

Subject: State request for PPE

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From: UofL Update,Service Account

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Dear Campus Research and Clinical Community,

Our university's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Taskforce has done great work to activate many of our research and clinical laboratories to start gathering available PPE to ensure that healthcare workers in our hospitals are fully equipped with the items they need in anticipation of the growing COVID-19 pandemic. We acknowledge and appreciate the previous donations from the research community that have contributed to this level of preparedness.

To date, UofL Health medical leaders report that their PPE inventory is adequate and they believe that they are equipped to handle both current cases and the anticipated surge of cases that may come. Additionally, a recently developed N95 respirator decontamination program will soon launch so that used masks can be sterilized and safely reused.

Knowing that our healthcare workers are equipped and prepared to serve our local community, we want to move quickly in responding to our state's call for help and their current request that we donate any available PPE during Kentucky's State of Emergency for distribution to places in desperate need.

Kentuckians on the front lines of the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic need our help. Please inventory your research and clinical laboratories for any unneeded PPE such as nitrile gloves, face masks, N95 respirators, goggles, gowns and ventilators.

University personnel on the HSC Campus can drop off boxed items at the Department of Environmental Health and Safety's (DEHS) Radiation Safety Office located in the Library Commons Building Room 102. Please call ahead to 852-5231 to ensure that someone is available to receive the boxed items. For laboratories on Belknap Campus, please email a donation pick-up request to cathy.price@louisville.edu and include the building name and room number where boxed items are located. Lab personnel need not be present; just clearly mark the box as "PPE Donation."

By DEHS serving as the central drop-off and collection service for our available PPE donations, we will be able to report and track any items purchased with NSF grant funds as well as ensure that all donations are delivered to the nearest Kentucky State Police post or Transportation Cabinet location as requested by the Governor's Office.

UofL is an engine for knowledge, innovation and resources. Please help us answer our state's call for action and mobilize our university to donate available resources with our greater community and health care heroes across the state.

Thank you,

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