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West Lane Emergency Operations Group Gratefully Accepts Donations to Support COVID-19 Efforts

Florence, Ore. — Partners in the West Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG), including PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center and the City of Florence, have been humbled and inspired by the outpouring of support from community members wanting to donate needed items to keep caregivers, providers, and patients safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is essential to have personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand to prepare for possible surges in the number of local cases. Please consider donating your surplus PPE, including new masks, gowns, and gloves. This applies to medical professionals (doctor, dentist, veterinarian, etc.), or non-health care private businesses such as contractors or electricians. WLEOG is partnering with Lane County on collection of these items.

PPE Donations:

Donations may be dropped off on weekdays beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the City of Florence Public Works Facility, 2675 Kingwood Street, Florence, OR 97439.

Please place items in the trunk/back hatch of your vehicle. Do not exit your vehicle. A designee from the Emergency Operations Center will greet you and remove the items and place them in our donation bins.

At this time, we are unable to accommodate requests to pick up donations.

If you have questions, please email donations@westlaneec.org. Due to COVID-related work and the volume of questions we're receiving, we may not be able to reply right away. We appreciate your patience!



Monetary Donations:

Peace Harbor Medical Center also welcomes monetary donations to help manage the COVID-19 situation. Those who would like to support the Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund can do so in the following ways:

- Visit <https://www.peacehealth.org/foundation/peace-harbor/donate-now>
- Mail donations to Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 335, Eugene, OR 97440. Please put COVID-19 fund in the memo line of your check.

NOTE: 100% of donations to this fund stay local and are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Heather Quaas-Annsa, Peace Harbor Foundation Director, at 541-902-6589.

Sewing Face Masks:

For those interested in sewing face masks, we encourage you to follow instructions from Peace Harbor, which will be posted online at <http://www.peacehealth.org/coronavirus>. If you have already fabricated masks using a different design template, we will still gratefully accept them. We ask that you please pre-shrink fabric prior to making the mask. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to provide fabric or kits.

The WLEOG is coordinating the West Lane Emergency Operations Center in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in coordination with the Lane County Emergency Operations Center. Coordination of donated PPE is being managed by the City of Florence and the Siuslaw Public Library staff as part of the Emergency Operations Center and our partner agencies.

Again, the West Lane Emergency Operations Group, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, and the City of Florence send out a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has stepped up to help us care for our community in these challenging times.

This information is also available at www.ci.florence.or.us/covid19.

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Items Attached: Donation Drop Off Map