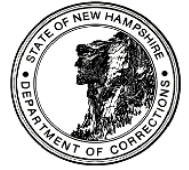


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## **New Hampshire Department of Corrections' Staff and Residents Help During COVID-19 Crisis by Sewing PPE**

Concord, NH – During this national pandemic which has resulted in national shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), the staff and residents at both the New Hampshire State Prison for Men (NHSP-M) and New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women (NHCFW) are helping during this global pandemic by sewing personal protective equipment (PPE) for use within our department.

Residents, under the supervision and guidance of staff, at the NHSP-M and NHCFW have sewn 557 face masks and several gowns that are being dispersed to help enhance the supply of PPE across the Department.

The issue they are now facing, as are many of these initiatives, is they do not have enough material to continue.

The manufacturers used by the prisons are currently sold out of elastic and fabric, as individuals and community members everywhere are assisting with the PPE shortage. The NHDOC is looking for polyester or polyester/cotton blend fabric and ¼ inch elastic.

If you can help, please contact Jerry Teal at (603) 271-6587.



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