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SRMC still accepting PPE donations

Salem, Ohio--- (May 20, 2020) – Salem Regional Medical Center has received numerous donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) over the last eight weeks to assist with COVID-19 treatment. While the hospital has continued to maintain an adequate supply of PPE, community PPE donations including homemade cloth masks and N-95 masks are still being requested. Cloth masks are especially needed as they are laundered daily and must be replaced after multiple washings.

“SRMC truly appreciates our community’s response in assisting our frontline healthcare workers,” said Anita Hackstedde, M.D., SRMC President/CEO. “This outpouring of support has allowed us to maintain our supply of PPE so that we can effectively protect our staff and patients. However, we continue to look to our community partners for their ongoing help in supplementing our supply of masks as we continue providing care to our patients.”

Sewing instructions to make 3-layer surgical masks 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. All donated masks will be laundered prior to being distributed.

Where to Bring Completed Masks

Completed face masks can be brought to SRMC through the Parking Deck entrance 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 Parking Garage 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.