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**Butler County Welcomes PPE, Sanitizing Supplies, and Homemade Mask Donations
During New Weekly Donation Drop Off**

Butler County, OH – The Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) in collaboration with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is excited to announce the institution of a weekly **Donation Drop Off for Butler County – Wednesdays 10AM -12PM at 1810 Princeton Rd. Hamilton OH 45011.**

We are encouraging community members, businesses, and organizations to donate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, N95s, surgical masks, gowns, face shields and sanitizing supplies such as hand sanitizer, and cleansing sprays/wipes.

BCGHD has also received a substantial amount of calls and emails from community members asking where they can donate homemade masks and we are pleased to announce that the Butler County EOC will be accepting those donations as well.

For a how-to guide on creating homemade masks and face coverings please use the following CDC guidance : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

The same guidance can be utilized for individuals looking to make their own homemade cloth face coverings, which are being recommended for use by the CDC in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. **It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus.** Individuals looking for more information on the CDC's new recommendation regarding the use of cloth face coverings by the general public should utilize this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

The Butler County EOC has been functioning as the main PPE distribution point for Butler County and to date has distributed several thousand pieces of PPE to our community partners on the frontline such as Fire, Police, EMS, Hospital, Long Term Care, and many others. Donations will be given to our first responders, healthcare workers, and other frontline organizations active in this COVID19 response.

Individuals can drop off PPE donations, homemade masks, and sanitizing supplies to the Butler County Emergency Operations Center, 1810 Princeton Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011 on Wednesdays 10AM -12PM.

Individuals with questions about what can be donated can call the Butler County EOC at 513-785-5100.

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