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COVID-19 Joint Press Communication Update Regarding Upcoming Mask Drives

The Macon County Crisis Communication Team is accepting donations of homemade masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on Thursday, March 26, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and each of the two following Thursdays (April 2 and April 9, 2020) at the Decatur Civic Center drive-through (1 Gary K Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523). These donations will be distributed to Crossing Healthcare, Decatur Memorial Hospital and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital.

The donations can include boxed, unused surgical type masks (including N95 masks); clean handmade, sewn masks; unused, wrapped or boxed gowns and exam gloves; hand sanitizer; bleach wipes and alcohol wipes to help with the national shortage during the COVID-19 outbreak. The community should be assured that these donations will be received in accordance with CDC guidelines. For those who wish to make masks, please use [this link](#) (which includes instructions for elastic ties) or [this link](#) (which includes instructions using cotton ties) as a guide. The Crisis Communication team suggests putting them in Ziploc bags in quantities of 25.

Community members should only drop off donations at this designated location at the Decatur Civic Center. Do not bring them to the hospitals or clinics.

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