



# City of Malibu News

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## **City of Malibu Donates Thousands of N95 Masks to Area Medical Facilities**

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu has donated thousands of N95 masks to local medical facilities and hospitals, including UCLA Medical, St. John’s Regional and Los Robles Hospitals to help our critical healthcare workers stay healthy while they treat community members sick with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as well all other medical conditions and emergencies.

“I am proud that Malibu is doing our part to help protect our healthcare workers so that our most vulnerable community members, including seniors and people with underlying health conditions can be treated, and our healthcare system can continue to meet all of the regular healthcare needs,” said Malibu Mayor Karen Farrer.

One of the greatest challenges during the coronavirus pandemic is the risk that healthcare workers will contract the virus and be unable to perform their lifesaving work. A primary goal of the stay at home and social distancing orders put in place by California and many other states is to slow down the flood of coronavirus patients to hospitals and clinics so that our entire healthcare system is not overwhelmed.

During the 2018 Woolsey Fire, the City purchased N95 masks to provide to residents to protect them from smoke. Most of the masks were given away at the time, but the City had many masks left over that were stored away for future fires.

N95 masks are a critical resource because they fit snugly and protect the wearer from 95 % of airborne particles, large and small. A regular surgical mask is unable to do this. Shortages of the N95 masks began in January in the early stages of the global coronavirus pandemic, and private industry is still struggling to meet the demand.

For more City information about the coronavirus response and resources for the community visit [www.MalibuCity.org/Coronavirus](http://www.MalibuCity.org/Coronavirus).

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