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### **CHA and CBIA Partner to Secure Donations of Healthcare Resources**

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) and the Connecticut Business & Industry Association today announced a partnership to procure donations of medical supplies such as N95 masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from CBIA member companies and organizations across the state.

CHA and CBIA are urging employers with access to N95 masks, eye gear, medical gowns, medical gloves, and other critical supplies to donate them for use by hospitals and healthcare personnel.

The response to the COVID-19 outbreak is straining the supply of these items which are essential to keeping healthcare personnel safe while treating patients.

There are two ways to make donations:

1. To donate to a specific hospital in your area, please email [Brian Cournoyer](mailto:cournoyer@chime.org) (cournoyer@chime.org), CHA Director of Government Relations, who will connect donors with appropriate hospital staff.
2. To donate to the general hospital fund in Connecticut, please follow this link: [United Way 2-1-1](#).

“Our healthcare workforce is paramount to our efforts to treat COVID-19 patients and keeping them safe and healthy is a primary concern,” said Jennifer Jackson, President and CEO, CHA.

“The availability of PPE is critical to our work and Connecticut hospitals are doing their part by assessing supplies, eliminating unnecessary use, and looking for additional resources. “Businesses and the public are playing a part, too. We are grateful for all the support they have provided so far and encourage them to continue to consider the supplies they have access to that could be used in the hospital.

“We appreciate this partnership with CBIA and encourage businesses who may want to donate these supplies to contact CHA or 2-1-1 to learn more about how to donate,” said Ms. Jackson.

“The shortage of critical supplies is hampering the response to the coronavirus pandemic and endangering the health and safety of those on the front lines of this fight,” said CBIA president and CEO Joe Brennan.

“Those are our friends and neighbors and we urge Connecticut employers to do what they can to help support and protect healthcare workers.”

A list of needed supplies can be found [here](#). Businesses are encourage to share this list within their organizations, check their storerooms and supplies, and donate.

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**About the Connecticut Hospital Association:**

The [Connecticut Hospital Association](#) has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals and health systems since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals and health systems on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.

**About CBIA:**

CBIA is Connecticut's largest business organization, with thousands of member companies, small and large, representing a diverse range of industries from every part of the state. For more information, please contact [Joe Budd](#) 860.244.1951.