

News Release

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TTUHSC Accepting Medical, Food Donations to Aid COVID-19 Efforts

To address shortages brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is accepting donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical supplies that will be distributed to the Abilene medical community.

Items needed include all sizes of examination gloves, isolation gowns, bleach and alcohol wipes, eye shields, face shields, isolation masks and N95 masks. Homemade items like face masks also will be accepted but must be segregated for cleaning.

TTUHSC also is accepting unexpired food donations for its Helping Hands Food Pantry that is used to help Abilene TTUHSC students in need. Acceptable food donations include peanut butter, oatmeal and cereal, granola and nutrition bars, Pop Tarts, crackers, canned vegetables, canned pasta and soup (no cream soups please), spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, boxed hamburger and tuna helper products, boxed side dish mixes, ramen noodles and dry pasta, noodles and beans.

Donations will be accepted from 2 to 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday beginning April 7. Items should be dropped off at the visitor's entrance to the TTUHSC campus located at 1674 Pine St.

Large donations brought by truck or those that will require special moving equipment or additional staff must be coordinated for delivery outside normal donation times. To schedule a large donation please call (325) 696-0406 prior to delivery.

Monetary donations also will be accepted online at <u>https://donate.give2tech.com//?fid=IA000675</u>. To make a gift by check, please make your check payable to the Texas Tech Foundation, designate how your gift should be used on the memo line and mail to Texas Tech University System; Financial Services; Box 45025; Lubbock, TX 79409-5025 or call 1-800-448-3888.

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