








**Frequently asked questions: North Island Rotary Clubs - Community-wide PPE Drive**

- **Hospital reserves of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are running dangerously low. If we see a surge of sick people with COVID (as other Canadian centres have seen), we could run out.**
  - The supply chain is paralyzed at this point, with unprecedented world-wide demand.
  - Medical staff are collectively very frightened of running out of PPE
  - Without proper PPE, risk of contracting COVID while caring for these patients is not a matter of if, but a matter of when.
  - **With a reasonable supply of PPE health care workers' lives will be saved.**
  
- **PPE donations requested (unopened or opened boxes OK):**

<b>PPE donation requests</b> Unopened boxes or opened boxes (taped shut) OK.	<b>Sample image</b>
<b>N95 Masks</b> DESPERATELY needed (not previously used masks)	
<b>Respirators and Filters (p100)</b>	

<p><b>Surgical masks</b> (medical grade, with either a tie or elastic strap).</p> <p>No homemade masks at this time.</p>	
<p><b>Eye protection &amp; face shields</b> (any medical grade goggles preferred, but robust protective eyewear used in industry could also work well)</p>	
<p><b>Gloves</b> (disposable protective examination gloves - not latex dish gloves at this point. Especially looking for gloves with extended cuffs if possible)</p>	
<p><b>Gowns</b> (disposable medical gowns preferred, but Dupont 'Tyvek' or 'Tychem' coveralls are great reusable protection - impervious coveralls)</p>	
<p><b>Head coverings / medical hoods</b> (disposable hats or hoods preferred. 'Bouffant' style hats used in food preparation or salon applications also OK).</p> <p>No homemade hats at this time.</p>	

**Who can donate?**

Anyone who has any surplus PPE equipment can donate now!

**What kinds of businesses also use personal protective equipment?**

- Medical professionals (dentists, orthodontists, clinics, physio, massage, etc.)
- Veterinarians
- Construction (drywallers, painters, carpenters, handy people)
- Salon and spa operators
- Tattoo artists
- Industry (mills, farms, research labs)

**How can I donate?**

In the Comox Valley, please contact [PPEDrive@comoxvalleyrotary.ca](mailto:PPEDrive@comoxvalleyrotary.ca) as soon as possible to arrange for pick-up from your business or home. Please contact Campbell River Rotary clubs for donation instructions in that area.

**Do I need to package up the PPE I am donating?**

If you have an opened box of gloves, masks, etc, please tape boxes shut before donating them.