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the health of our community

# ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### Oneida County Health Department Is Seeking Donations of Hand-Sewn Masks

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that cloth face coverings (masks) should be worn in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain such as grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. Wearing these masks in public facilities will help slow the spread of the virus. Research shows that a large portion of individuals with coronavirus (COVID-19) lack symptoms and that even those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close settings. For example this may happen when people are speaking, coughing, or sneezing, even if those people are not showing symptoms. Wearing a mask will decrease the risk of giving or getting the virus.

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) will collect donated masks and wrap each one individually to give to local areas of need. Donations can be dropped off between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) reception desk, located on the first floor of the Health Department and ADRC building located at 100 W Keenan St, near Trigs. Please put your donated masks in a sealed bag with an attached card that includes your name and mailing address.

If you would like to donate and are unable to drop off, please call Sherri between 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM at (715) 369 – 6111 to see if other arrangements can be made.

To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Oneida County Health Department website ([oneidacountypublichealth.org](http://oneidacountypublichealth.org)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/)), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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