



Be A Hero and Help Our Heroes

Salem, Ohio--- (March 25, 2020) - As Salem Regional Medical Center prepares to receive a surge of patients seeking treatment for the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is asking community “heroes” with sewing skills to make a special 3-layer face mask that can be used by SRMC’s front-line staff. Face masks are one form of personal protective equipment (PPE) that can help protect caregivers from droplets that may be expelled by a cough or sneeze from patients seeking care.

Sewing instructions to make the special 3-layer surgical mask are available on the SRMC website at www.salemregional.com, by clicking on the COVID-19 link at the top of SRMC’s Home page. The materials needed to sew the masks include polyester fabric, 100% cotton fabric, bias tape or elastic loops and a pipe cleaner (optional).

To ensure the health and safety of caregivers, only healthy individuals with no one in their household experiencing flu or COVID-19 symptoms should consider donating masks. Please note that all donated masks will be laundered prior to being given to SRMC staff.

Sewing instructions will be created in the next few days for making washable gowns, bouffant caps and shoe covers. This information will be posted on the SRMC website as it is created.

“Hospitals across the nation are preparing to receive an influx of patients and PPE is so vital to the safety of both patients and staff. As SRMC prepares to receive a surge of patients locally, we are looking at all of the ways we can conserve our PPE so it is available when we face the highest-risk situations. These home-made PPE items can help stretch our supplies as we battle this virus and care for our community,” said Anita Hackstedde, M.D., President/CEO.

Where to Bring Completed Masks

Completed face masks can be brought to SRMC’s Main Lobby in a clearly marked bag or container and placed in SRMC’s donation box for medical supplies, which is immediately inside the door of the Lobby. SRMC is accepting donations Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Special drop-off arrangements can also be made by calling Amy Reed, SRMC Foundation at 330-337-2883.