

PPE Donations

There's been a lot of buzz on the state and national level about personal protective equipment (PPE), and its essential role in the healthcare industry during the Coronavirus situation. While Gothenburg Health feels that our inventory is appropriate, there is a great deal of uncertainty with this fluid situation, and we would gladly welcome donations of PPE as a precautionary measure. We are also actively engaged with other community entities and providers that offer frontline services (local law enforcement, EMS, etc.). We want to make sure these essential entities also have access to appropriate PPE and would use any potential donations to help ensure adequate preparation for all.



List of Relevant PPE

- Gowns
- Face Shields
- N95 / Regular Masks
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Homemade Masks

- According to research provided by our medical team, a tight weave cotton cloth mask, like homemade ones, filters approximately 50% of viral particles. (N95 is 99%, and surgical mask is 80%). The consensus is clear that if you have medical masks, use those first. But in the face of nothing (highly unlikely but possible in parts of the world/country), homemade masks are better than no mask.
 - Please note that **we would much rather take approved PPE before accepting a homemade mask** due to the difference in filtration levels, and we're not guaranteeing that homemade masks donations will get used. That being said, here are the best options that we found:
 - [Click Here](#) for the pattern we are accepting without a filter insert.
 - [Click Here](#) for the instructions on a mask with a vacuum filter insert.
- Please make sure the mask is in a Ziploc or other air-tight bag when dropping it off

Where to drop-off PPE or Masks?

- Tote inside the vestibule doors at the YMCA