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**Sheet Metal Industry Partners to Provide Nose Clips for Face Masks**  
*Union Contractors & SMART Local 18 Donate Clips to Sewists and Manufacturers  
Throughout Wisconsin*

(Milwaukee, WI, April 15, 2020) - Sheet Metal Workers Local 18 and their Union Employers have teamed up to respond to requests from sewists throughout Wisconsin for aluminum nose clips for face masks in response to COVID-19. “The nose clips provide an added layer of protection for first responders and front line workers,” says Mike Mooney, Business Manager for Local 18.

“By reaching out to our network of contractors who have the tools and equipment to quickly and efficiently cut the aluminum, employees with the skills to perform the task, and a number of willing suppliers we are working to respond to the requests from the talented people throughout Wisconsin who are working to keep people safe,” said Jonathan Kowalski, Executive Director of the Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Wisconsin.

With over 100,000 nose clips already cut and ready to deliver, the group anticipates 200,000 nose clips to be available within the next few days. Those making masks can request the metal clips by going to [www.smart-union.org](http://www.smart-union.org) and follow the prompts to ActionNetwork.org. To date, the completed masks are slated for Froedert Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, as well as to support other front line workers such as first responders, nursing home employees, and grocery store workers. One sheet of aluminum can be cut into approximately 7,000 nose clips.

For more information about the effort you can reach Jonathan Kowalski at 414-543-7622 ext 253 or Mike Mooney at 262-798-1818 ext 112.

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