

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



March 25, 2020

### **City First Responders Seek Donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supplies**

Portsmouth, New Hampshire -- City Health Officer Kim McNamara has put out the call requesting donations of PPE supplies so the City's health and first responder teams have a sure supply as demand grows.

The bulletin to residents noted, "In addition to outfitting COVID-19 health providers, the fire and police officers who respond to any 'possibly infected or exposed' individuals must take PPE precautions. That uses up supplies, fast!"

The Portsmouth Fire Department is organizing the PPE Donation Drive and is collecting items at the Portsmouth Indoor Pool (parking lot next to Portsmouth High School entrance), on Thursday-Saturday, March 26, 27 & 28, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### WHAT THEY NEED:

- Sterile and non-sterile gloves - latex-free preferred
- Hand sanitizer
- Bleach bottles or sprays
- Bleach wipes
- Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol)
- Eye protection and goggles
- Clear face shields - These look like a welder's mask but are transparent
- Masks - tie, ear-loop
- Respirator masks - N95, N99, P100 - all sizes. Extra filters are also needed for these devices.
- PAPR respirators - 3M or MaxAir - unused. Hoods, filters, batteries, chargers, tubes to go with these units are also needed.
- Disposable gowns - unused isolation gowns
- Shoe covers
- Biohazard bags - unused

Please don't bring:

- Used PPE
- Clothing new or used
- Food of any kind
- Water

For more information about PPE donations and collection, please contact Fire Prevention Officer Shawn Wheeler at the Portsmouth Fire Department at [fireprevention@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:fireprevention@cityofportsmouth.com).

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: [hotline@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com)

For more information, visit the [City of Portsmouth Health Department page on COVID-19](#)