Kupuna Kokua Masks – information and clarification

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If you or anyone else have additional questions, please feel free to contact Erica Warkus at erica@kupunakokua.org or 808 953-7621.

Kupuna Kokua’s Current Objective – Distributing Fabric Masks/hand sanitizer to kupuna on our list and then to kupuna/individuals providing necessary services in Hawaii:

Free fabric face masks: Kupuna Kokua is making, collecting and distributing donated fabric masks for free to Hawaii’s kupuna and employees or volunteers that service those kupuna. We are starting with the kupuna on our list, but we have just received a generous donation from the Honolulu Sunset rotary club to supply materials for mask making so that our team can buy fabric and get those masks out to kupuna and supportive employees and volunteers in need for free. We are recommending to all the mask making groups that the donated fabric masks are CDC approved design and have a pocket to insert a filter material or surgical mask to maximize efficiency and lifespan of any available surgical masks. I personally have 300 laminator sheets and a laminator. If homemade plastic face shields (like those mentioned at the UH Geriatrics lecture on Wednesday) are something that staff in long term care facilities would need or use, please let me know.

Hand-Sanitizer: We are also purchasing and rebottling hand sanitizer from RHS Distillery. (We buy it at the cost available to the public, which is $25 per 750 ml bottle of 80% alcohol hand sanitizer). We are giving these small supplies to the kupuna on our list in a single, personal sized (~1 oz) bottle so that if they must leave the house, they have a small supply of hand sanitizer. as long as the supplies last (aka as much as we can purchase using donations to our organization.) We are attempting to collect recycled small bottles from the community. The supply of bottles is what is limiting our ability to distribute to kupuna. We are currently accepting both glass and plastic containers as long as they are water-tight.

Anyone can purchase hand sanitizer from the distillery directly. Contact information for RHS Distilleries is: Phone: (808) 741-6641 | https://rhsdistillery.com/shop | Address: 1210 Dillingham Boulevard St 25A, Honolulu, HI 96817.

Surgical masks from every1nehawaii.com:

During our phone call, the donor offered to supply surgical masks for the “entire state of Hawaii.” He asked me to compile information on long-term care facilities and other service providers, including: organization name, # of staff, # of patients/ residents / people served, number of masks requested. I have provided the requested details to him for all 71 organizations that
responded (7416 staff, 270,000 patients‼). He has additionally asked that the interested organizations sign up on his site at every1nehawaii.com, due to the high demand for surgical masks.

Unfortunately, I do not yet know the details about how or when the promised surgical masks will be distributed, but I will continue to update you on the expected timing and logistics of delivering them as I get more information from him.

**FYI - Purchasing surgical masks:**

I (Erica Warkus) have a personal connection with a supply chain company based in Texas (Victor Shoreline, LLC.) that is able to supply NIOSH-certified surgical masks, kN95s and other PPE. They have been supplying a number of hospitals on the mainland and can be found on the FDA’s website in the list of verified suppliers. If people are interested, I can connect them for additional information.

*This is NOT through Kupuna Kokua.* However, I wanted to make sure that everyone had access to the information. The purchases would have to be done in bulk, which would likely be too much for many of the individual nursing homes, however, a group purchase may be feasible. I will notify you if I find any additional donors in Hawaii willing to underwrite or independently support a purchase of that size directly.

**Please note: I am not attempting to convince anyone to purchase these.** Additionally, our organization, Kupuna Kokua, does not handle payments or sell anything and we are not affiliated with the suppliers at all. We do not have any relationship with the company or the factory and we do not receive a commission or any kind of financial gain. I (Erica Warkus) included this information because I saw the immense need in response to the donor from every1nehawaii.com’s generous offer of donated surgical masks.

The exact details are listed here:

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<td>$3</td>
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Gowns, face shields etc.  I did not request a quote for these items, but the factory does produce them and they would be available for purchase.

Notes  Orders can be merged to (ie. Mixed surgical and kN95) kN-95s are any N-95 masks produced in Asia rather than produced by 3M in the US.

Totals for the mask request list so far are:

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Currently the only additional instructions or details that I have are that organizations can sign up at the donor’s site in addition to the list I sent to him. I would like to apologize for any confusion that stemmed from my method or content of communications during this process. In the future I will ensure that I have all relevant details to provide at the beginning before reaching out. I will continue to update all of you as I receive additional details on time frame and distribution/logistics from the donor.

If any of the organizations that responded need fabric masks, please let us know. What we can help you with are fabric masks, which are cheaper and may be more practical in the long term. We will continue to make and distribute the masks we make or that we receive as donations for vulnerable kupuna and the people caring for them. We have a team of people sewing masks and they have been producing about 50 masks per day, per person. Anyone that wants to sign up for fabric masks for residents or to volunteer or donate materials (even cotton bed sheets, because we are running out of fabric!) or finished masks can reach out to Jenny Bui (masks@kupunakokua.org), who is our (incredibly wonderful) Mask Making/Distributing Team Lead. We have been asking that donated materials be consolidated in a single location for our volunteers to pick up OR that the donated materials or small bottles for hand sanitizer be dropped off at: Highway Inn – Kaka‘ako (680 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813).

If organizations on our list would like to be notified of our mask-making progress, I will create a living spreadsheet in google docs to keep you updated of our progress. Please let me know if this is something you would like to have access to.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Erica Warkus, Co-founder, Kupuna Kokua
Ps. To keep you updated on our progress, I have created a google doc version of this letter, which is accessible at:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1padLiaEbVxNd6rPubcEoSQ_KNxhdfjk-qHKMg0_uAJg/edit?usp=sharing