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Ionia County Government and Sparrow Calling for Donations and for All People Who Sew to Make Face Masks

The Ionia County Government and Sparrow are calling on all local people who sew to make and donate face masks as the community continues to prepare for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The donated face masks would be distributed upon request to community partners that work with the high risk, vulnerable population such as first responders, hospitals, shelters, long-term care facilities, and other front-line staff.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), fabric masks are a crisis response option when other supplies have been exhausted. Homemade masks are not considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), since their capability to protect the health care provider is unknown. Homemade masks should ideally be used in combination with a face shield that covers the entire front and sides of the face.

Details about making/delivering fabric masks for our community and first responders:

- The pattern is courtesy of [Phoebe Putney Health Systems](#)
- Remember both women and men in a variety of roles may wear these masks
- When your masks are complete, drop-off at the
- Collected masks will be immediately sent to laundry/processing to be prepared for usage.
- If there are any surplus masks after the COVID-19 response, those masks will be distributed to other organizations in need

The Donations Drop-Off Site will be at the Sparrow Orthopedic/Rehabilitation location, 537 W. Main Street, Ionia. The Caregivers there will be accepting donations from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following **new or unopened** items will be accepted:

- Disposable face masks
- N95 masks, including 3D printed
- Eye protection including face shields and safety goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable non-latex gloves
- Surgical caps
- Disposable foot covers



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- Bleach
- Bleach or anti-microbial sanitizing wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- PAPRs (Power air purifying respirators) and PAPR hoods
- Nasal flock swabs (FLOQ swabs)
- Ventilator parts from Hamilton G5, Servo I and S, Trilogy, LTV 1200, HT 50, 7200 Puritan Bennett, including ventilator heaters, probes, wires, and disposable adapters
- Fisher & Payal MR850 wires and heaters
- Hand-sewn reusable masks (follow the CDC guidelines)

Items we will not accept are:

- Medications
- Food
- Blankets
- Medical equipment
- Other supplies not named above

The Ionia County Health Department continues to urge individuals to stay home and practice social distancing in order to prevent community spread in Ionia County.

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