

PPE Still Needed at Stevenson Memorial Hospital

[New Tecumseth, ON – April 29, 2020] – Hospitals across the province are continuing to deal with shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) across the health system, and Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) is no different.

In response to the anticipated shortage, the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) launched a PPE Drive on March 26, 2020. Since that time, countless individuals, organizations, and businesses have answered the call. “We are incredibly grateful to our community for stepping up and donating hundreds of urgently needed PPE and supplies to SMH,” says Tanya Wall, Executive Director at SMHF. “The need continues and we are appealing to our community to further support the PPE Drive, with the donation of urgently required items,” she adds.

The items SMH is looking for are:

- **Procedure Masks: Ear-loop ASTM F2100-11, Level 2 rating or higher, GN95**
- **Masks: N95 3M9105, 3M1870+, 3M8110S, 3M8210, NIOSH and CE**
- **Gowns: AAMI, Level 2 rating or greater – must wrap all the way around**
- **Hand sanitizer: 70% or higher alcohol, must be a pump bottle ONLY**

If you have items to donate, please call **(705) 220-0868** or email mmclean@smhosp.on.ca and include pictures of the product, if possible. All products will be validated to ensure they meet the hospital’s needs and we will then arrange for drop-off. Please note that SMH is a latex-free facility.

Social distancing practices will be enforced during the drop off. All PPE will be inspected, assessed, cleaned and disinfected (where possible) prior to use.

The Hospital’s Auxiliary is busy sewing cloth masks and scrub caps for SMH staff, along with community supporters. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact SMH Auxiliary President Gary Munro at gmunro@bell.net.

In addition to donations, Wall states “If you know of a manufacturer that has retooled to support PPE efforts, please share their information with us so we can look into whether they may be an appropriate supplier for SMH.”

For the most current information about PPE required and how you can help, please visit:
www.stevensonhospital.ca/stevenson-ppe-drive.html

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