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Centralized PPE Collection Point Established

NORWALK, Ohio— Due to the limited supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available within Huron County, there are multiple facilities searching for donated supplies from local businesses, schools and others who have been willing to donate. Huron County Public Health (HCPH), Huron County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and the Huron County Commissioners have established the Huron County EMA as the central collection and distribution point for **ANY AND ALL** PPE donations. This means all donations of PPE and requests for PPE should be coordinated through the Huron County EMA during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are strongly encouraging that individual health care facilities and first responders **not reach out separately** for donations, please contact Huron County EMA with requests. This is an organized way of collecting materials within the community that allow the most efficient distribution and lessen confusion for donors. Huron County EMA is working under the direction of Incident Commander and HCPH Health Commissioner, Tim Hollinger.

The hours of operation for the collection point at Huron County EMA will be Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., call 419-663-5772 with questions. After business hours, please contact Tacy Bond at 419-541-0359 regarding donations. The collection point is currently accepting donations including:

- N95 Masks,
- Hand sanitizer,
- Gowns,
- Face shields,
- Disinfecting wipes,
- Surgical masks,
- Thermometers,
- Eye protection, and
- Nitrile gloves

As supplies are collected, they will be distributed to local healthcare facilities and first responders based on each individual facility's critical needs.

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