

From Nanoose Community Services:

Hello everyone,

My name is Dr. Meghan Towers and I am a hospitalist doctor at NRGH. As I'm sure you have all read in the media, doctors and healthcare workers across the country are appealing to the public to donate their home supplies of masks and gloves to help keep our staff healthy and thus able to support you and your families against the fight with COVID19.

We have been more fortunate than many countries to have a bit of a warning so we are already rationing our gloves and masks at NRGH. That being said, our use is up 800-1300% and we will run out of personal protective equipment (PPE).

So here is where you can help:

Look around the house, in your garage or your shop to see if you can find any of the much-needed equipment listed below. If you have bought masks or gloves for yourself, know that by keeping 6 to 8 feet between yourself and others you are at low risk of acquiring the infection. If you wash your hands with soap and water or with hand sanitizer you will have killed the virus. Wearing gloves and a mask out in the community won't save you from the infection but those same pieces of equipment will help your healthcare workers as they see case after case of COVID19 and are repeatedly exposed.

What we need:

- N-95 Surgical masks
- Procedure masks
- Procedure masks with shields
- Goggles
- Gloves
- Disposable gowns

What do we NOT want?

- Home made masks
- Cloth gowns

If you have any of the above, and they are sealed in their original packaging, please contact Beccy Robson: brobson@divisionsbc.ca

But, even if they are unsealed but unused, we will happily use them in our efforts. Please contact my parents, Terry Kelly (tfkelly1@telus.net) or Sue Kelly (suekelly@telus.net) to arrange a safe pick up/drop off of your donation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at megkelly33@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for everything you are all doing.
Stay safe, stay healthy and stay home!