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## **Local PPE Donations Made a Huge Difference**

NEWPORT – Due to the incredible community response to the request for personal protective equipment (PPE) donations, Newport Hospital and Health Services (NHHS) is well-stocked for the time being. Community members from Pend Oreille County, West Bonner County and beyond answered the request, donating over \$18,000 worth of valuable PPE when the hospital district was in dire need of supplies due to a global PPE shortage. For the time being, hospital administrators say they are in good shape to face potential COVID-19 supply challenges.

According to Walter Price, Director of Materials Management and Information Technology, “Under the presumption that supply will improve given the national focus, I think we’re out of the woods for now.”

In addition to PPE donations, NHHS employees have benefited from over \$3,200 worth of donated meals, coffee deliveries, and treats from grateful community members and local businesses. “It’s truly amazing what’s accomplished when the community rallies, and we are so grateful,” said Jenny Smith, Marketing and Foundation Director. According to Smith, the NHHS Foundation is sending thank you letters in acknowledgment of all donations, but many people did not leave mailing addresses when they dropped off items at the hospital. NHHS encourages

donors who do not receive a thank you letter to please call the Foundation Office (509) 447-2441, ext. 4373 so formal acknowledgment can be sent.

For more information on the Newport Hospital and Health Services response to COVID-19, please visit [www.NewportHospitalAndHealth.org](http://www.NewportHospitalAndHealth.org).

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