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HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS CAN PARTNER WITH MASK MAKERS

Face masks have become a necessity for health care workers and lay people alike during the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the country, individuals like home sewers, tailors, entrepreneurs and organizations alike are retooling their businesses or homes to make masks for their communities. Hospitals, community-based organizations (i.e., food banks, homeless shelters) and essential workers can benefit from the generous efforts of their community members by partnering with mask makers. Though many mask makers cannot produce medical grade surgical masks or N-95 respirators, they can still provide a valuable resource, especially as municipalities move to require face coverings in public spaces. Below are five steps for hospitals and community-based organizations can follow to partner with local mask makers to produce cloth face masks:

- 1. Mobilize mask makers in your community.** Advertise a call for local mask makers interested in creating face masks on your organization's social media accounts and website. Additionally, update your organization's donation page to include contact information and details for those interested in creating face masks. This will create a momentum in the community.
- 2. Share your organization's needs.** Connect with mask makers who have contacted you to discuss your specific needs regarding quantity and type PPE needed. Determine whether the mask makers plan to donate or sell their products. For donations, keep a record of each donation so once the pandemic passes, you can formally acknowledge those individuals and businesses.
- 3. Inform local mask makers on specifications regarding design and material.** Share recommended designs and materials with your mask makers to ensure their creations meet your safety and quality standards. Visit 100millionmasks.org to learn more.
- 4. Ensure masks meet safety standards.** Test a couple homemade face masks and communicate with your partner if these don't meet your organization's safety standards.
- 5. Collect masks and distribute.** Work with your partner to identify a date and method of transporting tailored masks to your organization. Update your website with shipping and drop off options to minimize unnecessary emails.

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