



HOMEMADE MASK REQUEST AND CLARIFICATION

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Skyline Health is working diligently to prepare for a potential surge of COVID-19 patients seeking care in our hospital. Due to a nationwide shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), we anticipate the need for creative solutions. Homemade masks are one example of this, however due to the highly contagious nature of this virus, not all homemade mask designs are appropriate for a hospital setting. In an effort to prioritize the safety of our workforce and our patients, we are graciously accepting homemade masks that meet certain guidelines.

We are incredibly grateful for all the offers we have received regarding homemade masks. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please take a look at the templates below. Regarding donations or questions, please contact Debi Budnick, Skyline Outreach Coordinator at 509-637-2601 or dbudnick@myskylinehealth.org. If you would like to offer any other donations to support our response to Covid-19, please email coviddonations@myskylinehealth.org

GORGE MAKER COLLECTIVE TEMPLATE

This is our preferred template. It is more complicated to assemble but meets multiple needs in the health care setting. Specifically, this design:

- Fits over an N95 mask, allowing us to extend the use of this important piece of PPE.
- Contains space for a small filter to be inserted, creating extra protection against the virus.
- Features a small metal nosepiece to secure the mask over the nose.

[Click Here to access this template.](#) If you are on Facebook, request to join “Gorge Makers Collective” to be connected with the group spearheading this effort.

GENERIC ONLINE TEMPLATES

These masks, such as those promoted by Joanne Fabric, will be useful in the event we run out of our preferred PPE. We are graciously accepting this design. Please note that these masks:

- Feature a much simpler assembly.
- Will be useful to help protect non-clinical employees and may be used on certain patients.
- Are not truly considered PPE for a patient care setting, but will be an important part of being prepared for an influx of patients.

[Click here for examples of these masks curated by Joanne Fabric](#)

Thank you for supporting the health of our community. We are grateful for you!