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# City seeking donations of non-medical masks for vulnerable residents

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The City's Human Needs Task Force is seeking donations of non-medical masks to give vulnerable residents.

The City is seeking:

- Masks made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric that is breathable, like cotton sheets, quilts cotton and flannel
- Masks with pockets or slots for replaceable filters
- Masks used to cover other masks or respirators to prolong their use

## How to donate

Please email [donations@ottawa.ca](mailto:donations@ottawa.ca) to set up an appointment for drop-off. You must follow physical distancing when dropping off [donations](#).

Wearing a non-medical mask is not a replacement for physical distancing, hand washing and monitoring your health. Staying two metres away from people you don't live with is important but isn't always possible in public spaces. Wearing a mask adds an extra layer of protection, especially for others in case you have COVID-19; it may also help reduce your risk in case others have COVID-19.


For more information about non-medical masks, visit [Ottawa Public Health's website](#) and [Health Canada's website](#).

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