



Frequently Asked Questions:

- Homemade masks will be used to preserve and extend our existing supply of hospital-provided personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Donated masks are sanitized and distributed to requesting departments throughout Valley Health.
- It is important to drop finished masks off at designated locations so they can be sanitized before being given to staff. Staff members may keep their masks and have been given cleaning instructions to continue the use of their masks within guidelines.
- If elastic is not available, the pattern includes masks without elastic.
- Mask guidelines provided by Valley Health were developed in coordination with CDC, Joint Commission and other medical facilities using this pattern, and are based on medical evidence currently in practice.
- The age/storage/type of the fabric is important for its protective qualities and its ability to be sanitized/washed and reused over time.
- Valley Makers Association is a local nonprofit assisting in mask making. They may have donated mask materials that are available for sewing. Visit www.valleymakers.com/covid19 or www.facebook.com/valleymakersassociation for more information.