

Interact Club of Chicago's

# Combating COVID

## Face Mask Donation Project

### Project Details

#### About the Project:

We are hand making face masks to donate to the Foster Health and Rehabilitation Center. Face masks are protective coverings worn over the mouth and nose that are instrumental in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Many centers are in need of face masks since their residents are at risk and protective masks are hard to come by. Our goal is to make and donate 75 masks by the end of May!

#### How to get involved:

Want to help with the cause? You can get involved by signing up to undertake a role! We will have set up a sort of long-distance assembly line to complete the masks in a timely manner. Once you receive your materials and complete your role, your work will be picked up by our transporters and passed onto the next person in the assembly line. Once the masks are finished and packaged, they're ready to be donated. You don't need to know how to sew to participate in this project as there are many roles to choose from and workshops to learn how to sew. If you don't have access to fabric, material for ties, a needle and thread, or plastic baggies for packaging, we can get those materials to you. Sign up using the form at the end of this document.

#### Available Roles:

Here are the roles available to sign up along with a short description of what each role will do. You will receive more detailed information about your role upon signing up via email.

#### Cutting mask material

- You are responsible for cutting cotton fabric to the specified size: 21x38 cm.
- Please be diligent that your cutting is precise; it will be helpful to the sewers later on!

**Materials delivered: 5/14**

**Task due date: 5/18**

#### Cutting tie fabric

- You will be cutting the ribbon or fabric ties for the mask
- Four 20 cm long pieces per mask.
- ½ of an inch wide

**Materials delivered: 5/14**

**Task due date: 5/18**

## Sewing

- If you have minimal experience with sewing, no worries! This role is for those who would like to sew masks, regardless of tools or experience. You will be sewing masks that can be made either with a sewing machine or by hand.
- You will be able to attend optional, virtual sewing workshops to learn how to sew.
- You may choose which design you would like to follow depending on your skill level or whether you have a sewing machine.
- **Simple:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_pZLEtwD-yM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pZLEtwD-yM)
- **Complex:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9K4dH3-LHLQ>
  - One modification to the videos: since we are not using elastic for loops, please sew one end of one 20 cm fabric tie to each corner of the mask. This is so that the ties can be used to secure the mask behind the head, adjustable for different sizes.
  - The fabric you will be using will be provided from the Fabric Cutters. You do not need to do any further cutting of the fabric, only trimming uneven edges when finished.

**Materials delivered: 5/19**

**Task due date: 5/25**

## Mask packaging

- You will be individually packaging completed masks into sealable plastic bags.
- You will also add a HEPA filter, which we will send to you, in each mask. The filter will go inside the slit in the masks, no sewing necessary.
- You will need to package 5 extra HEPA filters with each mask.

**Materials delivered: 5/26**

**Task due date: 5/28**

## Transporting materials/masks

- If you are comfortable picking up boxes of materials and masks from and to people's houses and the nursing home (2840 W Foster Ave), we do need some individuals to help transport these items!
- If you have access to a car that you are comfortable driving to others' homes with, it is recommended you sign up for this role.

**Important dates for transporters:**

**May 14: Deliver materials to fabric cutters**

**May 19: Pick up the cut fabric and deliver to sewers (and other needed materials)**

**May 26: Pick up masks and deliver to packagers**

**May 29: Pick up packaged masks and deliver to Foster Health and Rehab**

## **Project Timeline:**

Here are the important dates for the progression of this service project. Make sure to complete your role by the given date to make this project run as smoothly as possible:

**May 11:** Face Mask Sign Up forms are due

**May 14:** Fabric cutters (mask cutters and tie cutters) receive materials:

- Cotton fabric
- Ribbon/ fabric ties

**May 18:** Fabric cutters finish

**May 19:** Materials are delivered to the Sewers

- Plastic ties (nose bridges for advanced sewing)
- Needles/thread
- Cut fabric

**May 25:** Sewers finish

**May 26:** Materials are delivered to Packagers

- Completed masks
- HEPA Filters
- Sealable Plastic Bags

**May 28:** Masks are done being individually packaged

**May 29:** 75 masks are delivered to Foster Health and Rehabilitation Center!

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**Interested? Fill out [this form](#) by May 11th!**

**If you have any questions, email**

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