

Masks4WV

Local health departments are central to community planning for public health emergencies and are responsible for the distribution of supplies in their communities. **The West Virginia Association of Local Health Departments is welcoming fabric masks from our communities across the state.** Orders for standard/disposable masks are on long back-orders, due to demand and supply chain issues. Local health departments are continuing to plan for those on the front lines as we respond to COVID-19.

According to the CDC, fabric masks are a crisis response option when other supplies have been exhausted. Local health departments, health care facilities and hospitals can sterilize these masks and use them repeatedly as needed. While it is less than ideal, we want to do our best to protect all those providing care during this pandemic.

YOU CAN HELP by sewing face masks that can be used if there are no other supplies available. Here are details about making/delivering fabric masks:

- **The pattern is attached and on our Facebook page.**
- Use tightly-woven cotton fabric on both sides.
- Please remember that both women and men in a variety of roles may wear these masks.
- When your masks are complete, email us at masks4wv@gmail.com to receive further instructions
- Masks will be distributed by local health departments to healthcare organizations based on local community needs.



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