

Hiawatha Hospital in need of masks

**(MSC News) -The Hiawatha Community Hospital is asking for help from the community to provide homemade surgical face masks.**

**According to information provided by the hospital, there is a worldwide shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) which have left medical facilities in need of more supplies.**

**One of those basic needs includes face masks.**

**Anyone who wants to help can sew a homemade face mask for the Hiawatha Hospital. The hospital has said they will accept any size or style. Masks should be made of cotton or flannel, contain two or three layers and should have elastic, string or ribbon ties.**

**If a person would like to help and does not have a pattern, the following is an online link that might be useful: <https://www.google.com/amp.usatoday.com/amp/2945209001>.**

**Contact the hospital at 742-6229 to make arrangements for delivery in the hospital parking lot.**

**"We appreciate all who are willing to make masks and are overwhelmed with gratitude for the community support!"**

**In addition, the Hiawatha Community Hospital said that the CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.**

**Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html> for more information.**

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