

Press Release from the El Dorado County Medical Supply Drive, #medsupplydrive

PLEASE READ ALL THE WAY THROUGH. THIS IS AN URGENT PLEA FOR SUPPLIES TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

The El Dorado County Medical Supply Drive, #medsupplydrive, is reaching out through as many channels as possible in an effort to raise community awareness of the need for Personal Protective Equipment at Marshall Hospital and many other patient care facilities and critical service businesses. The Coronavirus has impacted the supply chain of the most basic materials and as we get prepared to face an increase in COVID 19 cases here, we are asking the community to help fill the gap, thereby keeping our health care professionals and service personnel safe during this time.

The El Dorado Medical Supply Drive group is modeled after the national Med Supply Drive program and is a volunteer community effort that coordinates directly with the Marshall Foundation for Community Health and other organizations to provide a centralized communications hub for the residents of El Dorado County for the purposes of:

- Informing the community of the healthcare needs
- Providing collection services and locations
- Dissemination of materials and patterns for the production of handmade donations (i.e. masks and scrub caps)
- Organization of the donations and
- Distribution of the donated items to our first responders, nurses, doctors, assisted living staff, grocery workers, delivery services and more as needed and as we are able.

Ways you can help:

1. Donate Surplus Medical Supplies

If you can spare any Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) **that you might have stored in your place of business or home, you can donate them to our central donation collection center in downtown Placerville.** We are accepting a wide range of supplies, including:

- Face masks: N95 Preferred. Fabric masks serve as a backup. (Dust masks and even bandanas will be used as a last resort.) Patterns and materials for making fabric masks are available upon request.
- Gowns: Level 2 Preferred
- Gloves: Nitrile, Chemo (no latex please)
- Moisture Barrier Hoods (any type)
- HEPA Hoods & Hoses
- Probe Covers (for Thermometers)

- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Safety Glasses (Protective Eyewear), must have a rim on top with protective side shields

Note: Please do NOT deliver directly to the hospital. Marshall would prefer that all PPE be delivered to our downtown collection center in order to reduce traffic impact and limit potential exposure to the public.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 11:00am to 1:00pm and by appointment.

For appointment drop-offs, please text or call Heidi Mayerhofer: (530) 417 2965

Location:

Primary and preferred
 Mattywags
 376 Main Street
 Placerville, CA 95667

Secondary for larger donations
 Marshall Foundation
 1124 Sherman Street
 Placerville, CA 95667

2. Financial donations can be made to Marshall Foundation for Community Health COVID-19 Response Fund. Please consider making monetary donations to help them provide desperately needed support to our front-line workers. ***There is a \$25,000 matching donation fund so your tax-deductible contributions can be doubled when you donate to the Marshall Foundation.***

<https://www.marshallfound.org/donate-now/>

3. DIY Fabrication & Manufacturing
 If you can sew, consider making CDC approved fabric face masks and scrub caps and deliver them to our downtown collection center.

Marshall's preferred face mask pattern

https://www.marshallmedical.org/Coronavirus.aspx?fbclid=IwAR1SsXuCSXnNtZTrIFjMY3UoVLkUtTfhjORD1vT3_lyVnPFJ2bzqZ6pJQ0

Standard face mask pattern

<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>

Scrub cap pattern

[7107311899311446/](https://www.pinterest.com/pin/7107311899311446/)

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Face Shields

https://www.wired.com/story/tinkerers-created-face-shield-being-used-hospitals/?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=wired

4. Essential Workers and First Responders: Let Us Know What You Need.
 If you see a need that is not being met at your place of work, we want to hear from you. Send us a Facebook message or email Heidi at hmayerhofer5@gmail.com.

Thanks for your time reading this and for anything you are able to contribute to this effort.

Sincerely,

Heidi Mayerhofer on behalf of the #medsupplydrive team

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