

April 6, 2020

Hello Sewing Volunteers,

On behalf of all employees here at Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics, thank you for your kindness and support! Although we are not yet facing severe surgical mask shortages due to COVID-19, we are hoping to preserve our current supply for staff and patients who need it most. Most importantly, thank you for your continued patience as we navigate through the ever-changing guidelines given to us in order to maximize the effectiveness of the mask and best protect our patients and healthcare workers. Because of you, we know we will be prepared should our mask supply situation continue to worsen!

We have a specific preferred pattern as shared on **makefacemasks.com** and approve of the guidelines shared there. To best protect our staff and patients, the masks should be made of soft, tight-weave, pre-washed cotton material. They will be washed frequently on the hottest possible setting. It is important to be able to distinguish the outside of the mask from the inside, whether that be by using different colors/patterns for each side, or marking each side in some other way.

Please be sure to have clean hands and a clean workspace, and ensure all material and supplies are kept away from pets. Please do not make masks if you have been told you have a multi-drug resistant organism like C. diff. or MRSA, or if you have any open or draining wounds.

When you are ready to donate your masks to the Hospital, they will be received through the GRH Foundation. You may arrange to donate by calling Patrick Flynn, Foundation Manager, at 541-963-1431. Your help is SO appreciated!

Thank you,

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