

COVID-19

Coronavirus Information and Updates

#StayHomeMN

Extended until May 4

April 10, 2020

Situational Update: Donated Supplies Requested for COVID-19

YOU CAN HELP! THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED:

NEW PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Manufactured N95 Masks
- Manufactured Surgical Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Manufactured Disposable Isolation Gowns
- Nitrile Exam Gloves
- Safety Glasses/Goggles
- Face Shields
- Manufactured Shoe Covers

Donated items must be in the original package.

HOMEMADE FACEMASKS

CALLING ALL SEWERS! Renville County is in need of handsewn face masks.

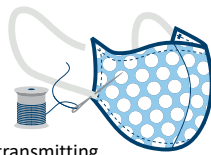
For the required pattern and video visit <https://bit.ly/3aRdp6B>

When making homemade masks please reinforce ties and/or elastic so they are able to withstand frequent laundering.



The Difference Between Alternative Masks and Surgical Masks for COVID-19

Alternative Masks



What is it?

- Non-FDA-regulated masks, including homemade masks.
- May reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus by the wearer, but they are not proven to protect health care staff or patients.

Who wears it?

- Asymptomatic people.

How it works

- **Protects other people** by reducing the amount of respiratory droplets expelled by a person who may be infected but not showing signs of illness.

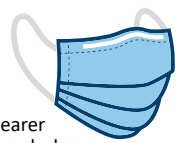
Limitations

- Not regulated and do not protect the wearer.
- Not to be used by people who are sick.
- Breathing into a facemask builds up moisture, which can be uncomfortable to wear.
- Need to be regularly washed and sanitized.
- Avoid touching the mask while wearing it; if you do touch it, wash hands thoroughly.

Disposal

- During disposal, avoid touching the mask and wash hands thoroughly afterward.

Surgical Masks



- FDA-regulated masks that are fluid resistant and provide the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids.

- Health care staff during the evaluation of and care for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.

- Protects the wearer by creating a barrier to the virus or body fluid that may contain the virus.

- Due to high demand, supply may be limited.
- Avoid touching the mask while wearing it; if you do touch it, wash hands thoroughly.
- Do not wash the mask.
- Reuse of facemasks may be limited by the type of fastening (e.g., elastic ear hooks may be more robust than ties that are more liable to tearing).
- Discard when it becomes damaged or deformed; becomes wet or visibly dirty; breathing becomes difficult; or if it becomes contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids.

- Should be donned and doffed appropriately.
- During disposal, avoid touching the mask and wash hands thoroughly afterward.

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS:

Renville County Government Services Center

(For Use of Essential Community Workers)

105 S 5th Street Olivia, MN 56277

Use Main Entrance, walk up stairs and drop items into tote marked "SUPPLY DONATION"

Handicap accessible entrance on east side of building

Drop-off time: M-F 10:00am - Noon

Questions regarding donations to Renville County?

Call Public Health at 320-523-2570

RC Hospital & Clinics

(For Use of RCHC Staff)

100 Healthy Way Olivia, MN 56277

Drive-Thru Screening Station (south entrance)

A staff member will come to you to accept your donation

Drop off time: M-F 10:00am-1:00pm

Questions regarding donations to RC Hospital?

Call RC Hospital & Clinic at 1-800-916-1836

