please know how much we appreciate your support and help during this trying period. Please continue to practice safe distancing, wash your hands often and stay well.

Your WhidbeyHealth Medical Team