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COVID-19 PROCUREMENT BULLETIN #4

Today, the Manitoba government is renewing its request for medical gloves and masks to support the province's response to COVID-19.

Specifically, Manitoba is urgently seeking the following items:

- nitrile gloves,
- vinyl gloves,
- N95 masks, and
- testing swabs.

As a part of the Manitoba Protection Plan, the province has invested \$400 million to accelerate the pace of procurement of supplies to combat COVID-19.

Since the initial call for assistance went out, Manitoba businesses and organizations have stepped up both through donations and through the province's procurement process.

The province has partnered with a well-established Manitoba company to retool its production lines to supply Level 1 isolation gowns for Manitoba front-line health-care workers. MWG Apparel Corp. has been contracted to provide up to 200,000 gowns to the Manitoba government on a priority basis. This contract will immediately support 43 jobs in Manitoba. The province applauds MWG for its efforts and thanks them for joining the fight against COVID-19 in Manitoba.

Manitoba manufacturers or businesses able to provide supplies and those who are prepared to retool and rapidly scale up production lines to develop products made in Manitoba to help in the fight against COVID-19 are asked to visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19supplies to register their interest.

Shared Health has also issued a call to businesses who have personal protective equipment on hand. If your business has needed supplies that are in original packaging, clean and in usable condition and you are interested in donating the requested items, visit <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/supply-donations/>. Drop-off locations exist across Manitoba in Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, Winkler and Steinbach.

For accurate, up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit: www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

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