

Looking for a way to be FOR our neighbors? Our community needs our help! Riverside is looking for 3,400 masks for patients in their 13 lifelong facilities. Can't sew? If you can use scissors, you can still help! Riverside has 4 websites of patterns that they are requesting to be used for the masks. Below is the information from Riverside including the websites and drop off day and times. If you need someone to deliver your homemade masks for you or if you want to cut out the material, call or email Tammy Perkins at 757-329-5520 perkre@cox.net to arrange pick up/drop off (while maintaining appropriate social distancing of course).

Thank you Crossroads! You are the best!!

Homemade face masks

Riverside is accepting homemade face masks, but we are unable to use them in clinical settings at this time. The appropriate use of these masks will be determined by our infection control and infectious disease experts. If the masks are needed, they will be sanitized by Riverside before they are used. Riverside also encourages that homemade masks be provided to friends and neighbors who are caring for family members with COVID-19. While the homemade masks do not provide clinical-grade protection, they can be utilized by COVID-19 patients at home, as well as by those caring for them. For those wanting to make masks, they should be made with two layers of tightly woven 100 percent cotton fabric. We are suggesting one of the four patterns below. The masks can be made with ties or elastic. As the elastic to make the masks is now in such high demand, another option is to utilize elastic hair bands. If using hair bands, we have found it works best if you cut the band and sew it to the mask instead of leaving the band as a complete circle.

- Button Counter : <https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/>
- JOANN Fabrics : <https://www.joann.com/make-to-give-response/?icn=hpzhero&ici=make-to-give-response>
- Sweet Red Poppy: <https://sweetredpoppy.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask/>
- Sew Good Goods: <https://www.sewgoodgoods.org/face-mask-covid-19>

These items may be dropped off during the designated hours at each facility as outlined below.

Drop-off times and locations:

https://www.riversideonline.com/covid_19/donations.cfm?csSearch=45275_1#collapse3

Donations may be dropped off at our hospitals on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please call the number listed for that facility, and a staff member will come out to your vehicle to retrieve the items. Please do not try to bring items into the building.

In-kind donations of new and unopened medical supplies should be clearly labeled. Donations of homemade masks should be packaged in sealed Ziploc bags with the number of enclosed items labeled clearly on the outside of the sealed bag. Large donations (such as a delivery truck) should call ahead to arrange for logistics.

Contact information will be required from each donor so we can contact you with any questions that may arise. We are unable to accept any items donated without contact information. We can also only take medical supplies listed above as we prioritize our most urgent needs.

Riverside Doctors' Hospital of Williamsburg

1500 Commonwealth Avenue

Williamsburg, VA 23185

Call 757-585-2221

Riverside Regional Medical Center

500 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.

Newport News, VA 23606

Park near Entrance D in front of the Annex Conference Center.

Call 757-594-2044 to have a staff member come out to meet you.

Riverside Walter Reed Hospital

7519 Hospital Drive

Gloucester, VA 23061

Call 804-693-8810