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N95 MASK DRIVE FOR MONTEREY FIRST RESPONDERS

Monterey, CA – The City of Monterey is asking residents, businesses and nonprofits to donate spare, new N95-rated masks to help protect first responders. The City maintains a supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use by firefighters, police officers and public works staff. Due to high demand and a potential increase in COVID-19 emergency calls, the City is asking members of the public to donate any spare additional PPE they may have in their possession.

Starting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, donations can be dropped off in front of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, located at 353 Camino El Estero, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only **new masks, sealed in unopened packaging**, will be accepted until Friday, April 10..

“First responders, just like medical personnel, need masks and other safety supplies during this health crisis,” said Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer. “Your generous donations of spare masks will help ensure the safety of our personnel and residents, and help stop the spread of the virus in our community.”

If you have supplies to donate, but can not get to the drop off site, please contact the City of Monterey at 831-646-3760 to arrange for a pick up.

For more information about COVID-19 in Monterey, and how you can help yourself and your community, visit [monterey.org/coronavirus](https://www.monterey.org/coronavirus).

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