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Subject: Request for PPE Donations

**REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPEMENT (PPE)
DUE TO SHORTAGE IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

During this unprecedented public health emergency stocks of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health care providers are being depleted rapidly. Health care personnel need to protect themselves when caring for patients by adhering to infection prevention and control practices, which includes having access to a sufficient supply of PPE. To aggressively address COVID-19, the availability of critical resources such as PPE is essential, as it will limit exposing patients and staff to the virus.

IDPH and Kankakee County Health Department are encouraging all outpatient surgical and procedural centers, ambulatory surgery centers, and veterinarians to donate their unused PPE that is not immediately needed to assist health care providers, health care facilities and first responders who are on the front line and actively responding to COVID-19.

Donations can be made to the Kankakee County Health Department and will be distributed where needed. Text or call Lindsay Wilson at 256-225-3618 to arrange drop off.

We will accept donations from any agency who has unopened PPE. This includes:

Outpatient surgical and procedural centers	Construction companies
Ambulatory surgery centers	Mechanic & Autobody shops
Dental clinics	Chemical companies
Veterinarian Clinics	Nail Salons
Coroner's Offices	Tattoo Shops
Pharmaceutical companies	Cosmetology schools
Universities that have nursing and biology programs	Hair salons
High School's with Science & Biology Labs	Major store chains (Walmart, Lowes, Meijer,
Woodworking shops	Menards, Farm & Fleet, Ace Hardware etc.)
Painting Companies	

PPE Requests include:

Surgical masks	Gowns
N95 respirators	Coveralls / bunny suits
3M half masks	Face shields
PAPRS	Safety glasses
Gloves	Safety goggles
Cavi Wipes 1 (1 minute kill time)	

We will also be taking sewn mask donations to give to people in non-clinical roles and for patients to take home. While the masks won't protect from COVID-19, they may help prevent the spread of germs.

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