

SUBJECT: Lansing Region PPE Collection and Aggregation

Partners and Colleagues:

In the last 48 hours, the human medical community locally, regionally and nationally has been experiencing a significant shortage of desired personal protective equipment (PPE) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/19/health/coronavirus-masks-shortage.html>) for use with suspect- and positive COVID-19 patients in clinical centers and hospitals.

Working closely with our on-campus colleagues at Environmental Health Services (EHS), the MSU Extension Food Processing Innovation Center (FPIC) will serve as a collection and aggregation site of PPE for public donations and off-campus partners who are not already donating PPE through other means. (Please Note: MSU researchers who require tracking of donated supplies should refer to the email sent yesterday by Dr. Claire Hankenson <https://ehs.msu.edu/news/2020-03-20-ppe-donation.html>).

Requests for UNOPENED and UNUSED supplies include:

- Hand sanitizer
- PAPRs (powered air-purifying respirators)
- Surgical/face mask
- Nitrile gloves
- N95 (respirator) masks
- Face shields
- Safety glasses
- Disinfectant wipes and spray
- Eyeglass shields
- Ethanol/rubbing alcohol
- Disposable surgical gowns
- Microbial culture swabs
- Hand-sewn reusable masks

These items may be present in labs or other facilities in the region that are currently working at low capacity or are closed entirely. They are also used in professions and hobbies ranging from food processing/handling to gardening and woodworking to agriculture. Therefore, family, friends and colleagues may also have needed supplies. Please forward this information to others in the Lansing region who may have access to or knowledge of PPE available for donation.

The FPIC is located at 3361 Hulett Road, Okemos MI 48864 (building sits on Atrium Drive, across from city water tank). The FPIC will be open Monday – Sunday from 9:00am – 6:00pm to accept donations. When you arrive call 517-580-3404 (plant), 517-580-3348 (plant), 616-443-1957 (Tina), or 616-293-9793 (Jason). Please have items in the trunk of your car or back seat and remain in your vehicle. We will come out to receive the items from you. If you have questions or need additional assistance (e.g., transporting), please email conkli74@msu.edu or hofmanja@msu.edu.

We will work with the MSU Health Team, Dr. Beauchamp (Executive VP for Health Sciences) and Dr. Weismantel (University Physician) to prioritize distribution through EHS.

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