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## WAUKESHA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPEN TO DONATIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO COMBAT COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment supplies are dwindling

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Fire Departments within Waukesha County, today announced that they are open to receiving donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitizing items from businesses and citizens. Donations of any size can be made to your local Fire Departments and contact should be made with them directly to coordinate delivery.

As emergency responders work to manage the spread of COVID-19 throughout the country, Waukesha County is focused on prevention and containment. Local emergency responders are gearing up with protective masks, gloves, gowns, and goggles, but this essential equipment is in short supply. Additional PPE supplies have been requested through the appropriate state and federal resources but the timeline on delivery is unknown as well as how much Waukesha County will receive.

If you work in construction, education, manufacturing, a trade, or any other profession that uses these critical supplies, please consider donating any of the items listed below.

- N95 respirators new in original package
- Surgical masks new in original package
- Gloves unopened packs of disposable gloves
- Sanitizer unopened hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant unopened disinfectants and disinfecting wipes
- Goggles unused and packaged
- Gowns disposable
- Shoe covers disposable

Information about Waukesha County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on the county's website <u>www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19</u> and on social media accounts.

## About the Waukesha County Office of Emergency Management

The Waukesha County Office of Emergency Management is a division of Waukesha County's Department of Emergency Preparedness. WCEM provides a comprehensive and integrated emergency management program designed to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of natural and technological hazards which impact the welfare, safety and health of all Waukesha County citizens. For more information, head to www.waukeshacounty.gov/EmergencyManagement



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