

Homemade Masks—Acquiring and Donating

As more and more people are returning to public spaces, many community members are looking for ways to get protective gear and face masks. Those who already have some may be looking for a way to help their neighbors.

[Chambana Moms](#) has compiled a [list](#) of where to get cloth masks locally from creative and talented people in our community. If you're looking to buy masks and support local creators, this is a fantastic resource.

If you want to make your own mask and are looking for materials, here are some options:

- [Krannert Center](#)
- [Carle](#): Email makeamask@carle.com with questions or to arrange pickup of masks.
- [Art Coop, in collaboration with the I.D.E.A. Store](#)
- [Joann Fabrics](#)

If you're looking for instructions or resource guides for sewing masks, try these:

- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) instructions](#)
- [OSF Healthcare's Mask Sewing Instructions](#)

The following local organizations are accepting donated masks:

- [The Champaign-Urbana Health District \(CUPHD\)](#)
 - Follow [this tutorial](#) from the Centers for Disease Control:
 - Direct your donations to 217-239-7877 or coronavirus@c-uphd.org
- [Carle](#)
 - Make masks following [these directions online](#).
 - Bundle 25 masks in sealed zip lock bag.
 - Carle will schedule pick up for packages of sewn masks from porches within Champaign and Vermilion Counties. Pick up must be arranged by emailing makeamask@carle.com.
- [OSF Healthcare](#)

- If you are interested in pitching in by putting your sewing abilities to good use, please email SupportOSF@osfhealthcare.org or call (309) 624-5840 for guidance on next steps.
- [Mask sewing instructions](#)
- [Christie Clinic](#)
 - Accepting sewn masks for non-clinicians.
 - Please email christiec@christieclinic.com to coordinate pickup.
 - To sew masks, please use [these instructions](#).

Another fantastic local resource for donating or receiving donated masks is the Facebook Group [CU Mask Makers](#). At nearly 300 members, this group has become a hub of coordinating the creation and distribution of donated masks for individuals and organizations around Champaign-Urbana. They also have a [Champaign Urbana Mask Request Form for Individuals & Families](#) for those who are seeking donated masks.