

## Newsletter #76 September 2, 2020

### Updated PPE Source List

Aloha,

This information is being distributed on behalf of the Office of Health Care Assurance to all CMAs, ADCCs and CMAs.

Attached for your information and use is an updated list which includes a link for eligible licensed care homes and health care facilities to order and obtain PPE at no cost.

In the attachment you will also find information regarding a company called Battelle. Battelle has a EUA (emergency use authorization) to disinfect N95 masks up to 20 times for reuse. They are located in Mililani. Battelle is only allowed to decontaminate N95 masks with no exhalation valves, and masks that do not contain cellulose or activated carbon. See attachment for more information.

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**N95 Certified Fit Testing locations:**

N95 Fit Test/Train the Trainer: Email to [hiN95fit@gmail.com](mailto:hiN95fit@gmail.com): include needs, scheduling, requests, coordination.

**ORDERING PPE****HIEMA:**

For eligible state licensed or certified care homes or health facilities, go to <https://hawaii-medical-alliance.myshopify.com/> for information, and to register to order and receive PPE at no cost.

**HHEM:**

1. For HHEMC members, access HHEMC Website EOC platform
2. For non-HHEMC members, email: [info@hhemc.net](mailto:info@hhemc.net) and submit requests for PPE which include gloves, masks, gowns and face shields.
3. There is a tiered priority system; HHEM requests the following information: current number of COVID+ patients, what kind of PPE conservation measures are in place, current PPE supply and burn rate (rate of use). HHEM may ask for additional info.

**Masks4Hawaii:** Complete google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejUaqlf7T2PjKrr07YbhdWTZR\\_k-oEAC83mpkd1wuPTzPqA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejUaqlf7T2PjKrr07YbhdWTZR_k-oEAC83mpkd1wuPTzPqA/viewform) (These donors are not using a standardized pattern. Some donors are sewing masks with filter pockets). Maximum per batch order is 25.

**Kupuna Kokua:** Donating cloth masks, surgical masks, and hand sanitizers to kupuna that sign up with the organization at <https://www.kupunakokua.org/kupuna-sign-up/>.

**Wilson Care Group:** For healthcare providers including N95, surgical masks, goggles, face shields, gowns, gloves, etc. You may set up an account and order PPE at [BeWellHawaii.com](http://BeWellHawaii.com)

**For those who cannot afford or access surgical masks:** <http://www.every1nehawaii.com/>

**Surgical masks:** Naomi Masuno at Rotary Hawaii at [masuno1@aol.com](mailto:masuno1@aol.com)

**DECONTAMINATION SYSTEMS**

- **Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor:** Medical care providers/first responders are able to enroll online by visiting [www.battelle.org/decon](http://www.battelle.org/decon). With that enrollment, they will receive information on how to collect, package, and ship masks to our system, located in Millilani, HI for decontamination. Goal of 72-hour turnaround time + 1-2 days for shipping. For more info: <https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-ccds-for-covid19-satellite-locations> and <https://www.battelle.org/ccds-facts>
- **UV Radiation:** For decontamination of Surgical Masks only, please contact HPH [susan.nonaka@hawaiiapacifichealth.org](mailto:susan.nonaka@hawaiiapacifichealth.org)
- **InstantPot:** Place masks on towel, no water, set at 212°F for 50 minutes: [https://www.fastcompany.com/90537930/how-to-decontaminate-an-n95-mask-in-an-instant-pot?utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=cfasnews&utm\\_content=newsletter](https://www.fastcompany.com/90537930/how-to-decontaminate-an-n95-mask-in-an-instant-pot?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cfasnews&utm_content=newsletter)
- **Battelle:** For information and to create an account, contact [https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-critical-care-decontamination-system-for-covid19?utm\\_source=brochure&utm\\_medium=1-pager&utm\\_campaign=fy20-covid&utm\\_content=v1](https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-critical-care-decontamination-system-for-covid19?utm_source=brochure&utm_medium=1-pager&utm_campaign=fy20-covid&utm_content=v1). Located in Millilani.

**ALTERNATIVES****Face Shields:**

- Other substitutes: Safety Glasses or Goggles (useful when bathing patients)
- Order from <https://www.masks4hi.com/> (via UH-JABSOM, Mid-Pac, Kauai High School)
  - locally sourced proper PPE which includes surgical masks, N95, shields, goggles, and isolation gowns.
- Order from schools/individuals who are 3D printing these.
- Consider purchasing your own 3D printer and make an ongoing supply for your facility.
- DIY: <https://www.michaels.com/diy-face-masks-and-shields/acetate-face-shield/acetate-face-shield>

**Cloth Face Masks:**

For DIY Fabric Masks, Olson style with pocket for filter, and tape for seal. Recommended material: cotton mix, or tea towel.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnVk12sFRkY> [18:20 min]

Filter options: Surgical drape, Blue shop towels (from auto shop), Coffee Filters

Note: cloths masks can also extend the life of a surgical mask or N95 mask.

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