

New Guidance for Handmade Masks on Care Ottawa County Website

Health care facilities and nonprofits are accepting homemade masks and/or gowns and other medical supplies for frontline workers, clients and patients. While handmade masks are not a replacement for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the CDC has begun to recommend that the individuals wear such mask when out in public. If you are interested in sewing handmade masks, please sign up to be a volunteer on the [Find the Helpers](#) website and join the Facebook Group [West Michigan COVID-19 Open Source Medical Supplies](#) to join a community of local sewers. Once you are connected through these groups you will be given further directions on requests for masks and where to supply them.

One of the biggest needs right now is for 100% cotton fabric to be used in sewing masks. If you have fabric material that you would be willing to donate or have masks made already please feel free to drop them off at any of the sites listed below. **Please do not drop off items if you are sick or have been around individuals with a fever or cough.**

- **Community Action House**

Drop off: 739 Paw Paw Drive, Holland, MI 49423

Drop off hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

- **Love Inc. of SE Ottawa County**

3300 Van Buren St. Hudsonville, MI 49426

Drop off hours: Monday-Friday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

- **Love in Action of the Tri Cities**

1106 Fulton St. Grand Haven, MI 49417

Drop off hours: Monday-Friday 9:00AM -5:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

If you are interested in requesting handmade masks and other protective equipment, please fill out the following form on the [Find the Helpers](#) website.