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Crow Wing County Requests Donations of Masks, Gloves and Hand Sanitizer

To protect the public's health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, Crow Wing County staff are asking residents for help in donating any extra masks, gloves or hand sanitizer residents may have to spare. There is a drop box outside of the front entrance of the Community Services building for residents to drop all donations. 204 Laurel Street in Brainerd. Staff will monitor the box and bring items inside. Residents should drop items off during business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Items requested are:

- Surgical masks (NEW)
- N95 masks (NEW)
- Industrial masks (N95 or dust)
- Latex free gloves (NEW)
- Disposable Food Grade gloves (NEW)
- Disinfectant wipes (NEW)
- Hand sanitizer of all sizes
- Antibacterial soap
- Protective gowns (water resistant)
- Eye protection goggles or glasses (NEW)
- Face shields (NEW)

All items will be donated to local first responders and healthcare workers.

The goal is to anticipate the items needed by law enforcement, first responders and medical staff. "We continue to work to prepare Crow Wing County and to protect our residents. We want residents to get out and donate if they can." said County Administrator Tim Houle. "We ask that residents still stay at home as much as they can and practice social distancing. If you do go out in the community for essentials, consider dropping off a donation to help those working on the front lines have the best protection. We are working each day to prepare, prepare and prepare. Our number one goal is the health and safety of our communities."

Below are some key strategies for you to help protect yourself and your families.

- Watch for symptoms in you or your family such as fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- If you have symptoms, call your clinic prior to showing up to allow medical teams to tell you the protocols they would like you to follow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough and sneezes
- Frequently clean all commonly touched surfaces and work areas.

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The Minnesota Department of Health has a hotline for COVID-19 questions at 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday-Friday.

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