

## MASK MAKERS CAN PARTNER WITH HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Individuals like home sewers, tailors, entrepreneurs and organizations are mobilizing their skills and businesses to support their communities' personal protection equipment needs. Across the country, mask makers are creating masks for their friends and family, and are interested in offering these services to hospitals, food banks, homeless shelters, essential workers and others. Below are five steps mask makers can follow to partner with hospitals and community-based organizations to offer their face mask creations:

- 1. Identify hospitals, community-based organizations and essential workers in your community in need of face masks. There are multiple ways to identify organizations in need of face masks. Visit the donations page for local hospitals and community-based organizations in your community. Most organizations have information on how the community can donate, either money or supplies, during the COVID-19 pandemic. If information is not available, email the organization with your partnership proposal. You also can contact your primary care physician office or local government office.
- 2. Discuss your partner organization's needs and face mask specifications. After connecting with your partner, whether it is a hospital or community-based organization, notify your partner if your services are for donation or payment and discuss their needs regarding PPE. Visit <a href="https://www.100millionmasks.org">www.100millionmasks.org</a> to learn more about face mask designs and materials.
- Ensure masks meet safety standards. It is very important that tailored masks meet your partner organization's safety standards.
- **4. Share your work and skills on social media.** If you feel comfortable, post your face mask creations on social media and offer your services. This can create an opportunity to connect with a potential partner on a wider scale. Consider using #100millionmasks and tag any community partners.
- **5. Distribute tailored masks.** Work with your partner to identify a method of transporting tailored masks to your partner organization. View your partner's website for shipping and drop off options.

Please visit these websites to learn more:

100MILLIONMASKS.ORG

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