

Dear Friend:

Bergen County will begin accepting donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as respirator/surgical masks, medical face shields/goggles, protective medical gowns and latex gloves at the Bergen County Annex Building in Paramus. located at 220 East Ridgewood Avenue in Paramus, N.J. (located behind Bergen New Bridge Medical Center off Pascack Road and Ridgewood Avenue) beginning Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The site will remain open every weekday, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sadly, our County has the most COVID-19 cases in New Jersey and <u>our supplies of Personal Protective</u> <u>Equipment (PPE) are dangerously low</u>. We are asking for donations of PPE from hardware stores, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo shops and any other business that is able to help our health care professionals get the equipment they need to treat residents suffering from this dangerous virus. We are a family in Bergen County and we are strong. <u>If we work together, we will flatten the COVID-19 curve</u>.

Starting Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the County of Bergen will be accepting small and large donations alike and has the necessary equipment to unload palletized donations if necessary. Please see below for details:

## Hours: Monday through Friday, 9AM to 2PM Bergen County Annex Building 220 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus (located behind Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, off of Pascack Road/Ridgewood Ave)

NOTE: This is a drive-thru donation site and residents are asked to have donations readily accessible in the trunk or back area of their vehicles so County staff can unload the items.

Businesses and residents can email <u>PPEdonations@co.bergen.nj.us</u> should there be any specific questions about PPE donations. Please consider helping our community, our frontline responders<u>--our</u> <u>Bergen County family</u>.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

Regards and with much gratitude,

Telescont

James J. Tedesco III, County Executive And the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders