

**Are you a sewer and wondering how you can help during this crisis? Listed below are some groups who could use your sewing support. (Thank you to St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows for sharing this information with Associated Ministries!)**

**TLRC (Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Center)** As you are plenty aware - there is a huge shortage in personal protective equipment supplies for healthcare workers. I am calling on our resident sewers who would be willing to help us. There is no preference for the type of mask the group makes, we are happy to take what you can give us. We have a few hundred staff, so the more we get the better off we'll be. 100% cotton fabric should be used. Contact Sally Ann McLean with any questions: [mcleansallyann@hotmail.com](mailto:mcleansallyann@hotmail.com). Simple patterns can be found at these links: <https://turbanproject.com/patterns> or [Button Counter](#)

**Franciscan (local) hospitals** are asking for masks to be made. Kits are currently being put together for "To go" pick up. Or if you have supplies you are willing to use, any masks are appreciated. 100% cotton fabric should be used. Contact Cathryn Cummings with questions or to request a kit at 253-225-8448. Construction information can be found [here](#) or at these links: <https://youtu.be/4FB--BOyTiU> or [https://youtu.be/3bj\\_SnnUp0E](https://youtu.be/3bj_SnnUp0E)

**St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma** is accepting homemade masks. These will be used in the units where a mask is not required but the employee would prefer using one.

Here are the current guidelines:

- Two layers of cotton
- Ties only (no elastic ear loops)

Call: 253-426-6202 (Command Center-Logistics) to arrange for drop off or pick up.

For drop off at "I" St. entrance, staff will pick up at your car. (In some cases, they may be able to pick up at your home.)

**DESC**, based in Seattle, serves housing, shelter, physical and psychological health to people without resources. They have a staff of 700 required to have PPEs by the end of this week/early next week, 2 masks per person. They desperately need masks. Kits consisting of instructions, fabric, wire, and elastic are ready for anyone who has time and sewing skills. Each kit has supplies for 30 masks. There are specific instructions to follow for these masks a copy is available [here](#).