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**Goodwill Collecting Personal Protection Equipment For Medical Professionals**

*Donations of protective gear can be dropped off at any Goodwill store.*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana is currently collecting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) at their 70+ retail stores. Although Goodwill stores are closed to retail shoppers, donation areas remain open. The donated PPE will be distributed to local medical professionals across the state to support the work being done to mitigate the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC), below is the type of PPE needed but is not limited to:

- Powered air-purifying respirators (PAPR)
- Face shields
- Protective eyewear (goggles, glasses, etc.)
- Surgical gowns
- Sanitary disposable gloves
- Surgical masks
- Hand sanitizer
- 3-ply surgical masks

To donate any of this equipment, visit any Goodwill retail store and look for the designated donation drop box.

"We understand personal protective equipment for health care providers is being used rapidly," said Goodwill President & CEO Kent A. Kramer. "Our stores are well-positioned to quickly accept and distribute any extra PPE supplies to medical professionals across central and southern Indiana. This is one of the ways Hoosiers can help support the heroes on the front line of this pandemic."

Goodwill has also established a COVID-19 Emergency Fund which provides critical support for the most immediate needs of the thousands of employees, students and families served by Goodwill. The Goodwill Foundation is matching gifts, $2 for every $1 donated, up to $500,000 in matching funds. To learn more about this fund or make a donation, visit [goodwillindy.org](http://goodwillindy.org).

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About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana
Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.