

PPE Donations and Veterinary Equipment

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has established a website for central collection and distribution of PPE and other essential supplies. If you have PPE that you would like to donate or to submit to the Buy-Back program please submit your information on that website. <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations>

Submissions on that website will be received and prospective contributors will be contacted by the triage team.

The following message is from DHS to donors and individuals wishing to participate in buyback:

Thank you for your interest in helping the State of Wisconsin meet our PPE needs for the COVID-19 Emergency Response. At this time we are only accepting quantities of 50 or more **unopened** boxes or packages for the PPE Donation/Buyback Program. We appreciate your offer to assist and would ask that you please consider donating to a local Police/Fire/EMT services or other local emergency or health care organizations.

QUESTION REGARDING VETERINARY EQUIPMENT USED FOR HUMAN VENTILATORS

WI DHS Response:

At this time we are purchasing a large quantity of ventilators and are not looking at alternative ventilation methods.

QUESTION REGARDING HOMEMADE MASKS

WI DHS Response:

DHS does not have an official position on homemade masks. Those who choose to wear a homemade mask should be aware they may not provide protection and could lead to exposure due more frequent touching of the face to readjusting the mask.

A few Credible Websites for COVID-19 Information:

CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

WI DHS Guidance: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/help.htm>

AVMA Guidance: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19>

WVMA Guidance: <https://www.wvma.org/covid-19-resources/>