

Grove Alert

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Washington Grove Cares

Hello Grovers, I hope you are all staying safe and that you are not too frazzled. As many of you know, [beginning on Monday \(April 13\), shoppers in the County must wear a face covering while shopping](#) at grocery stores, pharmacies, farmers markets and big box retailers. A face covering can be a homemade cloth mask, a scarf or bandanna or other means to snugly cover your mouth and nose.

Washington Grove Cares and the Woman's Club are interested in ensuring that Grovers who would like sewn face masks have them. To this end, we are organizing an effort to sew and deliver, following [CDC guidelines](#), cloth masks to all Grovers who request them. (Note that CDC guidelines also include written directions for making no-sew masks; [read them on this page](#) or watch these videos: [one-bandanna-plus-two-hairbands method](#); [cut-a-t-shirt-up method](#)).

In order to organize this effort, please email christinedibble@outlook.com if:

- **You need one or more masks.**
 - In your email,
 - use the subject line "Need masks", and
 - Indicate the number of people in your household who need masks.
 - Masks will be limited to two per person for each member of your household who will make use of them (if your kids are not likely to wear them, do not list them in your email). Masks will be one-size-fits-all, designed for adults.
 - Each person requesting masks will receive one mask. Once every requestor gets one, we will deliver a second mask to each requestor. Masks should be washed in hot water and soap before you use them.

- **You can sew masks.**
 - In your email, use the subject line “Can make masks.”
 - Depending on demand, you will most likely be asked to make 5-10 masks within a week of receiving fabric (or you can use your own cotton fabric if you have it).
 - If you do not have instructions and/or templates to make masks, we can send them to you.

- **You have fabric you can donate.**
 - No need to email me.
 - Please wash all fabric in hot water and soap, then, using gloves, place in a plastic bag and leave on the front porch at 313 Brown Street (near Brown and Grove).
 - Fabric should be tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric, bandannas, tablecloths or cotton sheets. Please do not donate t-shirts, socks, or similarly knit fabrics. Small scraps of fabric are fine (minimum 6”x6”).

As we work our way through this difficult time, please continue to reach out to your neighbors to help and support each other.

Don't forget that you can contact Washington Grove Cares at washingtongrovecares@gmail.com if you need assistance with transportation, meals, shopping, etc.

Cheers, and stay safe!

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The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have little. -- FDR