

Yellowstone County COVID-19 Command

News Release

For immediate release

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PPE from Donation Center Distributed

WHO: Various Organizations in Yellowstone County

WHAT: Personal Protective Equipment

BILLINGS, MT – This week 19 organizations received thousands of donated items of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Donation Center set up at MetraPark.

The Yellowstone County COVID-19 Command began operating the center in early April at MetraPark to collect donations to help with the critical need for PPE in the community. The majority of the donations were from corporate donors and the Strategic National Stockpile, which supplements state and local supplies during public health emergencies.

The organizations received a variety of PPE including N95 masks, gloves, surgical masks, gowns and more.

Organizations receiving the donations are: Billings Fire Department, Butterfly Assisted Living, Children's Clinic, Compassus Hospice, Community Crisis Center, Fuller Family Medicine, Gallagher's Assisted Living, Lockwood Fire Department, Planned Parenthood, the Quarantine and Isolation Site, Rimrock Foundation, RiverStone Health, Shepherd Fire Department, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, Southern Montana Optometric Center, Springs at Grand Park Senior Living, St. John's United, West Park Senior Residence, and Yellowstone County Detention Facility.

Each of the organizations were given different types and quantities of PPE. Those donations included about 170 boxes N95 masks; about 33 boxes of surgical and other masks; approximately 35 boxes of surgical gowns; and more than 130 boxes of various types of gloves. Also distributed to some of the organizations were cleaning wipes, bottled water and respirator masks.

Donations are still being accepted at the Donation Center at MetraPark. Call ahead to 406.208.8154 to schedule a drop off time.

Requested Items:

- o N95 Respirators: 1860, 8210, Inovell 3000 and 1870, 1870+, 9210, 9211, 8511Z
- o Surgical masks, including ASTM Levels 1, 2, 3
- o Hand sanitizer, 70% alcohol preferred

- o Tyvek overalls
- o Tyvek hoods
- o Face shields
- o Thermometers, oral (digital) and no touch
- o Goggles (no splash preferred)
- o Disinfectants: (Fuzion item # 31478), Caviwipes, Clorox/Lysol disinfecting wipes
- o Isolation gowns (Fluid resistant)

If possible, please bring items in original boxes. If that is not possible, bring items in a well-organized sturdy box, labeled with the name and number of each item.

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