



Phelps Health Now Gratefully Accepting New, Unused Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) For Our Employees

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As the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) situation continues to evolve, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has indicated personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are limited across the state. We are currently accepting donations of new and unused PPE in an effort to remain proactive, as we do not know how long the COVID-19 situation will last. At this time, the request for donated PPE items is a precautionary measure only.

Supplies at Phelps Health are still currently stocked; however, we have received calls from grateful individuals and suppliers who are willing to donate PPE for our employees.

In order to ensure that we continue to have the supplies we need, the types of PPE that we are now accepting include the following:

- **Masks** – The CDC has modified its acceptable mask guidelines for the prevention of infection. We will accept any new and unused masks, including N95 respirator and ear loop surgical masks. These masks also can be used in large farming operations, construction, painting and other types of industrial jobs where workers may be exposed to dust or other small particles.
- **Eye Protection** – Any clean eye protection also is being accepted. This includes goggles and safety glasses from other industries.
- **Hand Sanitizer** – We also are accepting personal-sized hand sanitizers. Per the CDC, hand sanitizers with [at least 60% alcohol](#) are the most effective.
- **Stethoscopes** – New or used stethoscopes from retired healthcare workers are being accepted, too.

If you have supplies and are willing to donate them to Phelps Health, please contact Michael Barton, director of supply chain management, at (573) 458-7585, or mbarton@phelpshealth.org.