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COVID-19 Updates (3/23/20)

Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies Service Changes

In continuing efforts to reduce COVID-19 transmission and ensure patient and staff safety, Munson Healthcare is modifying its Outpatient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies services throughout the region. This follows guidance by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All outpatient locations are closed and required visits are being provided virtually. Urgent visits that cannot be accommodated virtually are being handled on a case by case basis.

Munson Healthcare Accepting PPE and Face Mask Donations Beginning March 24

Beginning tomorrow, Munson Healthcare will begin accepting community donations of specific medical supplies and PPE including sanitizer, gloves, and hand-sewn face masks. We will be accepting the following items in new or unused condition:

- Disposable face masks
- N95 masks, sometimes called respirators
- Eye protection including face shields and safety goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable gloves, especially non-latex
- Disposable surgical caps
- Disposable foot covers
- Wipes: bleach or antimicrobial
- Hand sanitizer

Specialized items also accepted:

- PAPRs (powered air-purifying respirators) and PAPR hoods
- Nasal testing swabs
- Viral testing kits

Donated items may be delivered to Goodwill of Northern Michigan at 2279 South Airport Rd., Traverse City, noon - 6 pm, Monday - Sunday. More drop-off locations throughout the system will be announced soon.

A specific hand-sewn face mask pattern and approved materials will also be recommended and communicated once finalized.

Thank you for helping us spread the word throughout our communities!

Correction to Knowledge Management Services Phone Number and Email

Saturday (3/21), we sent the following update regarding Knowledge Management Services with an incorrect phone number and email address. Please note the correct number and email below.

Knowledge Management Services (KMS) has recently added a link to [LitCovid](#) on their electronic resources page. LitCovid is a curated hub for tracking current scientific information about the 2019 novel Coronavirus. Content is updated daily and sorted by mechanism, transmission, treatment, case reports, and epidemic forecasting.

As always, KMS staff are available to assist in obtaining needed articles or other resources. Contact staff at **231-935-7124** or Library-HealthSciences@mhc.net.

