

PPE Donations During COVID-19

Thank you for wanting to help!

Your interest in supporting our hospital in donating protective personal equipment (PPE) is greatly appreciated. We are currently using medical-grade commercially produced PPE to meet our staff's needs. However, we are accepting donated PPE, both commercially-made and hand-made, as emergency back-up supplies. In the event we do not need to use those supplies we will work with other organizations to put them to use to the best of our ability.

Q. What items can be donated?

A. We can accept new or unused/unopened commercially produced masks, including N95 masks, AND hand-made fabric masks that are produced and cleaned under the requirements below.

Q. What are the requirements for hand-made mask donations?

A. All hand-made masks should follow these guidelines:

- The space used to make the PPE must be clean, dry, food-free and smoke-free.
- All PPE should be assembled by individuals that are not showing any symptoms of illness of any kind.
- Individuals should wear gloves and masks throughout the assembly process.
- Masks should be machine washed and dried after they are finished and before packing.
- Masks should be inspected to make sure that no pins, other sharp objects such as sewing tools, are attached to the fabric.

Q. How should masks be sewn?

A. Instructional videos and websites are widely available, but here is an example of [instructions for making masks](#) if needed.

Q. How should I package up my hand-made masks?

- A:
- All masks, after laundered and dry, should be bundled in small quantities in Ziploc bags, whose exteriors have then been wiped down with a sanitizing wipe. If possible, write the quantity of masks enclosed on the outside of the Ziplock bag.
 - Place all Ziplock bags into a box that can be sealed and lifted easily.
 - Our donations coordinator will provide you with a form for including in your donation. Please fill it out and include a copy, keeping a copy for your records if you wish.
 - Our donations coordinator will provide delivery instructions. Our needs and ability to receive donations will change over the coming weeks, and we will instruct you accordingly. Please do not deliver or ship items without making arrangements with the donations coordinator, as we may not be able to accept unexpected items.

Q. Who can I contact with questions?

A. Please direct questions to donations@luriechildrens.org.